Southeast Aquatics Fund

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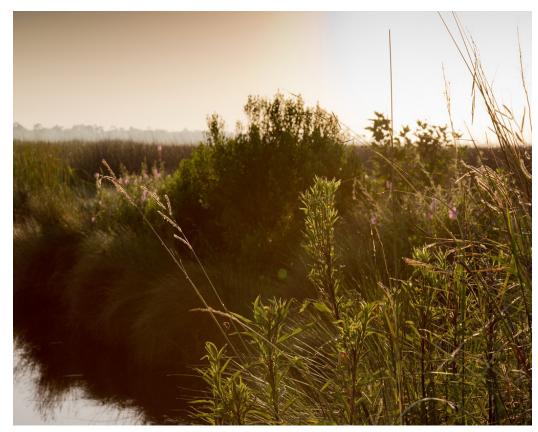
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- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Southern Company



Morning light on a wetland in Alabama

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), USDA's Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Southern Company announced a fifth year of funding for Southeast Aquatics Fund projects. Four new watershed-based habitat restoration and enhancement grants totaling \$646,000 were awarded. The four awards announced generated \$648,000 in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of nearly \$1.3 million.

The Southeast Aquatics Fund is a competitive grants program that supports watershedbased restoration to improve the health of southeastern aquatic systems and secure populations of native freshwater aquatic species. Utilizing a habitat-based approach means a diversity of species benefit, from game species to at-risk species, helping to reduce the possibility of future listings under the Endangered Species Act.

ABOUT NFWF

Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Working with federal, corporate and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 5,000 organizations and generated a conservation impact of \$6.8 billion.

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2021 GRANT SLATE



Black warrior waterdog. Photo by Todd Pierson.

Improving Fish Passage for Aquatic Organisms in the Holly Creek Watershed of Northwest Georgia (II)

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Amount:\$250,000	
Matching Funds:\$250,000	
Total Project: \$500,000	
Improve connectivity in the Holly Creek watershed in	
Northwest Georgia by replacing an undersized plastic culvert	
at Yellow Creek and Piney Road, which will open 1.9 miles	
of fish passage. Project will address a significant barrier to	
aquatic species passage and greatly reduce sediment loading	
from active erosion around the culvert, benefitting species	
including the trispot darter, bridled darter, blue shiner, Coosa	
creekshell and Alabama rainbow.	

Priority Stream Restoration Planning and Outreach in Locust Fork and Big Canoe Creek Watersheds (AL)

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Amount:	\$133,507
Matching Funds:	\$133,508
Total Project:	\$267,015

Provide landowner outreach, field support, technical assistance, and initial project planning efforts to facilitate priority stream restoration projects within the Locust Fork and Big Canoe Creek watersheds in Alabama. Project will improve downstream effects of sedimentation and non-point source pollution resulting in improved water quality and expansion of critical habitat for impacted species, including Black Warrior waterdog, flattened musk turtle and trispot darter.

Water Conservation in Orchards in the Lower Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin (GA)

Nature-Based Restoration of Shoals in the Conasauga River (GA, TN)

Grantee: University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc.	
Grant Amount:\$213,340	
Matching Funds:\$213,798	
Total Project: \$427,138	
Restore three shoals in the in the Upper Conasauga	
River mainstem through the addition of logs and the re-	
establishment of American water willow and riverweed.	
Project will improve habitat quality for imperiled fishes	
and mussels within the Conasauga River, a hotspot for	
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