



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The National Fish Habitat Initiative

Region 3 - Great Lakes/Big Rivers

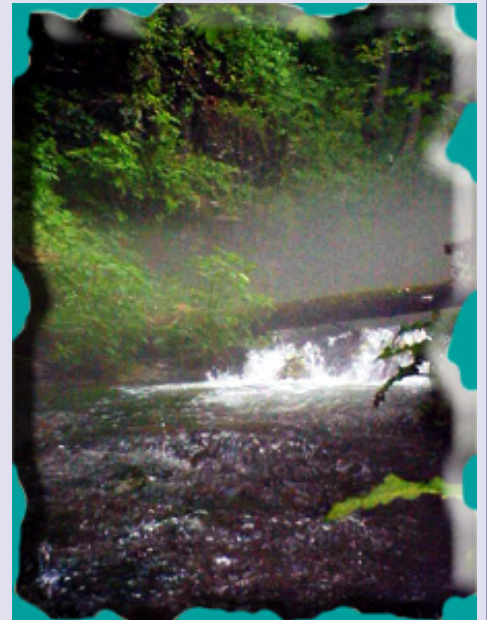
Leadership in Conserving, Enhancing, and Restoring Aquatic Ecosystems

The National Fish Habitat Initiative (NFHI) fosters geographically-focused, locally driven, scientifically based solutions, and strong partnerships that focus attention and resources on common priorities to protect, restore and enhance aquatic habitat and reverse the decline of fish and other aquatic species in the United States.

Aquatic habitat is one of seven focus areas in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Fisheries Program Vision for the Future. The Service Fisheries Program is working with the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, states, and other key natural resource interests to develop the National Fish Habitat Initiative Plan.

The Midwest Driftless Area Restoration Effort

The Midwest Driftless Area Restoration Effort is a geographically-focused, locally-driven, consensus-based effort to protect, restore, and enhance riparian and aquatic habitat throughout the Driftless Area. The Midwest Driftless Area Restoration Effort includes a broad partnership of federal, state, and local government, landowners, academic institutions, conservation organizations, sportsmen's groups, and other interested parties. This coalition of partners will work together to identify threats to brook trout and other aquatic species and seek potential solutions, prioritize watershed focus areas and projects, implement actions with measurable successes, build new partnerships and strengthen existing ones, leverage additional funds, and produce outreach and educational programs to raise public awareness and ensure future support.



Project Proposals

- **Restoration of South Pine and West Branch French Creek in the Iowa Driftless Area**
- **Riparian Corridor Restoration on West Indian Creek, a Minnesota Driftless Area trout stream**
- **Restoration of Elk Creek, a driftless area trout stream in Vernon County, Wisconsin**
- **LaCrosse FRO NFHI Coordination for Stream Restoration in the Driftless Area**

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