Southeast Aquatics Fund

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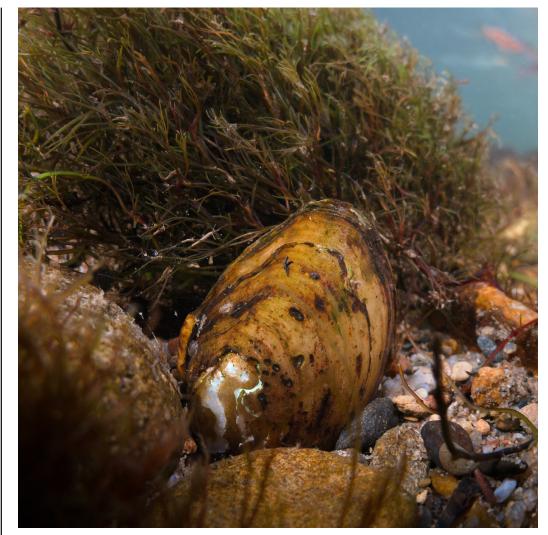
PARTNERS

- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Cargill
- Nestlé
- Southern Company
- The Altria Group

ABOUT NFWF

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Freshwater mussel

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Southern Company, Cargill, and Nestlé announced a seventh round of funding for the Southeast Aquatics Fund projects. Eight new watershed-based habitat restoration, enhancement and assessment projects totaling \$2.4 million were awarded. The eight awards announced generated \$1.8 million in matching contributions from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$4.2 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.



Bluehead chub, yellowfin shiners, central stonerollers, and warpaint shiners

Research and Assessment of the Trispot Darter and Alabama Rainbow Mussel (AL)

Grantee: Cawaco Resource Conservation & Development Council

Grant Amount:\$397,700	
Matching Funds:\$113,300	
Total Project Amount:\$511,000	
Support surveys to assess and propagate Alabama rainbow	
mussels and study the range and habitat of the trispot darter.	
Project will survey within the Big Canoe Creek and other	
subwatersheds in the Middle Coosa Watershed and will	
continue work on suitability assessments and reintroduction	
efforts for Alabama rainbow mussel.	

Restoration Planning and Sediment Reduction in Urban Headwaters of Locust Fork and Middle Coosa (AL)

Assessing Freshwater Mussel Distribution and Potential Remediation in the Upper Chipola River (AL, FL) Grantee: Troy University

Managing Ranchlands in Central and South Florida to Improve Water Quality



Banded sculpin

Using Remote Sensing and Machine Learning to Improve Grazing Lands Management (FL)

Grantee: National Grazing Lands Coalition

Grant Amount:	\$449,000	
Matching Funds:	\$101,300	
Total Project Amount:	\$550,300	
Use remote sensing, machine learning and artificial intelligence		
to help producers optimize stocking rates; plan rotations,		
rest and recovery days; monitor forage growt	h; and improve	
forage-based beef production efficiency. Proje	ect will utilize	
improved grazing management practices to increase soil		
carbon sequestration and increase water holding capacity		
and filtration of the soil, benefitting water qua	ality and aquatic	
species in Lake Okeechobee and the surround	ling watersheds.	

Landowner Education for the Implementation of Sustainable Grazing Practices (FL)

Engaging Agricultural Producers to Stabilize Flow in the Lower Flint River (GA)

Riparian Restoration and Plant Propagation in the Conasauga River Basin (GA, TN)