

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Partners for Fish & Wildlife Private Lands Program





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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Mission

The Mission of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American People.



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Mission

To efficiently achieve voluntary habitat restoration on private lands, through financial and technical assistance, for the benefit of Federal Trust Species.



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Federal Trust Resources



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Migratory Birds



Photo: Joel Trick, USFWS

Threatened and Endangered Species



Photo: Jim Boase, USFWS

Inter-jurisdictional Fish



Photo: Shawn Papon, USFWS

USFWS Lands



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Goals

1. Conserve Habitat
2. Broaden and Strengthen Partnerships
3. Improve Information Sharing and Communication
4. Enhance Our Workforce
5. Increase Accountability



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Partnerships

- Federal, State, and Local Agencies
- Conservation Organizations
- Individuals





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Working to

- Provide Technical Information to Landowners
- Restore Wetland, Riparian, and In-Stream Habitats
- Restore Native Upland Habitats
- Remove Barriers for Fish Passage
- Leverage Funds and Resources to further conservation priorities



Photo: Katherine Whittmore



Photo: Shawn Papon



Photo: Shawn May



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Accomplishments to Date

- + 45,000 Landowners
- + 3,000 Conservation Partners
- + 1,000,000 Acres Wetland
- + 11,000 Miles of Streams
- + 3,000,000 Acres Upland



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Local Biologist's Role

- Site Evaluation
- Project Design
- Compliance (Permits)
- Construction Oversight
- Post-Project Evaluation





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Meet with the Landowner



Photo: Jacob Hernandez

Site Evaluation

- Soil Characteristics
- Location Suitability
- Land History
- Restoration Potential



Photo: USFWS



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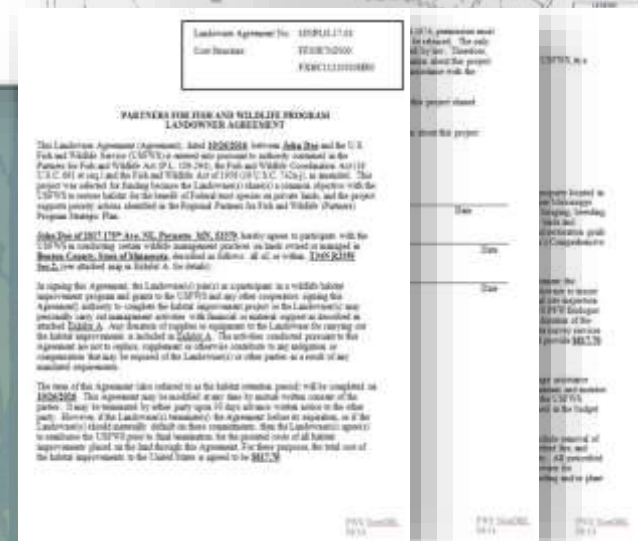
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Project Design

- Survey Elevations
- Determine Project Boundaries and Impacts
- Develop Plan
- Landowner Agreement

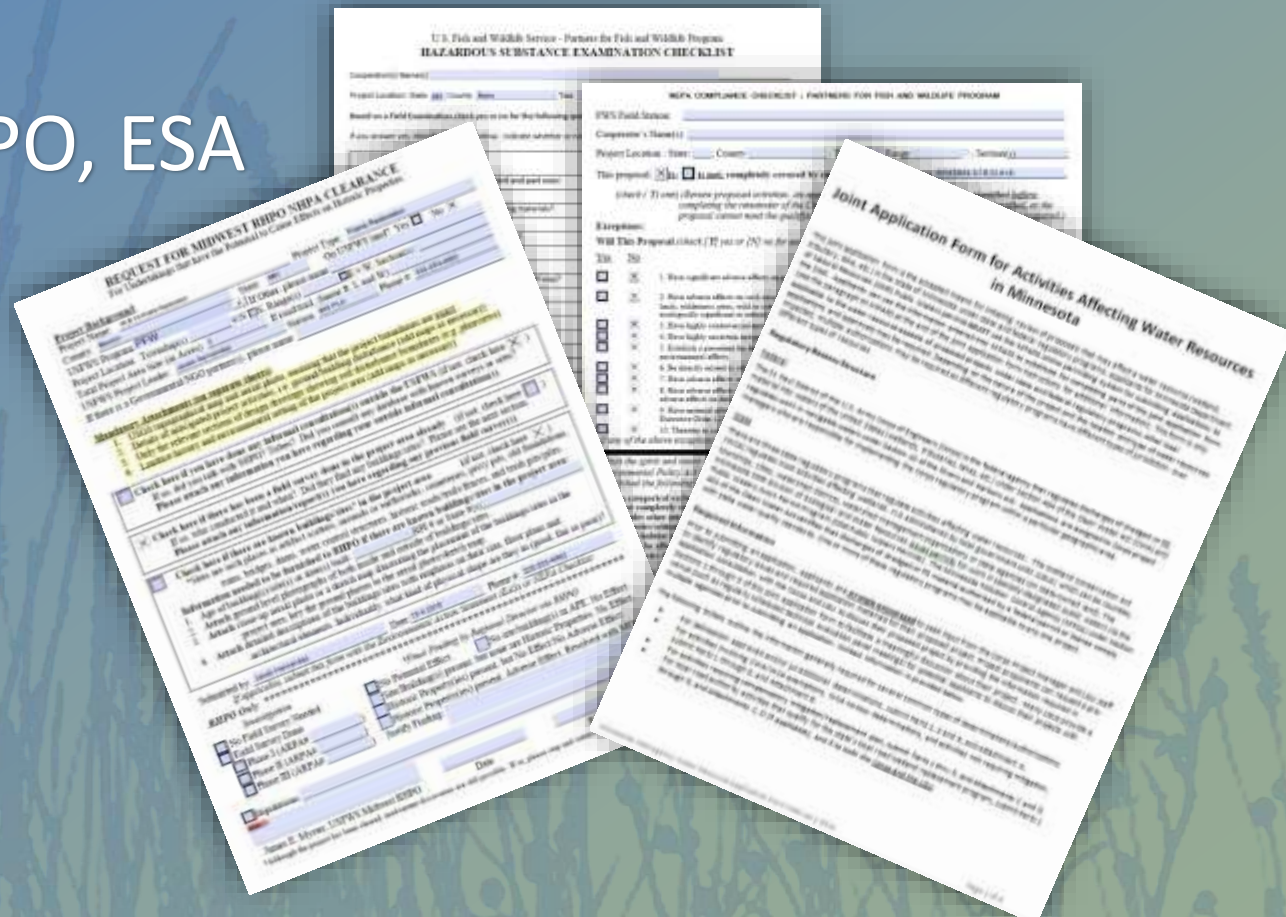




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Compliance

- Federal, State, and Local Permits
- NEPA, SHPO, ESA
- Wetland





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Construction Oversight



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Photo: Lori Stevens



Photo: John Riens



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Post-Project Evaluation

Did we achieve what we expected?



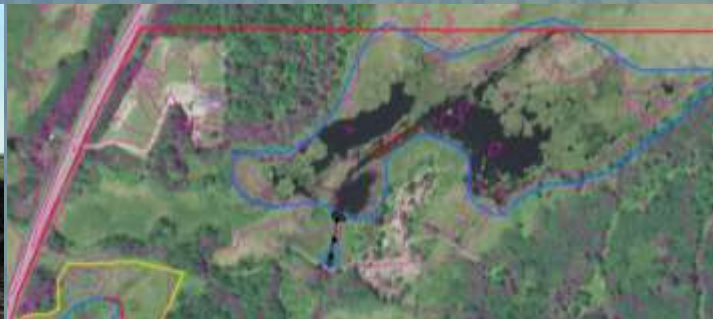
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Wetland Restoration

- Site Preparation
- Design
- Follow-up Practices
- Long-Term Management





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Wetland Restoration





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Wetland Restoration





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Prairie Restoration

- Site Preparation
- Seeding
- Follow-up Practices
- Long-Term Management





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Prairie Restoration





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Prairie Restorations

Grasslands take TIME!



Year of Planting



2nd Year



4th or 5th Year

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Questions



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will the public be able to hunt/ access my property?
2. Can I hunt on or near the restored area?
3. What if I sell my property within the 10 years?
4. What if a dike Fails?
5. Can I have a narrow trail through the prairie we restore for wildlife viewing or hunting?
6. Does this give the government free access to my property?
7. How long is the Landowner agreement for? Is it a contract?
8. What does FWS get out of helping me?
9. What happens if we find an endangered species?
10. Will there be any restriction on what I can do with my Land?
11. Why won't PFW cost share food plots and tree plantings?
12. Is there funding for invasive species removal such as buckthorn.