



Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in North Carolina

Background

The partners for Fish and Wildlife Program is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's primary mechanism for delivering voluntary on-the-ground habitat improvement projects on private lands for the benefit of Federal trust species. Biologists provide technical and financial assistance to landowners who want to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitats on their property. Partners for Fish and Wildlife projects may include improving habitat for species such as migratory birds, anadromous or migratory fish, endangered or threatened species, or any other declining or imperiled species.

Accomplishments

- ❖ The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program assists

landowners that may lack the technical and financial support necessary to manage their land for wildlife.

- ❖ Since its beginning in 1988, Partners for Fish and Wildlife in North Carolina has worked on over 230 habitat restoration projects.
- ❖ Partners for Fish and Wildlife provides conservation leadership and promotes partnerships with various agencies, organization, and landowners.
- ❖ Ten geographic focus areas, spanning from the mountains to the coast, have been established for North Carolina. While some areas focus strictly on one priority habitat, others encompass several priority habitats.

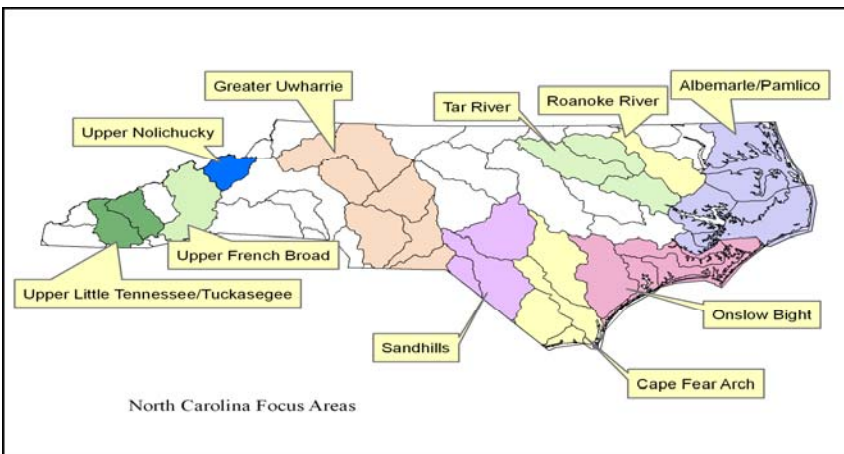
Partners Program Accomplishments 1988-2006

- Nearly 15,000 acres of upland and bottomland habitat restored
- 30 miles of streams restored
- Over 230 projects

Priorities

It is the plan of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife staff to restore quality habitat in several priority habitat types by working in partnership with landowners, conservation organization, and other interested groups, raising awareness of the threats and challenges to each of these habitat types, and staying open to new techniques to fine tune our restoration efficiency. Priority habitats include:

- Forested Wetlands
- Longleaf Pine
- Streams and Riparian areas
- Piedmont Prairies
- Mountain Bogs
- Carolina Bays



Partners for Fish and Wildlife Focus Areas in North Carolina

For More Information

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