



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Midwest Region

Illinois Offices and Activities

Illinois

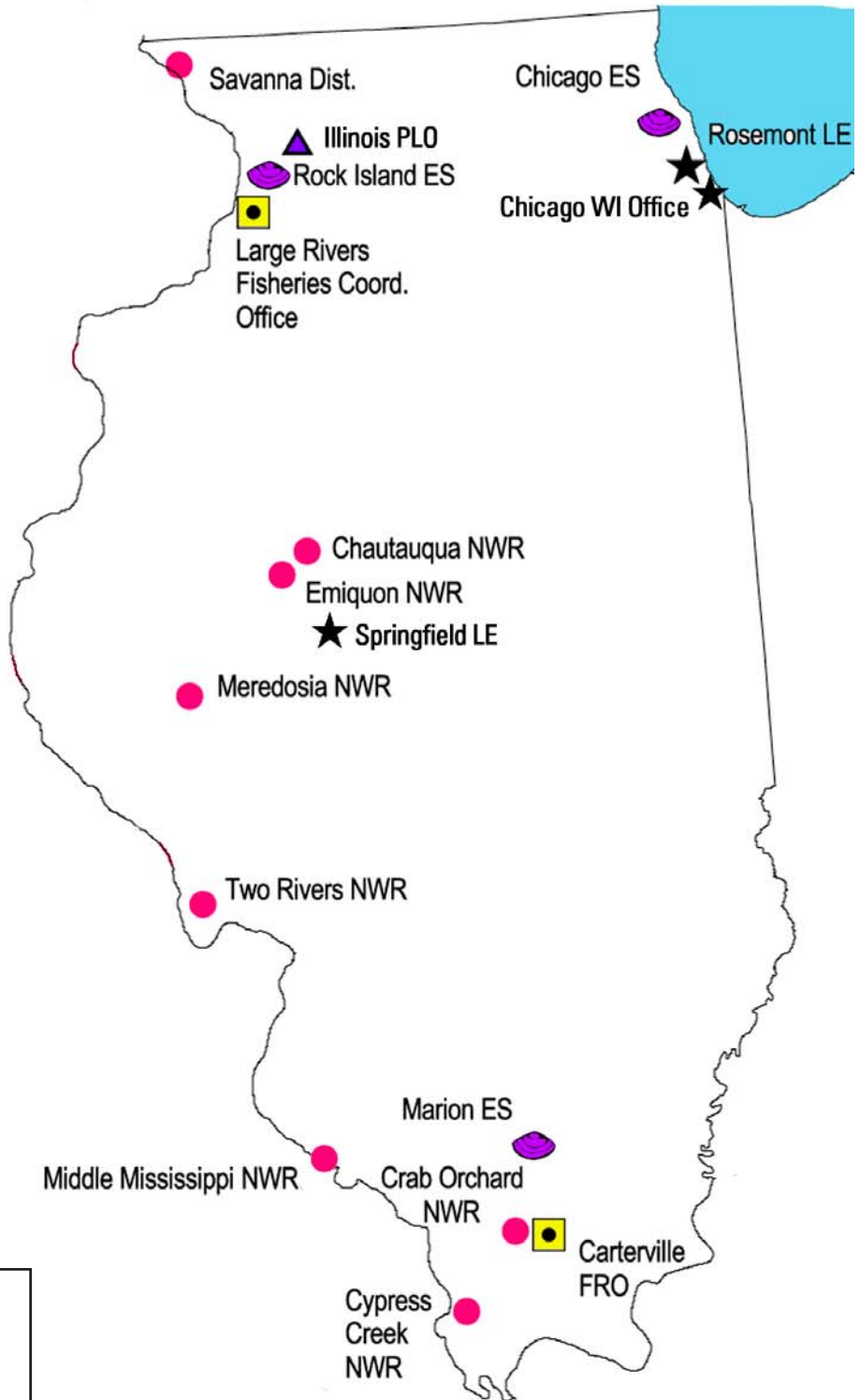




Service Facilities in Illinois

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- **National Wildlife Refuge**
- ▲ **Private Land Office**
- Fisheries Resource Office**
- ◌ **Ecological Services**
- ★ **Law Enforcement**



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, nongovernment 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

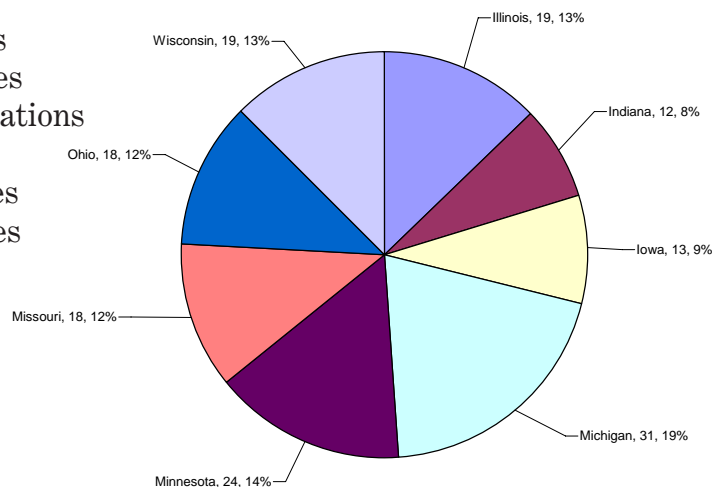
- 55 National Wildlife Refuges, including the newest – Glacial Ridge in northwest Minnesota
- 12 Wetland Management Districts
- More than 300,000 acres in waterfowl production areas
- 6 National Fish Hatcheries
- 6 Fishery Resources Offices
- 2 Sea Lamprey Control Stations
- 8 Private Lands Offices
-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

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



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

Illinois State Facts

- The Service employs 121 people in Illinois
- The Fiscal Year 2006 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Illinois totaled \$6.8 million
- Ten National Wildlife Refuges in Illinois total more than 124,000 acres
- In 2004, more than 1 million people visited national wildlife refuges in Illinois to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs and view wildlife

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Illinois

Fish and Wildlife Service Highlights

Federal Assistance to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

- In 2006 Illinois received:
 - \$8 million for sport fish restoration
 - \$5.7 million for wildlife restoration and hunter education
- Wildlife Restoration Act fund helps with the management of forests and grasslands which result in improved recreational opportunities for hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts. Overall funds have helped the state purchase six waterfowl management areas improving over 72,500 acres of wildlife habitat.

Bald Eagle Recovery Efforts

The Rock Island Ecological Services Office coordinates nationwide efforts to recover the federally threatened bald eagle

Cache River Basin

At Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge, home of the oldest living plants east of the Mississippi River, a partnership including the Service, Ducks Unlimited, the State of Illinois and The Nature Conservancy is preserving and restoring the Cache River Basin, recognized as one of the country's most unique natural areas and designated a Wetland of International Importance.



Aquatic Nuisance Species

A partnership of state, federal and private groups is working together to control the invasion of aquatic nuisance species in Illinois' waterways. Recognized as threats to native fish, wildlife, and plants, as well as to the economy, non-native species such as Asian carp, round goby, and zebra mussels threaten the character of the state's waterways as well as the Great Lakes. Efforts to stop the advance of Asian carp toward Lake Michigan and to halt the downstream movement of round goby to major rivers systems — notably the Mississippi River — include intensive monitoring and installation of an electronic barrier on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.



Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1947
- Acres: 43,878 (4,050 in wilderness)
- Maintains resident youth education camps

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 23 person staff
- 972,752 visitors in 2006
- FY 2006 Budget: \$3.6 million
- Concession-operated campgrounds and marinas provide for public use opportunities
- Industrial program on refuge generates \$54 million annually to the local economy
- Refuge contributes substantially to the \$25 million local tourist economy

Refuge Location

The refuge is located on State Highway 148 just west of Marion, Illinois, on the northern edge of the Ozark foothills

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Crab Orchard

National Wildlife Refuge

Natural History

- Topography varies from gently rolling slopes to grades of 24 percent
- Contains three lakes covering a total of 8,700 acres
- 4,800 acres of cropland
- 21,000 acres of forest
- 1,800 acres of grassland

Refuge Highlights

- The refuge strikes a balance between long-term natural resource stewardship and practical day-to-day use. Agriculture, industry, recreation and wildlife conservation harmonize at the refuge in a fashion that is unique in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Refuge Objectives

- Protect, enhance, and manage natural resources and the refuge landscape
- Provide opportunities for agricultural uses that help attain wildlife conservation goals
- Manage an industrial complex fully utilized by compatible tenants who conform to prescribed safety, health, environmental, and maintenance standards
- Provide interpretation, environmental education and other recreation opportunities



Priorities

- Increase exotic species control efforts
- Improve visitor services facilities including campgrounds, boat ramps and tour route
- Enhance forest habitat for interior forest songbirds and other forest wildlife species
- Enhance grassland and wetland habitats for waterfowl, shorebirds and grassland songbirds

Public Use Opportunities

- Auto tour route
- Visitor center
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Boating, swimming, camping and picnicking
- Bicycling and hiking

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Cypress Creek *National Wildlife Refuge*

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1990
- Acres: 14,000
- Planning to expand to 35,509 acres
- Part of Cache River Wetlands Joint Venture Project with Illinois Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, and Ducks Unlimited

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Seven person staff
- 60,000 visitors annually to the area
- FY 2006 Budget: \$693,000

Refuge Location

The refuge is located between the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, approximately 40 miles south of Marion, Illinois

Natural History

- Cache River Basin is located at the junction of four prominent physiographic regions
- Refuge contains the oldest living plants east of the Mississippi River - bald cypress trees aged at 1,000-1,500 years old
- Fed by the winding Cache River - a French word meaning "Hidden Place"
- Provides a safe haven for over 50 state threatened and endangered species

Highlights

- The refuge comprises the largest remaining wetland complex in Illinois, is designated as a Wetland of International Importance because of its diversity of plants, animals and natural landscapes that are seldom matched anywhere else in the Midwest

Refuge Objectives

- Improve public access and provide a variety of wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities
- Provide environmental education
- Restore cypress forest and bottomland hardwood habitat for waterfowl, other migratory birds, endangered species and resident wildlife
- Control erosion and sedimentation, maintain efficient hydrologic flow and improve flood control and general water quality
- Protect unique natural areas and maintain biodiversity
- Protect and improve the fishery resource



Priorities

- Expand upland and bottomland reforestation efforts on the refuge
- Inventory and monitor sensitive species and habitats throughout the refuge and coordinate efforts with Illinois DNR statewide inventory
- Install bank stabilization on Big Creek
- Restore Cache River

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education and interpretation programs
- Wildlife observation

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Illinois River

National Wildlife and Fish Refuges

Quick Facts

Refuge Complex Facts

- The complex is composed of four areas located within the Illinois River floodplain:
 - Chautauqua NWR, established in 1936, consisting of 4,488 acres;
 - Meredosia NWR, established in 1973, consisting of 3,852 acres;
 - Emiquon NWR, established in 1993, consisting of 1,305 acres; and
 - Cameron/Billsbach Unit, established in 1958, consisting of 1,709 acres
- The southeast refuges extend 125 river miles between the north and south boundaries

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Five person staff
- 50,000 visitors annually
- FY 2006 Budget: \$641,186

Refuge Location

The refuge complex headquarters is located eight miles north of Havana, Illinois, on the Illinois River

Natural History

- Each refuge area is a mix of backwater lakes, bottomland forests, floodplain wetlands and a small amount of upland forest
- The refuge has been designated an “Important Bird Area” and accepted into the “Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network”
- Provides habitat for 60-70 percent of the waterfowl migrating along the Illinois River
- The backwater lakes of the refuge serve as spawning and nursery habitat for a highly productive river fishery

Refuge Objectives

- Provide habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide opportunities for wildlife-dependent recreation/environmental education

Highlights

- The Illinois River National Wildlife and Fish Refuges form vital links in a chain of life-sustaining refuges within the Mississippi Flyway, extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. The refuges are composed of four units along 125 miles of the Illinois River. Prominent wildlife use includes nesting and wintering bald eagles, thousands of wading birds, tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl in the hundreds of thousands to the delight of refuge visitors.



Priorities

- Improve public use and outreach efforts through development of environmental education and interpretation programs
- Improve refuge operations at Meredosia NWR
- Enhance Chautauqua NWR cross dike levee

Public Use Opportunities

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

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Mark Twain

National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1958
- Acres: about 44,000 acres are Service managed, Service oversees agreements for lands managed cooperatively with the states of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Spans 343 river miles of Mississippi River bottoms
- Administers five refuges: Great River, Middle Mississippi River, Port Louisa, Two Rivers, and Clarence Cannon NWRs
- Also includes the 10,000-acre Iowa River Corridor Project (Port Louisa)

Financial Impact of Complex

- Two person staff
- FY 2006 Budget: \$498,404

Refuge Location

The refuge complex headquarters is located in Quincy, Illinois

Natural History

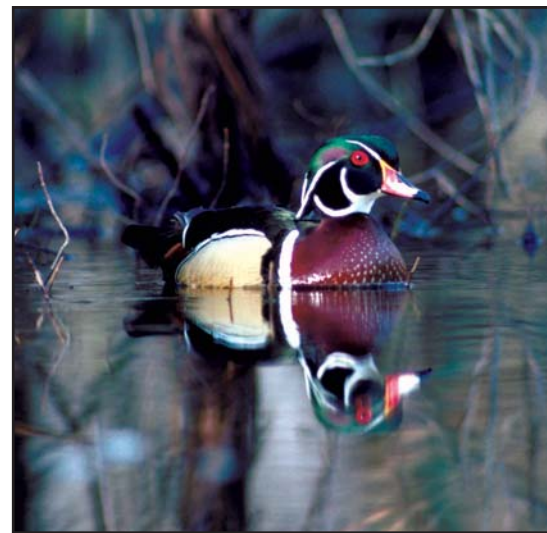
- The Mississippi River is internationally significant as a corridor for the movement of migratory birds, people and cargo
- In the 1930s and 40s, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed 27 locks and dams on the Mississippi River to facilitate shipping and control of water levels; resource management is the responsibility of the Service.

Refuge/Complex Objectives

- Provide food, water and protection for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for fish and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for wood duck and neotropical bird production
- Provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Highlights

- Mark Twain NWR Complex is a mosaic of wetland, bottomland forest, prairie and cropland. Each plays an important role in providing the resources to support a diversity of fish and wildlife. The Mark Twain NWR Complex office partners with Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, federal agencies and citizen groups to enhance fish and wildlife habitat and to implement a balanced floodplain management program throughout the Upper Mississippi River corridor.



Priorities

- Restore bottomland hardwood forest
- Aerial photography project for Complex

Public Use Opportunities

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

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Middle Mississippi River *National Wildlife Refuge*

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 2000
- Acres: 4,000
- The refuge began as a separate division of the Mark Twain NWR
- Division was established following severe flooding in 1993
- In 2000, the division was separated to create a new refuge in the Mark Twain NWR complex
- Most land acquisition has been completed in partnership with the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service with Wetland Reserve Program easements, or with American Land Conservancy

Financial Impact of Complex

- Two person staff
- FY 2006 Budget: \$166,727

Refuge Location

The refuge headquarters is located 5 miles south of Chester, Illinois

Natural History

- The Mississippi River is internationally significant as a corridor for the movement of migratory birds, people and cargo
- The “Middle Miss” is the only free-flowing portion of the Upper Mississippi River system managed for navigation. Endangered pallid sturgeon are a major management concern in this river reach.

Refuge Objectives

- Provide food, water and protection for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for fish and wildlife
- Refuge area will restore natural floodplain functions by allowing floodwater connections
- Reforestation will provide habitat for neotropical bird migration

Highlights

- The primary management goal for newly acquired floodplain lands on the Middle Mississippi River is to restore habitats lost or degraded as a result of modifications to the floodplain and river. Primary habitat components are floodplain forests, riverine wetlands of various types and riverine aquatic habitat.
- Sixteen federal, state and non-profit organizations have formed the Middle Mississippi River Partnership, a collection of state, federal and non-governmental organizations focused on enhancing the Middle Mississippi Corridor.



Priorities

- Establish new refuge through acquisition of 14,000-acre parcel
- Establish land management and interagency river restoration program

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting and fishing
- Wildlife observation and photography

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[MiddleMississippiRiver.html](http://midwest.fws.gov/MiddleMississippiRiver.html)



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Two Rivers *National Wildlife Refuge*

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1958
- Formerly known as Brussels District of the Mark Twain NWR
- Located near Mississippi and Illinois rivers confluence outlying the St. Louis/Alton metro area
- Acres: 8,500
- Illinois: includes Calhoun, Batchtown, Gilbert Lake and Apple Creek Divisions
- Missouri: includes Portage Island Division
- Many lands originally purchased by the USACE as part of the nine-foot navigation channel project with management of natural resources transferred to the Service

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Five person staff
- 23,500 visitors in 2004
- FY 2006 Budget: \$513,161

Refuge Location

The refuge is located 17 miles west of Alton, Ill., on Hwy. 100, then across the river on the Brussels Ferry another 4.5 miles

Natural History

- Refuge located in a major migration corridor for waterfowl, bald eagles and other birds
- Habitat consists of bottomland forests, grasslands, side channels, sloughs, cropland and moist soil units
- Refuge area attracts one of the largest overwintering bald eagle populations in the nation

Refuge Objectives

- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide habitat and protection for migrating and wintering waterfowl and other birds
- Protect and enhance habitat for wood duck and neotropical bird production
- Provide environmental education and outdoor recreation opportunities
- Emulate functions of Big River Ecosystem

Highlight

- The refuge functions as an important link in the chain of resting, feeding and wintering areas for birds migrating along the Mississippi flyway. More than 5 million ducks and 50,000 geese normally funnel through this important river junction on their migration.

Priorities

- Develop habitat management plan, and conduct biological monitoring of habitat and wildlife use



- Improve habitat and water level management on the 2,600-acre Swan Lake backwater
- Expand refuge boundary
- Enhance public use opportunities and facilities

Public Use Opportunities

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

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

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1924
- Acres: 63,545
- District covers Navigation Pools 12, 13 and 14
- Stretches 80 river miles along the Mississippi River from Dubuque, Iowa, to Rock Island, Illinois

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Nine person staff
- 3,000,000 visitors annually (refuge-wide)
- FY 2006 Budget: \$1,502,719
- Mississippi River annually contributes an estimated \$1 billion in recreational benefits to the region
- Commercial fishing industry

Refuge Location

The refuge office is located on Riverview Road, five miles south of Savanna, Illinois

Natural History

- Scenic river area with broad pools, braided channels, islands and bluffs rising several hundred feet
- Critical migratory bird area with stunning concentrations of waterfowl, eagles and songbirds
- District includes 34,000 acres of bottomland forest
- Important winter-use area for bald eagles with populations over 600 in recent years

Refuge Objectives

- Protect and preserve one of America's premier fish and wildlife areas
- Provide habitat for migratory birds, fish, plants and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for endangered species
- Provide interpretation, environmental education and wildlife-dependent recreational public use opportunities

Highlight

- Transform 9,857 acres of the former Savanna Army Depot into the Lost Mounds Unit

Priorities

- Control invasive species
- Grassland restoration
- Provide quality wetland habitat



Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting, trapping and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Boating
- Hiking and bicycling trails

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Illinois *Private Lands Office*

Quick Facts

Wetland Restorations (1987-2006)

- 422 sites
- 9,527 acres

Upland Restorations (1987 - 2006)

- 58 sites
- 769 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

Contacting the Office

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Chicago, Illinois

Ecological Services Field Office

Quick Facts

The Chicago metropolitan area is home to 10 federally listed endangered, threatened, or candidate species, including the Hine's emerald dragonfly, eastern prairie fringed orchid, and lakeside daisy. For more information about these and other rare and declining species in the Chicago area, please see our website at <http://midwest.fws.gov/Chicago>

Highlight

Since 1996, the Chicago Field Office has provided support and leadership to Chicago Wilderness, a coalition of 180 agencies and organizations committed to preserving and restoring the rich diversity of woodlands, grasslands, wetlands and waters found throughout the Chicago region. Chicago Wilderness has gained national and international attention as a model of collaboration for biodiversity conservation in metropolitan areas.

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.

Environmental Education

Education is the key to promoting stewardship of natural resources. Our office is involved in planning and implementing a variety of environmental education activities throughout the Chicago area, such as professional development for teachers, student field studies, and adult education classes. We also participate in community special events, provide guest speakers, and distribute or loan educational materials and literature on fish and wildlife and related topics.

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Rock Island, Illinois

Ecological Services Field Office

Quick Facts

Illinois is home to 29 federally listed endangered, threatened, or candidate species, including the Indiana bat, pallid sturgeon, Higgins eye pearl mussel, Illinois cave amphipod, and decurrent false aster. 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.

The Rock Island Field Office has a sub-office in Marion, Illinois.

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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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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Carterville

Fishery Resources Office

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1981
- FY 2006 Budget: \$309,000
- Staff: three permanent and three temporary

Geographic Area Served

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Ohio
- Missouri
- Mississippi River - from Rock Island, Illinois, to Cairo, Illinois; including Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge complex
- Ohio River - bordering the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois
- Wabash River - bordering the states of Indiana and Illinois
- Illinois River

Services Provided To

- Private citizens
- Federal and state agencies
- Military bases
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices

Office Goals

- Recover fish and mussel populations protected under the Endangered Species Act and restore declining populations of native species
- Maintain diverse, self-sustaining fish and other aquatic resource populations and their habitats
- Prevent new introductions and minimize range expansion of aquatic invasive species
- Enhance recreational fishing opportunities on National Wildlife Refuge and Department of Defense lands

Activity Highlights

- Develop a National Asian Carp Management and Control Plan, using a collaborative process that involves all interested parties
- Work with states and other federal agencies to monitor and restore interjurisdictional fish and their habitats
- Restore fish habitat and remove fish passage barriers
- Conduct status reviews for pallid sturgeon and other aquatic resource populations and implement actions identified in the Pallid Sturgeon Recovery Plan



- Facilitate the prevention and control of aquatic nuisance species and conduct outreach and education activities to raise public awareness of aquatic nuisance species problems

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Chicago

Wildlife Inspection Office

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1976
- Staff:
 - seven Wildlife Inspectors
 - one Evidence Custodian
 - one LE Tech
- The Chicago Wildlife Inspection Program Field Office also administers the following Wildlife Inspection Offices:
 - Detroit, Mich.
 - Minneapolis, Minn.

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 Briefs

- Chicago is one of 17 designated ports in the United States for the importation/exportation of wildlife
- Approximately \$25 million in wildlife trade is processed annually through the port
- Approximately four million arriving international passengers are processed annually through the port
- Over 100 educational presentations are made annually by the wildlife inspection staff

Laws Enforced

- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)
- Endangered Species Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Lacey Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act



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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Rosemont

Law Enforcement Field Office

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1972
- Staff: three Special Agents
- Administered by the Springfield, Ill., LE Resident Agent in Charge Office

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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
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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Springfield

Law Enforcement

Resident Agent in Charge Office

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1996
- Staff: two Special Agents; one LE support technician
- The Springfield Resident Agent in Charge Office also administers the following LE offices in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri:
 - Rosemont, Ill.
 - Indianapolis, Ind.
 - Independence, Mo.
 - St. Peters, Mo.

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Illinois

North American Waterfowl Management Plan

Quick Facts

Habitat

Accomplishments

- Over 42,000 acres of habitat protected, restored and enhanced
- Seeded retired cropland to native grasses
- Protected floodplain and stream habitat
- Protected and re-stored bottomland hardwood forests

Financial Assistance

- Matching dollars from partners totaling over \$25.4 million
- North American Wetland Conservation Act grants; 14 grants totaling over \$5.9 million

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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 government agencies

Illinois Projects

Wetland and grassland restorations within:

- Cache River watershed, phase III
- Nygren Riparian Wetland Restoration
- Illinois 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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Quick Facts

IL Anglers and Hunters Spent

- 21.6 million days angling
- 1.1 billion dollars in total fishing expenditures
- Over 5 million days hunting
- Over 527 million dollars in total hunting expenditures

IL Licensed Anglers and Hunters

- 1.4 million licensed anglers
- 340,000 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

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Illinois *Federal Assistance*

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. Illinois received \$19 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.

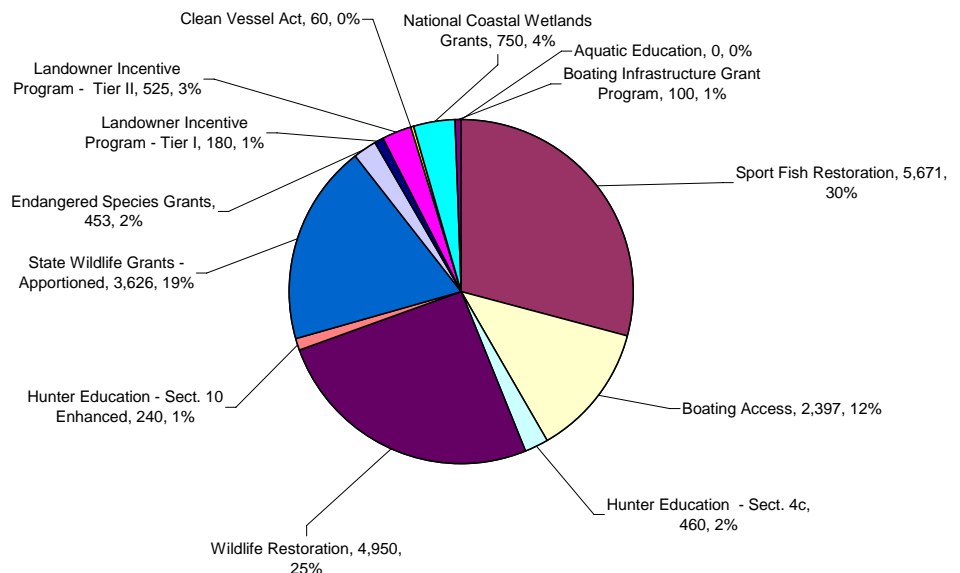
What the Money Can be Used For

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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Quick Facts

- 1.8 million bird watching participants
- 199 million bird watching days
- More than 33,000 duck hunters
- 53,139 Federal Duck Stamps sold (2002-2003)
- Five Important Bird Areas on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands in Illinois:
 - Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge-Lost Mound Unit
 - Chautauqua NWR
 - Mark Twain NWR-Long Island Division
 - Crab Orchard NWR
 - Emiquon NWR

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Illinois

Migratory Bird Conservation

Inventory and Monitoring

- Woodcock Singing Ground 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

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
- Midwest Birding Symposium

Partnerships

- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Partners in Flight
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan
- North American Waterbird Conservation Plan



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