

**NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT SUMMARY  
CYCLE 2026-1  
U.S. Standard Grant Proposals**

Rank & Map Number	Title	Grantee Organization	State	Congressional Districts	NAWCA Request	Match Amount	Acres Affected	NAWCA Funds For FWS	Coastal Project
1	South Louisiana Waterfowl Habitat Conservation V	Ducks Unlimited	LA	01-06	\$3,000,000.00	\$6,150,000.00	13,628.00		Yes
2	North Dakota Pothole Project Phase IV	Ducks Unlimited	ND	01	\$3,000,000.00	\$4,721,055.18	15,718.12		No
3	Kasageluk Lagoon and NW Arctic Wetlands Preservation Project	The Conservation Fund	AK	01	\$3,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00	49,423.52		Yes
4	Mid-Atlantic Blackwaters and Bays IV	Ducks Unlimited	NC, VA	NC-01,03,07; VA-02	\$2,970,432.00	\$5,992,885.00	2,468.00		Yes
5	Eastern Wisconsin Great Lakes Focus Area II	Ducks Unlimited	WI	05,06,08	\$3,000,000.00	\$6,015,071.00	9,989.00		Yes
6	Northern California Wetland Habitat Project, Phase I	California Waterfowl Association	CA	01	\$2,829,177.66	\$4,957,586.61	8,661.00		No
7	Oklahoma Wetlands Phase I	Oklahoma Conservation Commission	OK	01-05	\$3,000,000.00	\$6,129,047.90	8,847.30		No
8	Klamath Basin Wetlands, California and Oregon - Phase IV	Ducks Unlimited	CA	01	\$1,356,504.00	\$3,484,124.00	7,955.00		No
9	South Atlantic Wetlands and Wildlands IV	Ducks Unlimited	NC, SC	NC-01,03,07; SC-07	\$2,857,186.00	\$4,879,200.00	5,539.00		Yes
10	Central Flyway Migration Corridor VII	Ducks Unlimited	NE	01-03	\$2,008,830.00	\$2,632,614.00	11,321.00		No
11	Eastern SD Wetlands Phase X	Ducks Unlimited	SD	01	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,148,894.00	5,612.57		No
12	Protecting Maine's Coastal Watersheds	Frenchman Bay Conservancy	ME	01,02	\$2,769,000.00	\$5,542,380.00	6,491.20		Yes
13	Great Lakes Mallards II	Ducks Unlimited	IL, IN, MI, OH, WI	IL-01-11,13-16; IN-01-04; MI-02-12; OH-09; WI-01-08	\$3,000,000.00	\$6,592,776.00	3,783.00		No
14	Magalloway Partnership Wetlands II	Forest Society of Maine	ME	02	\$3,000,000.00	\$9,000,000.00	31,236.20		No
15	Lake Erie Coastal Wetlands Phase V	Ducks Unlimited	OH	05,07,09,11,13,14	\$3,000,000.00	\$7,138,731.00	2,530.00	\$100,000.00	Yes
16	Southeast Louisiana Wetlands Enhancement and Restoration	Ducks Unlimited	LA	01-03	\$3,000,000.00	\$6,600,000.00	2,000.00		Yes
<b>Totals:</b>					<b>\$44,791,129.66</b>	<b>\$88,984,364.69</b>	<b>185,202.91</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	



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Great Lakes Mallards II, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin**

COUNTIES, STATES, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: Champaign, Cook, DuPage, Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, Kane, Kankakee, Lake, Livingston, McHenry, Trempealeau, Vermillion, and Will, Illinois; IL-01-11, 13-16. Allen, Cass, DeKalb, Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Newton, Noble, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starke, Steuben, Wabash, White, and Whitley, Indiana; IN-01-04. Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Clare, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, Oakland, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Shiawassee, St. Joseph, Tuscola, Van Buren, and Washtenaw, Michigan; MI-02-12. Defiance and Williams, Ohio; OH-09. Adams, Barron, Brown, Burnett, Calumet, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Door, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Green, Green Lake, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Racine, Rock, Sauk, Shawano, Sheboygan, St. Croix, Taylor, Walworth, Washburn, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago, and Wood, Wisconsin; WI-01-08.  
JOINT VENTURE: Upper Mississippi/Great Lakes  
BIRD CONSERVATION REGIONS: 12 – Boreal Hardwood Transition, 22 – Eastern Tallgrass Prairie, 23 – Prairie Hardwood Transition

GRANT AMOUNT		\$3,000,000
Allocation: Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	\$3,000,000	
 MATCHING PARTNERS		 \$6,592,776
Grantee: Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	\$152,333	
The Land Conservancy of McHenry County	\$2,000,000	
Michigan Nature Association	\$1,105,000	
Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$712,000	
ACRES Land Trust	\$685,000	
Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy	\$590,000	
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	\$395,000	
Lake County Forest Preserve District	\$228,209	
The Prairie Enthusiasts	\$169,000	
National Wild Turkey Federation	\$110,000	
Indiana Department of Natural Resources	\$59,000	
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	\$32,000	
Olive B. Cole Foundation	\$23,234	
Agri Drain Corporation	\$13,000	
Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation	\$10,000	
Tippecanoe Audubon Society	\$5,000	
Eel River Pheasants Forever	\$3,500	
Stantec, Inc.	\$3,000	
Knepp Sand & Stone, Inc.	\$2,000	
Hixson Sand & Gravel, Inc.	\$1,500	
Three Private Landowners	\$294,000	

GRANT AND MATCH - ACTIVITIES, COSTS, AND ACRES	\$9,592,776/3,689(94) acres
Fee Acquired	\$6,641,136/1,183 acres
Fee Donated	\$175,244/33 acres
Easements Acquired	\$256,244/157 acres
Restored	\$1,770,660/1,371(48) acres
Enhanced	\$588,507/945(46) acres
Other	\$29,760
Indirect Costs	\$131,225

**PROPOSAL PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION:** Mallard populations in the Great Lakes region have steadily declined since the early 2000s, primarily due to the widespread loss of grassland and wetland productivity. To reverse this trend, regional-scale conservation of nesting and brood-rearing habitats across highly privatized landscapes is essential. This project directly addresses these challenges by conserving, restoring, and enhancing 3,689 acres and supporting the Upper Mississippi /Great Lakes Joint Venture's priority efforts of Mallards breeding in the region.

**HABITAT TYPES AND WILDLIFE BENEFITTING:** This project focuses on improving Great Lakes Mallard populations by protecting critical habitats that increase nest success and duckling survival by conserving the grasslands and wetlands necessary for breeding, the initiative directly supports essential life stages for several waterfowl species such as Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, and Canada Geese.

**PUBLIC BENEFITS/PUBLIC ACCESS:** Approximately 52% of the 3,689 acres included in this project occurs on public lands managed by the Departments of Natural Resources in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, and one project to be transferred to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, all of which will support various forms of outdoor recreation including hunting, hiking and wildlife viewing.

**NEW PARTNERS:** This project introduces ten new partners, representing an assorted coalition of conservation stakeholders.

**RELATIONSHIP TO PREVIOUSLY FUNDED NAWCA PROPOSALS:** This initiative represents the second phase of the Great Lakes Mallard project, leveraging the momentum of Phase I to further protect critical breeding habitat for mallards and other priority migratory birds. While previous NAWCA funding in Wisconsin and Michigan has successfully addressed coastal wetland needs for migrating waterfowl, this phase shifts the focus inland to secure the upland and wetland mosaics necessary for nesting and brood rearing.

**THREATS AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** Urbanization poses an irreversible threat to the upland forests and grasslands essential for wildlife in this project area. Consequently, robust public-private partnerships are necessary to conserve the private lands required to sustain Great Lakes mallard populations.