



# Cumberland Plateau Stewardship Fund

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- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- International Paper
- Altria Group

## ABOUT NFWF

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Prairie warbler

## OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, International Paper and Altria Group announced a ninth round of funding for Cumberland Plateau Stewardship Fund projects. Four new forest and freshwater habitat restoration grants totaling \$835,000 were awarded. The four awards announced generated \$9.8 million in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$10.6 million.

The Cumberland Plateau Stewardship Fund restores native forests and freshwater habitats to conditions that will improve associated wildlife species and the health of freshwater systems while advancing strategies to support working forests. Priority areas include:

- Establishing shortleaf pine and oak forests
- Enhancing and maintaining existing shortleaf pine-oak ecosystems
- Restoring and enhancing riparian forests and watershed health to support aquatic species
- Expanding and coordinating technical assistance and outreach
- Conservation easements

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Ruffed grouse

**Soak Creek Farm Grassland and Shortleaf Pine Restoration (TN)**

TennGreen Land Conservancy

Grant Amount: ..... \$215,000  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$9,041,000  
 Total Project Amount: ..... \$9,256,000

Restore grassland and shortleaf pine habitats, treat native hemlocks for the invasive hemlock woolly adelgid along creeks flowing to the Soak Creek State Scenic River, and engage young conservationists and landowners through educational events in Bledsoe and Rhea counties in Tennessee. Project will burn 338 acres of early successional habitat, plant 60,000 shortleaf pine seedlings, and treat 48 acres of hemlock, benefitting prairie warbler and other grassland birds, as well as aquatic species.

**Restoring Forest Habitat for Wildlife in the Cumberland Plateau (KY, TN)**

Ruffed Grouse Society

Grant Amount: ..... \$199,960  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$200,458  
 Total Project Amount: ..... \$400,418

Improve forest health through forest restoration and management to benefit at-risk wildlife species on private and public lands in the Cumberland Plateau region of Kentucky and Tennessee. Project will work with public land managers and private landowners to restore and enhance more than 10,000 acres of shortleaf pine and oak forest habitat to improve populations of golden-winged warbler, ruffed grouse, and other woodland and savanna-dependent species.

**Implementing Low-Cost Stream and Riparian Buffer Restoration Techniques on Private Lands (KY, TN)**

Cumberland River Compact

Grant Amount: ..... \$149,998  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$156,150  
 Total Project Amount: ..... \$306,148

Engage landowners and interested individuals in hands-on stream bank repair of small headwater streams and restoration of the associated riparian buffers within priority watersheds in the Cumberland Plateau region of Kentucky and Tennessee. Project will train landowners and students from historically black colleges and universities on stream restoration techniques and plant 14,000 trees along 4 miles of stream, benefitting fish, freshwater mussels and other aquatics species.

**Engaging Private Landowners to Restore Shortleaf Pine and Improve Aquatic Habitat (AL)**

Alabama Forestry Foundation

Grant Amount: ..... \$270,000  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$360,000  
 Total Project Amount: ..... \$630,000

Engage family forest owners in the Cumberland Plateau region of Alabama to restore and improve shortleaf pine forests, and protect and improve stream and riparian habitat for at-risk aquatic species. Project will restore and enhance more than 5,000 acres of shortleaf pine habitat, improve 5 miles of riparian habitat through invasive species control or streambank restoration, and open 15 miles of stream by retrofitting culverts, benefitting grassland birds and aquatic species.