***NAWCA Standard Grants (2015)***

***Massachusetts***

***Title:*** *Great Marsh II*

***State(s):*** *Massachusetts* ***BCR:*** *New England/Mid-Atlantic (30)*

***Project Officer and Organization:*** *Patricia Huckery, MA Division of Fish & Wildlife*

***Grant Request:*** *$720,034* ***Non-Federal Partner Contributions:*** *$1,943,434*

***Acres:*** *808(P), 202(R), 80(E)*

This project has outstanding wetland habitat values in an extremely important part of the Atlantic Flyway for most bird groups, such as wintering waterfowl, breeding waterbirds, and migrating shorebirds and landbirds. This project would permanently protect 808 acres and restore and enhance 282 acres in a landscape that is extremely important to these bird groups.

***New Jersey***

***Title:*** *Southeast New Jersey Coastal Initiative II*

***State(s):*** *Delaware* ***BCR:*** *New England/Mid-Atlantic(30)*

***Project Officer and Organization:*** *Bernie Marczyk, Ducks Unlimited*

***Grant Request:*** *$1,000,000* ***Non-Federal Partner Contributions:*** *$4,971,634*

***Acres:*** *1,673(P)*

This project has outstanding wetland habitat values in an extremely important part of the Atlantic Flyway for most bird groups, in particular migrating shorebird and landbird species, for which it may be one of the single most-important stopover areas on the continent. This project permanently protects nearly 2,000 acres of habitat in a landscape with very high development pressure and land prices.

***New York***

***Title:*** *St. Lawrence River/Thousand Islands*

***State(s):*** *New York* ***BCR:*** *Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Plain (13)*

***Project Officer and Organization:*** *Jake Tibbles, Thousand Islands Trust*

***Grant Request:*** *$1,000,000* ***Non-Federal Partner Contributions:*** *$2,136,773*

***Acres:*** *1893 (P)15 (R)25(E)*

The St. Lawrence Valley (SLV) is one of the most important areas on the continent for staging waterfowl, and was one of the original seven NAWMP joint venture areas. The region also provides important breeding habitat for waterfowl and several highest-priority early-successional species, such as Golden-winged Warbler, for which the wetland-shrub mosaics in the SLV represent a critical regional stronghold. This project would permanently protect over 2,000 acres in the SLV, including Lake Ontario shorefront and bays, and several key islands near the mouth of the St. Lawrence River.

***Title:*** *Lake Ontario Watershed II*

***State(s):*** *New York* ***BCR:*** *Lower Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Plain (13)*

***Project Officer and Organization:*** *Linda Garrett, Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust*

***Grant Request:*** *$990,012* ***Non-Federal Partner Contributions:*** *$2,009,988*

***Acres:*** *3,387(P), 131(R), 10(E)*

This project would permanently protect nearly 3,400 acres in the Lake Ontario watershed, including nearly a thousand acres of wetlands within a network of productive beaver flowages and wetland complexes in a largely undeveloped landscape. The project also includes a habitat enhancement and restoration in two important landscapes in the Lake Ontario plain, which are important for breeding and staging waterfowl and other wetland birds in the Atlantic Flyway: the areas around Montezuma and Iroquois National Wildlife Refuges.

***North Carolina***

***Title:*** *Northeast Cape Fear River Corridor Project*

***State(s):*** *North Carolina* ***BCR:*** *Southeastern Coastal Plain (27)*

***Project Officer and Organization:*** *Janice L. Allen, North Carolina Coastal Land Trust*

***Grant Request:*** *$1,000,000* ***Non-Federal Partner Contributions:*** *$2,550,000*

***Acres:*** *4,310 (P)*

This project has outstanding wetland habitat values in an extremely important part of the Atlantic Flyway for most bird groups, such as wintering waterfowl, breeding waterbirds, and migrating shorebirds and landbirds. It would permanently protect >3,300 acres in conservation easements, plus acquire in fee >1,000 acres, which would be transferred to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, to join the adjacent 33,000-acre Angola Bay Game Lands.

***Title:*** *ACC Wetlands*

***State(s):*** *North Carolina* ***BCR:*** *Southeastern Coastal Plain (27)*

***Project Officer and Organization:*** *Janice Allen, North Carolina Coastal Land Trust*

***Grant Request:*** *$1,000,000* ***Non-Federal Partner Contributions:*** *$2,200,000*

***Acres:*** *2,745 (P)*

This project has outstanding wetland habitat values in an extremely important part of the Atlantic Flyway for most bird groups, such as wintering waterfowl, breeding waterbirds, and migrating shorebirds and landbirds. It would permanently protect 2,745 acres in the ACJV’s Roanoke/Chowan and Currituck Focus areas and focus areas of the South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative, and greatly add to the growing conservation estate in eastern North Carolina.

***South Carolina***

***Title:*** Lowcountry Protection I

***State(s):*** *South Carolina* ***BCR:*** *Southeastern Coastal Plains (27)*

***Project Officer and Organization:*** *Craig LeSchack, Ducks Unlimited, Inc.*

***Grant Request:*** *$1,000,000* ***Non-Federal Partner Contributions****: $2,060,116*

***Acres:*** *2,445(P)*

This project has outstanding wetland habitat values in an extremely important part of the Atlantic Flyway for most bird groups, such as wintering waterfowl, breeding waterbirds, and migrating shorebirds and landbirds. This project includes permanent protection for a well-known property (Nemours Plantation) greater than 1,000 acres, which is adjacent to the ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge.

***Title:*** *South Carolina Lowcountry Wetlands VI*

***State(s):*** *South Carolina* ***BCR:*** *Southeastern Coastal Plain (27)*

***Project Officer and Organization:*** *James Rader, Ducks Unlimited, Inc.*

***Grant Request:*** *$1,000,000* ***Non-Federal Partner Contributions:*** *$2,000,416*

***Acres:*** *754(P) 2,029(E)*

This project has outstanding wetland habitat values in an extremely important part of the Atlantic Flyway for most bird groups, such as wintering waterfowl, breeding waterbirds, and migrating shorebirds and landbirds. It would permanently protect 750 acres in the ACJV’s ACE Basin Focus Area, and enhance >2,000 acres of high-quality wetland habitat at several key areas, including ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge and Bear Island Wildlife Management Area.

***Title:*** *SC Coastal Refuges Partnership II*

***State(s):*** *South Carolina* ***BCR:*** *Southeastern Coastal Plain (27)*

***Project Officer and Organization:*** *Mark Purcell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

***Grant Request:*** *$1,000,000* ***Non-Federal Partner Contributions:*** $1,506,000

***Acres:*** *820(P) 1,424(E)*

This project has outstanding wetland habitat values in an extremely important part of the Atlantic Flyway for most bird groups, such as wintering waterfowl, breeding waterbirds, and migrating shorebirds and landbirds. It would permanently protect 830 acres in two ACJV coastal Focus Areas, and enhances >1,100 acres of high-quality wetland habitat at Cape Romaine NWR as well as 324 acres at ACE Basin NWR.

***Title:*** *Coastal SC Wetlands Partnership*

***State(s):*** *South Carolina* ***BCR:*** *Southeastern Coastal Plain (27)*

***Project Officer and Organization:*** *Paula Reidheer, Winyah Rivers Foundation*

***Grant Request:*** *$1,000,000* ***Non-Federal Partner Contributions:*** *$2,077,000*

***Acres:*** *2,624(P)*

This project has outstanding wetland habitat values in an extremely important part of the Atlantic Flyway for most bird groups, such as wintering waterfowl, breeding waterbirds, and migrating shorebirds and landbirds. This project permanently protects >2,600 acres in several ACJV coastal Focus Areas.

***Title:*** Coastal South Carolina Wetlands Partnership II

***State(s):*** *South Carolina* ***BCR:*** *Southeastern Coastal Plains (27)*

***Project Officer and Organization:*** *Paula Reidhaar, Waccamaw Riverkeeper*

***Grant Request:*** *$1,000,000* ***Non-Federal Partner Contributions****: $2,045,000*

***Acres:*** *1,847(P)*

This project has outstanding wetland habitat values in an extremely important part of the Atlantic Flyway for most bird groups, such as wintering waterfowl, breeding waterbirds, and migrating shorebirds and landbirds. This project includes permanent protection of six tracts of land in national and regional priority bird conservation areas.

***Title:*** *South Carolina Wetlands Landscape III*

***State(s):*** *South Carolina* ***BCR:*** *Southeastern Coastal Plain (27)*

***Project Officer and Organization:*** *James Rader, Ducks Unlimited*

***Grant Request:*** *$1,000,000* ***Non-Federal Partner Contributions:*** $2,039,121

***Acres:*** *376(R) 3,232(E)*

This project has outstanding wetland habitat values in an extremely important part of the Atlantic Flyway for most bird groups, such as wintering waterfowl, breeding waterbirds, and migrating shorebirds and landbirds. It would restore and enhance 3,608 acres in a landscape of large managed wetlands and protected lands in all of the national priority areas for the four bird groups, and all of the focus areas of the South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative.

***NAWCA Small Grants (2015)***

***Georgia***

Flint River WMA Wetland Project – Flint River WMA will be restored to a complex of forested and managed wetlands in an AJCV Focus area and which is highly important to waterfowl in Georgia. This restoration will greatly improve habitat for waterfowl and other wetland dependent birds and provide additional hunting opportunities to the public in this part of Georgia.

***Massachusetts***

Eagle River Preserve Recreation Area – This project will protect in perpetuity 144 acres of prime bird habitat in Massachusetts in a largely forested areas. This complex of wetlands will provide habitat for a variety of high priority species, including Black Duck, American Bittern, American Woodcock, and Rusty Blackbird.

Lower Angeline Brook – The acquisition of 50 acres in the Buzzard’s Bay area will protect high quality habitat in a highly threatened landscape. This landscape is gradually attaining a much larger protected lands base, and this project will enhance the overall quality of the bird habitat in the Buzzard’s Bay area.

**Maine**

WB Pleasant River Gulf Hagas – This project has high acreage, very high resource values and in a high priority landscape and which encompasses a highly protected landscape driven by outstanding partnerships.

Crystal Bog - Acquisition of 234 acres in two tracts will add to the protected acreage of the Cranberry Bog Preserve managed by The Nature Conservancy. These bog habitats and wetlands are highly valuable to a wide variety of high priority migratory bird species, including waterfowl and high priority Partners In Flight species.

Gardiner Pond Wetlands – The fee title acquisition of 302 acres adjacent to the 80 acre Gardiner Pond will protect and sustain habitats for many high priority species in the Kennebec Estuary.

Woodward Cove Wetlands – The acquisition of 25 acres of a complex of wetlands in this area will protect habitat for a large number of high priority species in BCR 14. The Maine Coastal Program recognizes this area as important and has assisted in other conservation projects in the area.

Sheep Island in Pleasant Bay – Sheep Island is recognized as a high priority for protection by the Maine Coastal Program, and would protect and provide habitats for Common Eider, three species of Scoter, Purple Sandpiper, Common Tern and Ruddy Turnstone.

Knight's Pond & Blueberry Hill – This project will protect 215 acres of a forest and wetland complex in the Portland, Maine area. The lower ranking is due to the urban nature of the project, yet it will provide habitats for wildlife, including some high priority species.

Beaver Dam Heath Wetlands I – EMACK – This is a fee title acquisition of 32 acres and will protect valuable wetland and upland habitats for birds in this region of Maine. The lower ranking is simply due to lower acreages relative to the projects ranked higher.

***New York***

Cranberry Creek - St. Lawrence/Thousand Islands – The St. Lawrence River region is a very high priority landscape within the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture, and through protection of 233 acres and restoration of 37 acres of grasslands, this project will greatly sustain and enhance the habitats required of many high priority species in BCR 13.