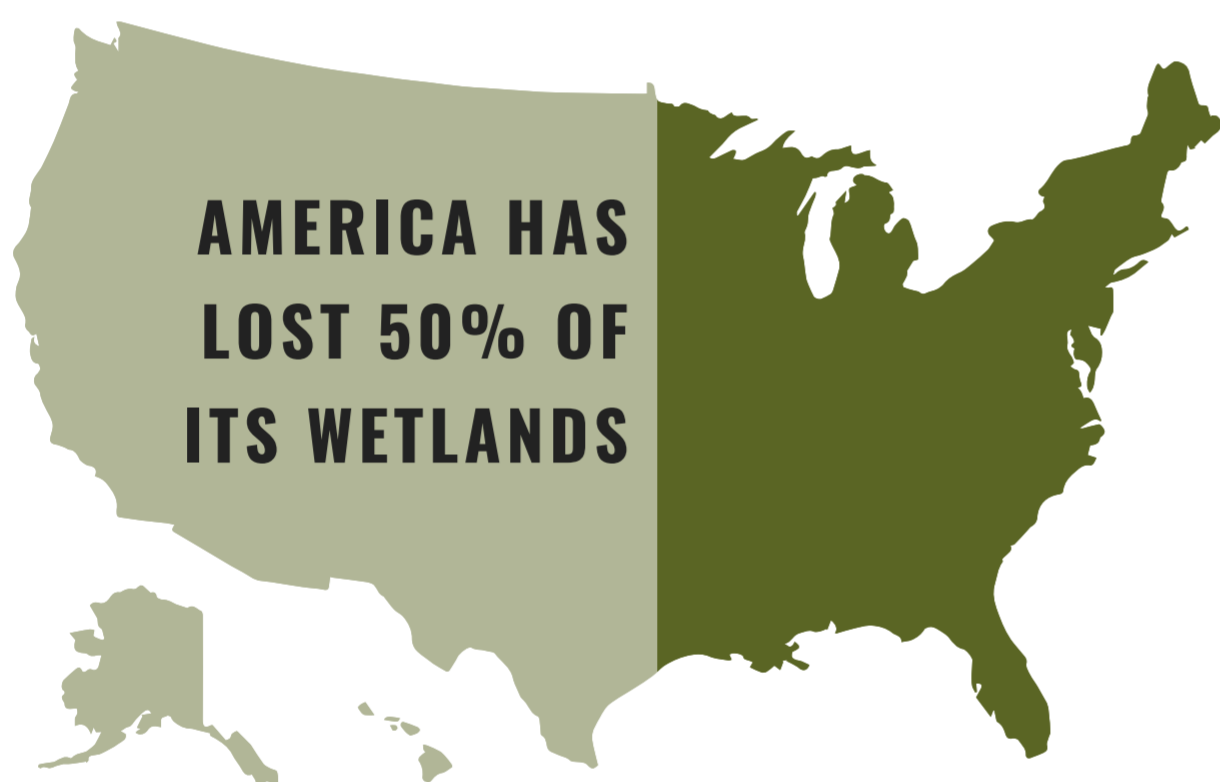


NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT: A COMPREHENSIVE HISTORY

Since its inception in 1989, NAWCA grants totaling more than \$1.6 billion have leveraged \$4.68 billion in contributions from partners. These contributions have far exceeded match requirements, allowing for successful implementation of wetland habitat restoration projects across North America. Federal and non-federal funding has resulted in the conservation of more than 29.8 million acres of wetlands and associated uplands across North America. The abundance of wildlife, including many species of waterfowl, other migratory birds, fish and mammals supported by wetlands, translates into multi-billion dollar activities for Americans who enjoy hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing and photography.

1:1 NAWCA REQUIRES A 1:1 MATCH, BUT PARTNERS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL OFTEN DOUBLE OR TRIPLE FEDERAL FUNDS



Through the history of the program, NAWCA has provided...

2,833

PROJECTS USING NAWCA GRANTS,
TOTALING \$1.6 BILLION

29.8 MILLION

ACRES OF HABITAT IMPACTED USING
NAWCA FUNDING

6,000

PARTNERS CONTRIBUTE OVER \$4.6
BILLION IN MATCHED FUNDS

...in all 50 states



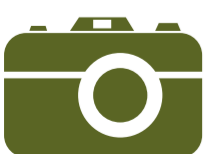
NAWCA conserves and restores wetlands to increase water quantity and quality.

Wetlands store water and recharge aquifers, securing future water supplies and reducing soil erosion in the event of floods. Wetlands also preserve water quality by removing phosphates, nitrogen and pesticides.



NAWCA funds have created on average, nearly 7,500 new jobs annually in the US.¹

These jobs generate more than \$200 million in worker earnings each year. NAWCA has benefited the national economy by translating \$1.3 billion in federal funds into more than \$5 billion in on-the-ground conservation and economic activity in North America.



NAWCA expands recreational opportunities for people such as hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing and photography.

These recreational activities are a multi-billion dollar industry. On average, Americans spend \$887 billion on outdoor recreation and the recreation industry directly supports over 7.6 million jobs²

1. "A Programmatic Evaluation of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) in the United States and Canada" Final Report. Conducted for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service by Responsive Management, September 2002

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