## **MARYLAND NAWCA PROJECTS**

## \$12,537,627 \$52,018,710

NAWCA GRANT AMOUNT

TOTAL PARTNER INVESTMENT

NUMBER OF PROJECTS

20

TOTAL ACRES

51,690

Maryland currently has 20 NAWCA projects either completed or underway. These projects have conserved a total of 51,690 acres of wildlife habitat. NAWCA funding of more than \$12.5 million stimulated partner contributions of over \$52 million. These figures do not include multi-state projects.

## CHESAPEAKE RIVERS CONSERVATION PHASE I

The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the United States and stages or winters millions of waterfowl and other wetland dependent migratory birds every year. This project will contribute to a long-term, large landscape-scale effort to protect and restore wetland habitat in the Choptank, Nanticoke, Wicomico, and Pocomoke River watersheds, four of the most pristine watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.

These watersheds are renowned for verdant tidal and nontidal wetland complexes that support notable plant and wildlife biological diversity, including a significant number of rare species. The lower reaches of these rivers encompass three waterfowl Focus Areas for the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture (ACJV), primarily due to the large expanses of coastal marshes and submerged aquatic vegetation beds that provide excellent shelter and forage for migrating waterfowl like American black duck and several other high priority species.

Phase I will add 1,400 acres of permanently protected wetland/upland migratory bird habitat to the Maryland's State Forest System, and place conservation easements on another 1,205 acres. A total of 1,976 acres, or 76 percent, of the project area are declining palustrine forested, emergent, and scrub-shrub wetland habitats. Species that will benefit include priority waterfowl species such as the American black duck, northern pintail, wood duck, and mallard. The wetland-dependent American woodcock will also directly benefit from the project. Specific neotropical migrants which will benefit from protected habitat include prothonotary warblers, Kentucky warblers, wood thrush, and worm-eating warblers

	PROJECT NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	TOTAL PARTNER MATCH	TOTAL INVESTMENT	TOTAL ACRES
1.	POCOMOKE RIVER PARTNERSHIP	\$1,000,000	\$2,890,000	\$3,890,000	1,675
2.	WETLAND ENHANCEMENT & RESTORATION AT DEAL ISLAND WMA	\$66,400	\$152,100	\$218,500	2,916

20.	ISLAND CREEK GUN CLUB	\$664,000 <b>\$12,537,627</b>	\$664,000 <b>\$52,018,710</b>	\$1,328,000 <b>\$64,556,337</b>	2,425 <b>51,690</b>
19.	BLACKWATER NWR	\$1,080,000	\$1,875,000	\$2,955,000	2,298
18.	SAVANNA LAKE	\$1,000,000	\$1,744,980	\$2,744,980	4,323
17.	CHESTER RIVER	\$1,337,000	\$1,614,100	\$2,951,100	815
16.	WOLF SWAMP HABITAT RESTORATION	\$17,500	\$24,641	\$42,141	120
15.	CONQUEST FARM ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT	\$1,000,000	\$2,091,300	\$3,091,300	739
14.	CONQUEST FARM ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT	\$1,000,000	\$3,232,000	\$4,232,000	4,253
13.	BLACKWATER / NANTICOKE WATERSHED ACQUISITION, REST. & ENH.	\$700,000	\$2,194,000	\$2,894,000	3,161
12.	HOLLY BEACH FARM	\$1,000,000	\$13,200,000	\$14,200,000	417
11.	CHESTER RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVATION I	\$1,000,000	\$7,611,696	\$8,611,696	5,140
10.	PINEY CREEK HABITAT PROTECTION	\$50,000	\$165,000	\$215,000	80
9.	HEART OF THE CHESAPEAKE I	\$1,000,000	\$10,653,000	\$11,653,000	19,443
8.	E.A. VAUGHN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT	\$39,000	\$55,630	\$94,630	400
7.	POCOMOKE RIVER CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP I	\$648,727	\$1,450,169	\$2,098,896	1,843
6.	POCOMOKE RIVER CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP II	\$800,000	\$1,864,354	\$2,664,354	942
5.	HAIL COVE SHORELINE PROJECT	\$45,000	\$387,500	\$432,500	309
4.	BLACKWATER POOLS 3 & 5 WETLAND RESTORATION	\$75,000	\$131,240	\$206,240	141
3.	OAK HILL CONSERVATION EASEMENT	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$33,000	250

## **MARYLAND MULTI-STATE PROJECTS**

\$2,608,000 \$13,408,377

NAWCA GRANT AMOUNT

TOTAL PARTNER INVESTMENT

NUMBER OF PROJECTS

4

TOTAL ACRES

45,934

Maryland currently has 4 NAWCA multi-state project either completed or underway. This project has conserved a total of 45,934 acres of wildlife habitat. NAWCA funding of more than \$2.6 million stimulated partner contributions of over \$13.4 million.

PROJECT NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	TOTAL PARTNER MATCH	TOTAL INVESTMENT	TOTAL ACRES
ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN / NORTHERN RIDGE & VALLEY	\$75,000	\$215,589	\$290,589	434
CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVE	\$1,000,000	\$9,653,750	\$10,653,750	18,289
CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVE III	\$1,000,000	\$2,006,410	\$3,006,410	17,400
CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVE II	\$533,000	\$1,532,628	\$2,065,628	9,811
TOTAL:	\$2,608,000	\$13,408,377	\$16,016,377	45,934

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