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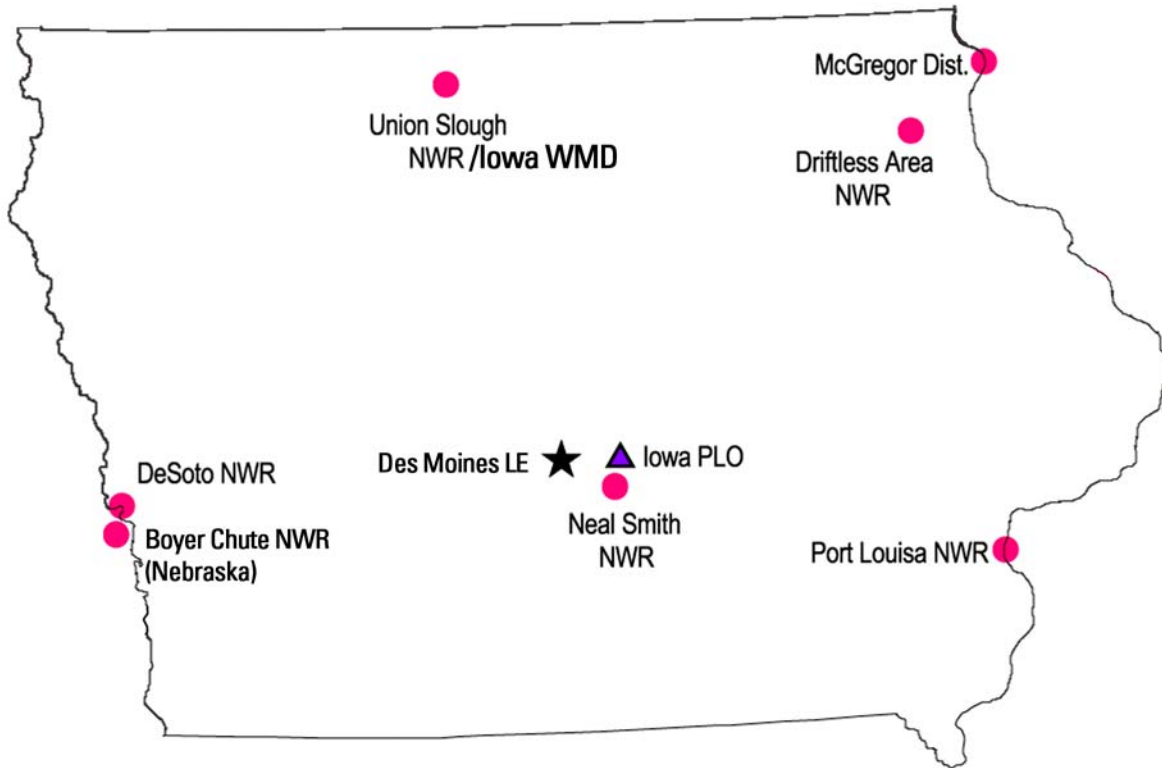
Iowa Offices and Activities

Iowa





Service Facilities in Iowa



Map Legend

- National Wildlife Refuge
- ▲ Private Land Office
- ★ Law Enforcement

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Quick Facts

- 545 national wildlife refuges
- 96 million acres of fish and wildlife habitat
- 81 ecological services field stations
- 69 national fish hatcheries
- 63 fish and wildlife management offices
- 7,500 employees

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Introduction

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The vast majority of fish and wildlife habitat is on lands not owned by the federal government. Partnerships with Native American tribes, state and local governments, non-government organizations and private citizens are critical to the Service fulfilling our mission. Programs such as Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Partners in Flight, the Coastal Program, and partnership activities with individuals are the primary mechanisms for assisting in voluntary habitat restoration on non-Service lands and fostering conservation practices throughout the Region.

The Service manages the 95 million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System that consists of 545 National Wildlife Refuges and thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. The Service also carries out its mission through the 81 ecological services field stations, 69 national fish hatcheries, and 63 fish and wildlife management offices located nationwide.

The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and



restores fish and wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. The Service also administers a number of grant programs that promote the restoration of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat on tribal and private lands.

The Service also oversees the Federal Assistance program that distributes federal excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state natural resource agencies. This program is a cornerstone of the nation's wildlife management efforts, funding fish and wildlife restoration, boating access, hunter education, shooting ranges and related projects across America.

Approximately 7,500 people are employed by the Service at facilities across the United States. It is a decentralized organization with a headquarters office in Washington, D.C., seven geographic regional offices, and nearly 700 field units.



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Midwest Regional Highlights

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin

Quick Facts

- Employment: 1,088 people
- Acres Managed: 1.29 million
- The Fiscal Year 2006 Budget for Regional Service activities totaled \$86 million
- More than 7.7 million people visited Refuges throughout Region 3 to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs, and view wildlife
- More than 150,000 school children participated in Service educational programs
- 130,655 acres of wetlands restored
- 483 miles of streams restored
- 105,747 acres of upland habitat restored

The Region is Committed to

- Expanded partnerships offering innovative opportunities to enhance the Region's fish and wildlife resources
- Healthy fish and wildlife trust species populations and habitats to support them
- Providing the public with quality hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on Service lands
- An organization dedicated to employee excellence, reflecting the nation's rich diversity, and providing quality service to and decision-making for the resources for which we have trust responsibility (migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, interjurisdictional fish).

Regional Programs and Offices

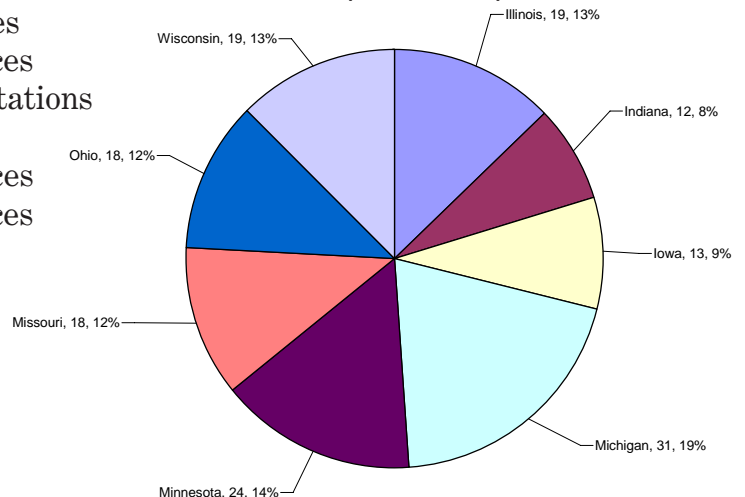
- 55 National Wildlife Refuges, including the newest – Glacial Ridge in northwest Minnesota
- 12 Wetland Management Districts
- More than 300,000 acres in waterfowl production areas
- 6 National Fish Hatcheries
- 6 Fishery Resources Offices
- 2 Sea Lamprey Control Stations
- 8 Private Lands Offices
- 9 Ecological Services offices
- 18 Law Enforcement offices



Federal Assistance Program

In Fiscal Year 2006, the Region's Federal Assistance Office managed \$153 million to help strengthen sport fish and wildlife restoration programs throughout the eight-state region.

**Fiscal Year 2006 Federal Assistance Program Grants by State
(In Millions)**





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Midwest Regional Offices

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Map Legend

- National Wildlife Refuge
- ⊛ Wetland Management District HQ
- ▲ Private Land Office
- Fisheries Resource Office
- National Fish Hatchery
- | Sea Lamprey Control
- Ecological Services
- ★ Law Enforcement
- HAPET Office



Quick Facts

Iowa State Facts

- The Service employs more than 67 people in Iowa
- The Fiscal Year 2006 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Iowa totaled \$4.4 million
- Seven National Wildlife Refuges and one Wetland Management District in Iowa total 108,000 acres
- In 2004, more than 612,000 people visited national wildlife refuges in Iowa to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs and view wildlife
- Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge, one of the first Missouri River restoration refuges after the 1993 historic floods, focuses on tallgrass prairie restoration and Missouri River floodplain wetlands restoration.

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Iowa

Fish and Wildlife Service Highlights

Federal Assistance to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

In 2006 Iowa received:

- \$7 million for sport fish restoration
- \$4 million for wildlife restoration and hunter education

DeSoto's Sunken Treasure

Located in Missouri Valley, Iowa, DeSoto NWR is home to a premier archaeological collection of 200,000 artifacts excavated from the buried hull of the steamboat Bertrand, which sank on the Missouri River in 1865. The wreck was discovered on the refuge in 1968. Visitors can view hundreds of artifacts recovered from the wreck at the refuge visitor center.

Great Rivers, Restored Prairie Mark Iowa Refuges

Two hundred years ago a vast prairie ecosystem stretched unbroken throughout the Midwestern United States and into Canada. The tallgrass prairie ecosystem encompassed parts of 14 states including nearly all of Iowa.

Deep organic soils formed by the cyclic degradation of prairie roots left a rich legacy to modern agriculture: the most fertile soil in the world. As a result, 99 percent of the original prairie landscape in Iowa succumbed to the plow and other forms of development in a matter of a few decades.



Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, located just west of Des Moines, is working to re-create more than 8,000 acres of Iowa's native tallgrass prairie and oak savanna. Similar prairie restoration efforts are being mounted at the 3, 300-acre Union Slough NWR near Algona, in northern Iowa.

The Service also manages McGregor District of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Driftless NWR and Port Louisa NWR on the Mississippi River in eastern Iowa, and DeSoto NWR along the Missouri River in northwest Iowa.

Located along the Mississippi River Flyway, the Port Louisa and the McGregor District refuges were established to protect migratory birds. Key goals of these refuges are to conserve and enhance the quality and diversity of fish and wildlife and their habitats; and to restore floodplain functions in the river corridor.



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De Soto *National Wildlife Refuge*

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1958
- Acres: 7,823 (3,499 in Iowa; 4,324 in Nebraska)
- Home of the salvaged 1860s steamboat Bertrand and its cargo
- DeSoto Lake renovated in 1985
- Provide Private Lands assistance in 18 Iowa counties and five Nebraska counties

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 18-person staff
- 448,000 visitors in 2004
- FY 2006 Budget: \$1.9 million budget plus \$3.3 million road construction project

Refuge Location

The refuge is located in southwestern Iowa, approximately 20 miles north of Omaha, Nebraska

Natural History

- 300,000-800,000 snow geese stop during their annual fall migration
- Refuge lies in the fertile plain of the Missouri River Valley
- 788-acre DeSoto Lake is a former oxbow of the Missouri River

Refuge Objectives

- Protect and enhance refuge habitat for endangered species
- Provide food, water and cover for migrating waterfowl, especially snow geese
- Provide habitat for other migrating and resident wildlife
- Protect, preserve and display the steamboat Bertrand and its cargo
- Provide interpretation and environmental education opportunities

Priorities

- Restore native warm season grasslands
- Develop moist soil units
- Conservation of Bertrand artifacts

Highlights

- 200,000 artifacts were recovered from the 1865 sunken steamboat Bertrand
- The refuge lies on a wide plain formed by prehistoric flooding and shifting Missouri River. Each spring flights of ducks and geese have marked the changing seasons along this traditional waterfowl flyway.



Public Use Opportunities

- Auto tour route
- Visitor center, steamboat Bertrand display
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Hiking trails
- Photography blinds

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Driftless Area *National Wildlife Refuge*

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1989
- Acres: 811
- Refuge consists of small, scattered tracts located in Allamakee, Clayton, Dubuque and Jackson counties of Iowa
- Refuge is administered by the McGregor District of Upper Mississippi River NWFR

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 3,000 visitors in 2004 - visitation is limited due to endangered species management
- One person staff
- FY 2006 Budget: \$116,671

Refuge Location

The refuge is located on scattered tracts in northeastern Iowa, co-located with Upper Mississippi River NWR - McGregor District

Natural History

- Mainly algific talus slopes - an outflow of cold air and water from bedrock creates cool and moist conditions on slopes
- Essential habitat for many rare plants and land snails

Refuge Objectives

- Protect and enhance refuge habitat for endangered species
- Preserve and enhance populations of the endangered Iowa Pleistocene snail and threatened northern monkshood
- Protect and preserve area populations of rare plants and land snails to prevent the need for future listing under the Endangered Species Act

Priorities

- Endangered/threatened species monitoring program
- Land acquisition
- Habitat restoration

Highlights

- Working in partnership with The Nature Conservancy and the Iowa DNR in the recovery of endangered and threatened plants and snails.

Public Use Opportunities

(designated areas only)

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation and photography



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Neal Smith

National Wildlife Refuge

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1991
- Acres: 5,366
- Authorized to expand to 8,600 acres
- Prairie Learning Center opened in 1997
- Formerly named Walnut Creek NWR

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 13-person staff
- 200,000 visitors annually
- FY 2006 Budget: \$1.1 million

Highlights

The refuge offers a rare peek at the incredible collection of life we call the tallgrass prairie, of which one-tenth of one percent remains.

Public Use Opportunities

- Prairie Learning Center
- Environmental education
- Hunting
- Nature trails
- Auto tour route
- Hands-on prairie/savanna restoration workshops

Natural History

- Rolling tallgrass prairie and oak savannas bisected by Walnut Creek
- Habitat for prairie wildlife, rare grasses and flowers, and the endangered Indiana bat
- Bison herd reintroduced in 1996
- Elk reintroduced in 1998

Refuge Goals

- Protect and enhance refuge habitat for endangered species
- Restore original tallgrass prairie and rare oak savanna habitat
- Protect and enhance habitat for native wildlife
- Provide wildlife-dependent recreational and environmental education opportunities for the public
- Conduct prairie research

2005 Priorities

- With the city of Prairie City, promote “Bringing Prairie and People Together” partnership. We assisted Prairie City in submitting an application for a state transportation enhancement (TEA) grant. The five-phase proposal outlines nearly \$600,000 for projects which provide unique opportunities in the community as well as the Refuge.
- Develop a Prairie Science Class program in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Education and Prairie City School District, focusing on using the environment as an integrating context for learning. The Refuge will serve as the outdoor classroom for this endeavor and support the specialized curricula.



- Enhance and expand 2,500 acres of prairie restoration plantings by an additional 340 acres.
- Initiate a Prairie/Savanna Land Management and Research Demonstration program to advance problem solving via land-based research, outreach and communication among land managers in the Midwest

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Refuge Location

The refuge is located 20 miles east of Des Moines on Highway 163



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Northern Tallgrass Prairie *National Wildlife Refuge*

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1998
- Authorized Acres: 77,000
- Establishing Legislation: Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Units are managed by existing Service personnel located at Minnesota and Iowa field offices
- FY 2006 land acquisition budget: \$498,000

Refuge Location

The refuge is located in scattered tracts across Iowa and Minnesota. The refuge is administered from the Big Stone NWR headquarters.

Natural History

- Native prairie was originally North America's largest ecosystem, but today it is one of the rarest and most fragmented
- Many believe the prairie ecosystem is functionally extinct
- More than 99.5 percent of the original tallgrass prairie in Minnesota and Iowa is gone
- Fragmentation of the prairie ecosystem has led to the reduction of numerous migratory songbirds, other wildlife, plants and insects
- 243 bird species rely on the remaining prairies of Minnesota and Iowa — 152 of these species breed within the project area
- Estimates suggest that over 1,850 different species of insects live in one square meter of tallgrass prairie

Refuge Objectives

- Conserve, restore, manage and enhance the fragmented northern tallgrass prairie and aspen parkland ecosystems, and their associated native fish and wildlife populations in project area
- Develop partnerships with landowners, communities, educational institutions, local and state governments and non-profit groups that will permanently protect our nation's biological and cultural prairie heritage

Highlight

- In Minnesota and Iowa there were originally 25 million acres of tallgrass prairie habitat. Currently, less than one percent of this prairie remains. The refuge's goal is to



permanently preserve 75,000 acres of this endangered habitat in these two states in perpetuity.

Priorities

- Restore and manage prairie landscapes in Minnesota and Iowa
- Provide advisory services to other agencies, local governments, and non-governmental organizations in matters relating to prairie ecology and management
- Coordinate watershed management planning

Public Use Opportunities

- Provide quality, priority wildlife-dependent recreational activities

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NorthernTallgrassPrairie



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Port Louisa

National Wildlife Refuge

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1958
- Acres: 10,780
- Formerly known as the Wapello District of the Mark Twain NWR
- Refuge is separated into four divisions: Louisa, Big Timber, Keithsburg and Horseshoe Bend

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Six person staff
- 23,500 visitors in 2004
- FY 2006 Budget: \$780,534

Refuge Location

The refuge is located along the Mississippi River, in southeastern Iowa

Natural History

- Major migratory bird corridor
- Habitat consists of bottomland timber, backwater sloughs, marshes, wet meadows and grasslands
- Provides riverine habitat and contributes to healthy floodplain functions

Refuge Objectives

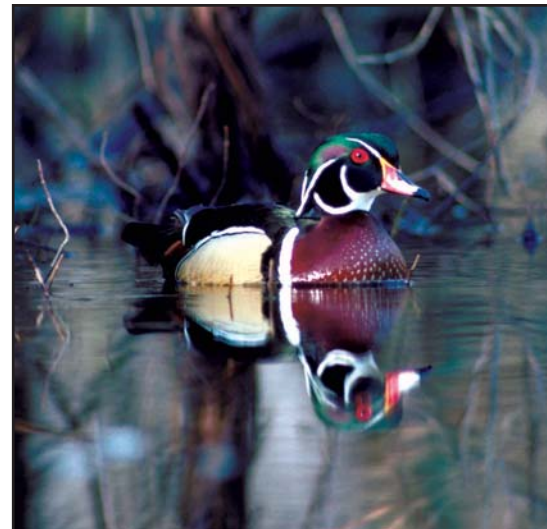
- Protect and enhance refuge habitat for endangered species
- Provide habitat for migratory birds and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for wood duck and neotropical bird production
- Provide wildlife-dependent recreation and public use opportunities

Highlights

- The refuge marks the location where the prairie meets the river and is a mosaic of large tracts of bottomland hardwood, riverine, wetland and prairie habitat that hosts thousands of migrating birds, endangered species, fish and resident wildlife while offering the public excellent opportunities to enjoy these resources

Priorities

- Enhance moist soil management areas
- Expand wildlife-dependent public use program
- Upgrade public boat ramp on the Big Timber division
- Provide technical and financial support to private landowners for habitat restoration



Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation and photography

Contacting the Refuge

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Union Slough

National Wildlife Refuge

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1937
- Acres: 3,334
- The refuge also manages a 19,823 acre wetland management district

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Six-person staff
- 13,445 visitors in 2004
- FY 2006 Budget: \$604,000

Refuge Location

The refuge is located just south of the Minnesota border, approximately 50 miles west of Mason City

Natural History

- Produces approximately 1,000 wood ducks annually
- Remains of a pre-glacial riverbed
- Oasis for wildlife amid mainly agricultural land
- Trumpeter swan reintroduction site

Refuge Objectives

- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Protect and enhance habitat for resident wildlife
- Provide recreational and environmental education opportunities for the public

Highlights

- Native grassland restoration
- Wetland restoration
- Water management
- Prescribed burning
- Nest box program for wood ducks
- Outreach and education

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education and interpretation
- Wildlife observation
- Auto tour route
- Wildlife photography



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Upper Mississippi River *National Wildlife and Fish Refuge* *McGregor District*

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1924
- Acres: 91,503
- Refuge covers Navigation Pools 9, 10 and 11
- Stretches 97 river miles along the Mississippi River in the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa
- Visitor center located in McGregor, Iowa

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Six person staff
- 3,000,000 visitors annually (refuge-wide)
- FY 2006 Budget: \$610,117
- Mississippi River annually contributes an estimated \$1 billion in recreational benefits to the region

Refuge Location

The refuge is located along the Mississippi River, approximately 37 miles south of the Minnesota border in McGregor, Iowa

Natural History

- Major migratory bird corridor
- Habitat consists of bottomland timber, shallow basins, marshes, rivers, streams and agricultural land
- Located between river bluffs rising 500 feet above the river

Refuge Objectives

- Protect and enhance river floodplain for the benefit of fish, wildlife and people
- Provide habitat for migratory birds, fish, plants and resident wildlife
- Provide interpretation, environmental education and wildlife-dependent public use opportunities

Management Tools

- Moist soil units
- Outreach and education
- Wetland restoration
- Law enforcement
- Reforestation
- Private landowner assistance programs

Public Use Opportunities

- Fishing, hunting and trapping
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Boating
- Camping



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Iowa

Wetland Management District

Quick Facts

District Facts

- Wetland management district encompasses a 35 county area in north central Iowa
- 62 sites
- 19,000 acres in 17 counties

District Office Location

The district office is roughly 2.5 hours south-west of Minneapolis and northwest of Des Moines. From Algona, take Highway 169 north to Bancroft; turn right (east) on county road A-42, and proceed six miles to the office at 1710 360th St. From Interstate 90, take the Blue Earth, MN, exit and follow Rt. 169 south into Iowa. At Lakota, follow P60 south to A42, then west 0.5 miles on A42 to the office.

Natural History

The Iowa Wetland Management District is located in the area once covered by the Des Moines lobe of the Northern Iowa Glaciated Region.

As the glaciers receded, the lobe that extended into north-central Iowa left behind 7.6 million acres of grasslands and 2-3 million acres of wetlands. However, in the late 1800s, Iowa suffered significant losses in wetland and grasslands as settlers began converting these habitats to cropland. All in all, Iowa lost more than 90 percent of its wetlands and 99 percent of its grasslands to agriculture.

Highlight

The Iowa Wetland Management District is part of Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge and is very different from other wetland management districts. Under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (State), the State manages the waterfowl production areas in the district. This is a partnership that has been very beneficial to the Service. Together, the State and the Service have been able to develop large complexes of habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife species.



Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting
- Wildlife observation, photography
- Interpretation and environmental education

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Private Lands Office

Quick Facts

Wetland Restorations (1987-2006)

- 1,306 sites
- 8,105 acres

Upland Restorations (1987 - 2006)

- 616 sites
- 24,534 acres

Overview of the Program

- Working with others to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on private lands
- Restoring habitat for migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, interjurisdictional fish and other wildlife
- Restoring habitat within the watersheds of our national wildlife refuges
- Voluntary participation

Opportunities on Private Lands

- Wetland restoration
- Native prairie restoration
- Stream restoration
- Migratory bird habitat
- Endangered species habitat
- Invasive species control

Partner Involvement

- Private landowners
- Nonprofit organizations
- Corporations
- Local, state and federal agencies
- Tribal governments



Program Benefits

- Increased wildlife abundance
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved soil, water and air quality
- Increased recreational opportunities
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting *voluntary* habitat restoration on private lands



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Partners/iowa.html](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Partners/iowa.html)



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Fisheries Conservation

Quick Facts

Columbia Office Facts

- Established: 1991
- FY 2006 Budget: Base: \$179,000; Corps of Engineers Funding: \$1.1 million
- Staff: four permanent and 14 temporary

Geographic Area Served

- Missouri
- Iowa
- Illinois - lands bordering the Mark Twain NWR on the Mississippi River
- Kansas and Nebraska - lands bordering the lower Missouri River

La Crosse Office Facts

- Established: 1981
- FY 2006 Budget: \$784,000
- Staff: eight permanent

Geographic Area Served

- Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin
- Mississippi River bordering the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge to Rock Island, Illinois
- Illinois Waterway

Providing Fisheries Services to Iowa

Although there is no fishery office located in Iowa, service in the state is provided by the Columbia Fishery Resources Office and the La Crosse Fishery Resources Office.

Columbia Fishery Resources Office Areas Served

- Missouri and Mississippi Rivers
- Iowa Army Ammunition Plant
- DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

Activity Highlights

- Restoring fish - pallid sturgeon, Niangua darter and paddlefish
- Restoring fish habitat and fish passage
- Manages the 23-state paddlefish tagging and stock assessment database

Contacting the Columbia Office

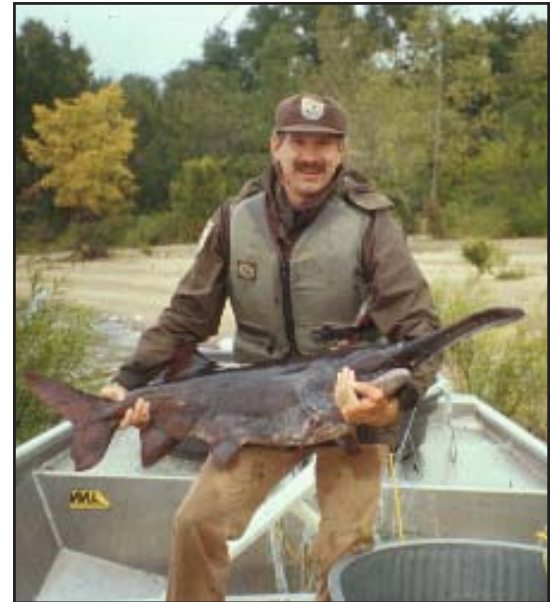
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La Crosse Fishery Resources Office Areas Served

- Mississippi River

Activity Highlights

- Restoring fish and mussels - lake sturgeon, Topeka shiner, winged mapleleaf mussel and Higgins eye pearlymussel
- Restoring fish habitat and fish passage
- Combating aquatic invasive species - Asian carp, zebra mussels and round gobies

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Rock Island, Illinois

Ecological Services Field Office

Quick Facts

Iowa is home to 17 federally listed endangered, threatened, or candidate species, including the Indiana bat, Topeka shiner, Dakota skipper, and western prairie fringed orchid. For more information about these and other rare and declining Illinois species, please see our website at <http://midwest.fws.gov/endangered>

Highlight

The Rock Island Field Office has worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and five states over the last ten years to find a long-term solution to the conflict between commercial navigation on the Upper Mississippi River and the river's natural resource value for millions of migratory birds, waterfowl hunting, and sport fishing. The completed feasibility study for navigation and ecosystem needs on the Upper Mississippi recommends a winning solution for all parties.

Our History

For over 60 years Ecological Services has protected and restored fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats. Our roots trace back to the River Basins Program that reviewed Federal water development projects. Since 1945, Ecological Services' responsibilities have expanded to include reviews of most Federal construction projects, endangered species, environmental contaminants, and a variety of conservation partnerships and grants.

Project Planning

Through early and wise planning we work to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats by minimizing the impact of Federal construction projects. Besides traditional Corps of Engineers' projects and permits, we work on energy development projects (hydro and wind power), highway projects, and proposed activities in National Forests.

Environmental Contaminants

The Environmental Contaminants program is the only program in the Federal Government solely responsible for evaluating the impact of environmental contaminants on fish and wildlife. We work to prevent, reduce, and eliminate the adverse effects of environmental contaminants.

Threatened and Endangered Species

Our responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act include conserving declining species before



listing is necessary, adding species to the list of threatened and endangered species, working to recover listed species, and working with other Federal agencies to ensure that their projects do not irreparably harm listed species.

Grants

We administer Endangered Species Act grants to provide funding to States, Tribes, organizations, and individuals for listed species conservation activities.

Partnerships

We work to restore habitat on private lands through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. We work with others to restore Great Lakes coastal habitats through our Coastal Program.

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Des Moines

Law Enforcement Field Office

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1982
- Staff: One Special Agent
- The Des Moines Field Office is administered by the St. Paul Resident Agent in Charge Office

Law Enforcement Objectives

- Protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws
- Promote and encourage voluntary compliance with federal wildlife laws through public education and the creation of a deterrent effect

Law Enforcement Priorities

- Investigate violations that have a significant impact on wild populations of federally protected species, such as those violations involving commercial exploitation and/or habitat destruction and modification
- Investigate violations that involve wild populations of species protected by state or foreign laws, with emphasis on interstate and foreign commercial exploitation
- Provide support and assistance to enforcement activities on Service lands, such as National Wildlife Refuges, and to other federal agencies on lands they manage
- Promote awareness of, and support for, federal wildlife laws and the role of law enforcement in protecting our wildlife resources and heritage

Laws Enforced

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Duck Stamp Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- National Wildlife Refuge Act
- Lacey Act
- Airborne Hunting Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act



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Quick Facts

Habitat

Accomplishments

- Over 44,000 acres of habitat protected, restored and enhanced
- Seeded retired cropland to native grasses
- Protected floodplain and stream habitat

Financial Assistance

- Matching dollars from partners totaling over \$26.2 million
- North American Wetland Conservation Act grants; 17 grants totaling over \$6.5 million

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Iowa

North American Waterfowl Management Plan

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About the Plan

- An international agreement signed in 1986
- Goal: return waterfowl populations to levels of the mid 1970s
- Achieve goal by restoring and protecting wetland and grassland habitat
- Includes 13 habitat joint ventures and three species joint ventures in the U.S., Canada and Mexico

Partner Involvement

- Private landowners
- Nonprofit organizations
- Corporations
- Tribal, local, state and federal agencies

Iowa Projects

- Wetland and grassland restorations within:
- North-central Iowa
 - Upper Waspi Wetland Project
 - Iowa Glaciated Wetlands Initiative
 - Eagle Lake watershed, phase III



- Cedar River watershed
- Federal, state and county lands
- Private lands statewide through voluntary participation

Public Benefits

- Increased recreational opportunities
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved community relations
- Enhanced floodwater storage
- Improved water quality
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting voluntary wetland preservation

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Iowa

Federal Assistance

Quick Facts

IA Anglers and Hunters Spent

- 8.5 million days angling
- 319 million dollars in total fishing expenditures
- 4 million days hunting
- Over 185 million dollars in total hunting expenditures

IA Licensed Anglers and Hunters

- 524,000 licensed anglers
- 203,000 licensed hunters

United States

- Over 82 million U.S. residents 16 years old and older fished, hunted, or wildlife watched in 2001.
- Sportspeople spent a total of \$70 billion in 2001—\$36 billion on fishing, \$21 billion on hunting, and \$14 billion on items used for both hunting and fishing (the sum of expenditures totals \$71 billion due to rounding).

<http://fa.r9.fws.gov/surveys/surveys.html>

Where Can I Find More Information

Detailed grant information is available at our public website—faims.fws.gov.

How the Dollars are Administered

- The goal of the Federal Assistance Program is to work with States to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, their habitats and the hunting, sportfishing, and recreational boating opportunities they provide.
- In fiscal year 2006 total grant funds in the Midwest Region exceeded \$153 million. Iowa received \$13 million. These monies were distributed through programs such as: Sportfish and Wildlife Restoration, Coastal Wetlands Program, Landowner Incentive Program, Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act, Boating Infrastructure Grant Program, State Wildlife Grants and the Clean Vessel Act Program.

Where the Money Comes From

Funding for most Federal Assistance programs comes from federal excise taxes paid by hunters, anglers, and boaters on hunting and fishing equip-

ment, a portion of the federal fuel tax, and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

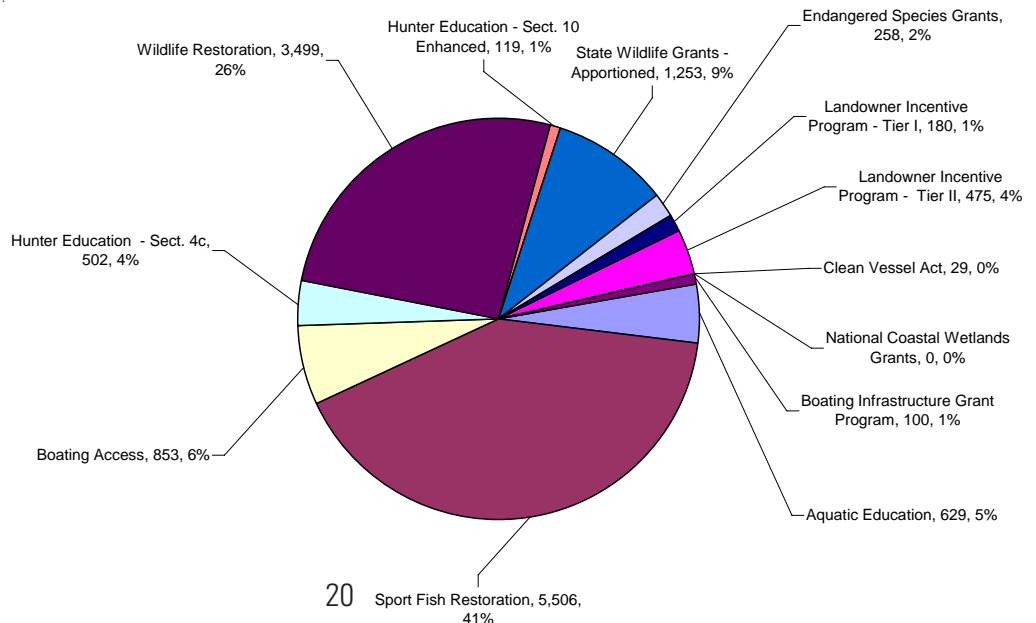
What the Money Can be Used For

Fish and wildlife research, habitat enhancement, assistance to private landowners, environmental review of public projects, land acquisition, operation and maintenance of lands and facilities, boating and angler access improvements, comprehensive planning for fish and wildlife resources, and hunter and aquatic education.

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Iowa

Migratory Bird Conservation

Quick Facts

- 813,000 bird watching participants
- 118 million bird watching days
- More than 22,000 duck hunters
- 30,951 Federal Duck Stamps sold (2002-2003)
- Two Important Bird Areas on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands in Iowa:
 - DeSoto NWR
 - Neal Smith NWR

Inventory and Monitoring

- Four Square-Mile Breeding Duck Survey
- Mourning Dove Call Count Survey
- Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey
- Waterfowl banding program
- Nongame bird inventories on National Wildlife Refuge System lands
- Resident Canada goose breeding population survey

Research

- Delineation of restorable wetlands in the prairie pothole region

Management

- Wetland and grassland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Bottomland hardwood restoration
- Develop hunting regulations
- Issue migratory bird permits
- Integrated bird conservation planning at state and Bird Conservation region levels

Outreach

- International Migratory Bird Day
- Junior Duck Stamp Contest



Partnerships

- Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- Iowa State University
- Ducks Unlimited
- Iowa Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (U.S.G.S.)
- Partners in Flight
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan
- North American Waterbird Conservation Plan

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Quick Facts

Inter-Agency Program

The Service is engaged with other agencies in promoting biological diversity and natural river floodplain structure and function by purchase, restoration, and management of flood-prone farm land and floodplain wetlands along the Iowa River in Benton, Tama and Iowa counties.

Approximately 10,000 acres have been purchased by the Service on Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) easements allowing for the development, management, and protection of fish and wildlife resources. Service ownership also affords public use opportunities which would not be available on privately held WRP easement areas.

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Iowa River Corridor Project

Project Goals

- Provide landowners a menu of land use and land management assistance options that represent sound floodplain management
- Manage public lands and easements in the project to provide for the natural diversity and functions of the Iowa River system
- Use the characteristics of the floodplain to improve the Iowa River quality for fish and wildlife
- Provide an interpretive opportunity to illustrate floodplain system management
- Demonstrate and illustrate the economic outcomes of alternative floodplain management and land uses
- Use private and public partnerships to the fullest extent of each agencies' resources to accomplish the objectives

Management Responsibilities

- In addition to the involvement of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in obtaining easements to reduce annual crop loss in the floodplain, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources is a partner with the Service in managing purchased lands
- Through a Memorandum of Understanding the Iowa DNR has assumed day-to-day management responsibility for the Service purchased lands
- The Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge complex and Port Louisa NWR staff works closely with the DNR on purchased land management issues



- The Service's Iowa Private Lands Office assists with privately held easement projects

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