

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

National Wildlife Refuge System
Division of Realty

Federal Transfers and Conservation Conveyances

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Mission

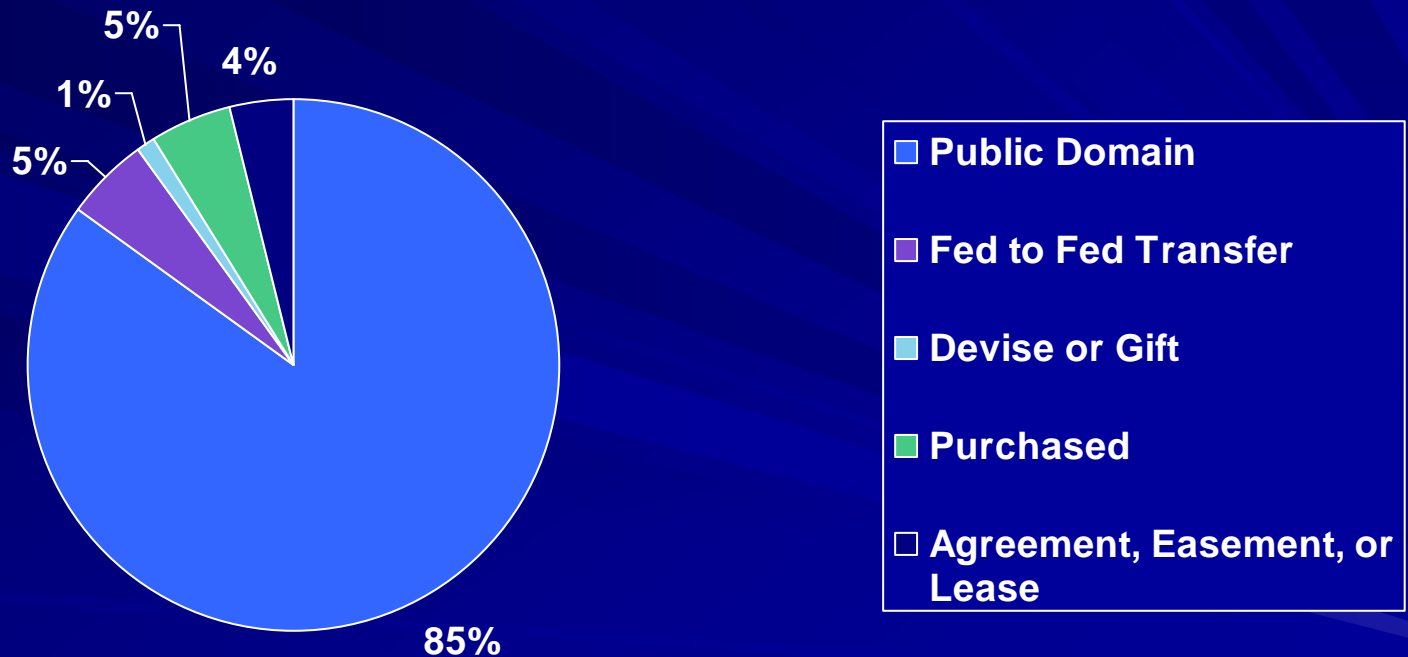
Working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people

National Wildlife Refuge System

545 Refuges	92,665,972
203 Waterfowl Production Area Counties	3,134,305
50 Coordination Areas	<u>315,824</u>
Total Acres	96,116,101

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Acquisition Methods-All acres

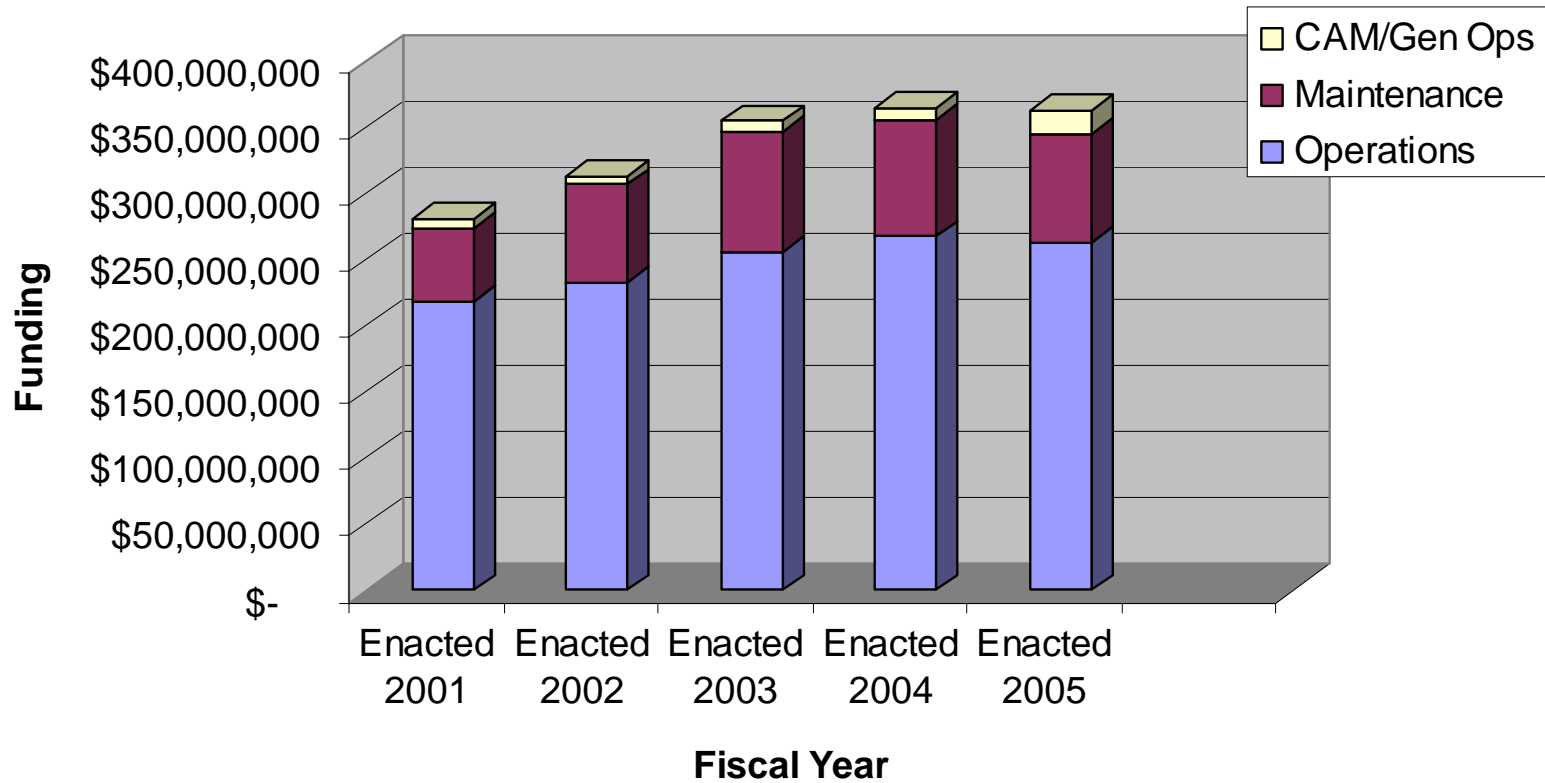


Contaminants Policy

- Minimize the potential liability of the Department and the Service by acquiring real property that is not contaminated unless directed by the Congress, court mandate, or as determined by the Secretary
- Identify potential hazardous substance-related threats to fish and wildlife and their habitats and other environmental problems prior to real property acquisition

Funding

NWRS



Land Acquisition Policy

- Acquire land only when other means, such as zoning or regulation, of achieving program goals and objectives are not appropriate, available, or effective
- When lands are to be acquired, the minimum interest necessary to reach management objectives is to be acquired or retained

Conservation Conveyance

- Provides conservation of habitat by third-party
- Provides for protection during cleanup
- Conservation goals are still achieved
- Service will not acquire or manage property

Working with Partners

- Conservation in Action Summit-2004
- Strategic Growth Policy

For More Information

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- www.fws.gov
- refuges.fws.gov
- realty.fws.gov

