

# RHODE ISLAND NAWCA PROJECTS

**\$6,600,433**

**\$31,686,678**

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**5,733**

NAWCA GRANT AMOUNT

TOTAL PARTNER CONTRIBUTION

NUMBER OF PROJECTS

TOTAL ACRES

*Rhode Island currently has 11 NAWCA projects either completed or underway. These projects have conserved a total of 5,733 acres of wildlife habitat. NAWCA funding of more than \$6.6 million stimulated partner contributions of over \$31.6 million.*

## WETLAND REST. ON THREE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES & ADJACENT LAND PHASE I

At the Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Complex, project partners will control common reed, an invasive, non-native plant species considered to be the highest management priority of all such invasive plants. Its ability to establish itself easily, reproduce prolifically, and disperse readily makes eradication costly, labor-intensive, and difficult; in the meantime, it quickly displaces native communities by out-competing them for sunlight, water, and nutrients.

Previous eradication efforts at Trustom Pond NWR, one of the complex's five refuges, resulted in a 90 percent decrease in common reed. In this project's first phase, partners will build on their success by continuing eradication efforts at this refuge, plus extending such efforts to adjacent private lands and to the Ninigret NWR. Additionally, partners will assess the reed situation at John H. Cafee NWR. In total, partners' reed control measures will help to restore native habitat on 52 acres of protected coastal wetlands. The project lands are within the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture's Coastal Ponds Focus Area, as well as its Ninigret Pond and Trustom Pond Sub-Focus Area.

	PROJECT NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	PARTNER CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL ACRES
1.	CRANDALL SWAMP	\$75,000	\$482,300	\$557,300	306
2.	LITTLE NARRAGANSETT BAY: PAWCATUCK RIVER WATERSHED	\$783,333	\$5,127,000	\$5,910,333	2,133
3.	BUZZARDS BAY WATERSHED: TIVERTON GREAT SWAMP	\$300,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,800,000	150
4.	WETLAND REST. ON THREE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES & ADJACENT LAND PHASE I	\$50,000	\$108,438	\$158,438	52
5.	EAST BAY HABITAT PROTECTION PROJECT II	\$1,000,000	\$3,340,425	\$4,340,425	507
6.	BLOCK ISLAND	\$500,000	\$7,667,000	\$8,167,000	214

	MIGRATORY BIRD WETLANDS II				
7.	BLOCK ISLAND MIGRATORY BIRD WETLANDS PARTNERSHIP	\$1,000,000	\$4,464,000	\$5,464,000	168
8.	EAST BAY HABITAT PROTECTION I	\$320,000	\$742,773	\$1,062,773	306
9.	SOUTH SHORE HABITAT PROTECTION II	\$1,342,100	\$3,812,100	\$5,154,200	932
10.	SOUTH SHORE HABITAT PROTECTION III	\$230,000	\$619,000	\$849,000	53
11.	SOUTH SHORE HABITAT PROTECTION	\$1,000,000	\$3,823,642	\$4,823,642	912
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$6,600,433</b>	<b>\$31,686,678</b>	<b>\$38,287,111</b>	<b>5,733</b>

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