# Sustain Our Great Lakes

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### PARTNERS

- Careus Foundation
- Cleveland-Cliffs
- Crown Family Philanthropies
- General Mills
- Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
- Walder Foundation
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- USDA Forest Service
- USDA Natural Resources
  Conservation Service

## **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 6,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$7.4 billion.



**Ducks floating on Lake Ontario** 

# MISSION

Administered by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), the Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL) grant program is a public–private partnership that supports restoration in the Great Lakes Basin. This program receives funding and other support from Careus Foundation, Cleveland-Cliffs, the Crown Family, General Mills, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, Walder Foundation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The mission of this program is to restore and enhance fish, wildlife, and habitat in the Great Lakes Basin by leveraging funding, building conservation capacity, and focusing partners and resources toward key ecological issues. A significant portion of program funding is provided by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a federal program designed to conserve, restore and enhance the Great Lakes ecosystem.

## **PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS**

To date, SOGL has awarded a total of \$111 million through 453 grants. Grantees matched SOGL's investment with an additional \$130 million, bringing the total on-the-ground conservation impact to more than \$241 million.

These investments have supported:

# 2,452 STREAM MILES

of aquatic connectivity restoration **527 MILES** of stream and riparian habitat restoration

# **321 MILLION GALLONS**

of additional stormwater storage

# 45,867 ACRES

of wetland and associated upland habitat restoration 64,000 ACRES

of regenerative agricultural practices implemented on farmland

