## THE POWER of the U.S. PRAIRIE POTHOLE REGION (PPR)

**HOME TO** 



MN ND PPR (IIB million acres)

**Contains** 

26 million acres of grassland, and

3.44 million wetland basins.

Regarded as one of the

## MOST DIVERSE ECOSYSTEMS

and one of America's national treasures.



Arguably the

LARGEST
and most productive
wetland resources found
anywhere

in the world.

## SOCIETAL BENEFITS

- 1. filters water
- 2. reduces erosion
- 3. reduces sedimentation
- 4. absorbs flood waters

Functional grassland and wetland ecosystems not only protect the watersheds in which they occur,

but also **PROTECT** downstream waterways and communities.



of North America's ducks depend on the vital mix of wetlands and grassland habitats in the PPR.



Referred to as America's

## "duck factory"

because it is the most productive area for nesting waterfowl on the continent.



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