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# Acres for America

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## ABOUT NFWF

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) works with partners to foster sustainable and impactful conservation solutions so that people and nature thrive together. Chartered by Congress in 1984, NFWF has grown to become the nation's largest conservation foundation. Since its founding, NFWF has funded more than 23,300 projects that have generated a total conservation impact of \$11.3 billion.

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## OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and Walmart announced its 21st year of funding through the Acres for America program, one of the most effective public-private partnerships in the history of U.S. land conservation efforts. Five new grants totaling \$3.6 million were awarded to projects in Alaska, Florida, Maine, Michigan and North Carolina toward the protection of more than 145,000 acres. These five awards will leverage an additional \$56 million in matching contributions, creating a total conservation impact of \$59.6 million.

Acres for America is NFWF's premier land conservation program. Since 2005, NFWF and Walmart have supported the conservation of critical habitats for birds, fish, plants and wildlife; connection of existing protected lands to unify wild places and protected migration routes; providing access for people to enjoy the outdoors; and safeguarding the future of local economies that depend on forestry, ranching and recreation.

Since its inception, Acres for America has funded 132 projects in 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to permanently protect more than 2 million acres — far surpassing its original goal of 100,000 acres.

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Juvenile brook trout

**Black River Ranch of Northern Michigan**

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy  
 Grant Amount:..... \$650,000  
 Matching Funds:..... \$17,350,000  
 Total Project Amount:..... \$18,000,000  
 Protect the 8,850-acre Black River Ranch property, one of the last remaining large, intact, forested, privately owned tracts of land in Michigan’s Lower Peninsula. Project will ensure the tract will be properly managed for sustainable timber, wildlife habitat (specifically elk, winter deer and upland game birds), fisheries habitat and public recreational uses.

**Connecting the Lochloosa Wildlife Corridor (FL)**

Grantee: Alachua Conservation Trust  
 Grant Amount:..... \$500,000  
 Matching Funds:..... \$13,537,000  
 Total Project Amount:..... \$14,037,000  
 Acquire the Inmon tract totaling 4,636 acres, connecting more than 87,000 acres of previously protected and publicly accessible land within the Lochloosa Wildlife Corridor. Project will safeguard habitat for Florida black bear, gopher tortoise, Eastern indigo snake and other key Florida wildlife; expand opportunities for public recreation; and allow for expansion of longleaf pine habitat across the landscape.

**Conserving Globally Significant Brook Trout and Bird Habitat in the Magalloway Watershed (ME)**

Grantee: Forest Society of Maine  
 Grant Amount:..... \$1,000,000  
 Matching Funds:..... \$10,000,000  
 Total Project Amount:..... \$11,000,000  
 Conserve 78,000 acres of forestland containing a nationally

important watershed for brook trout and a landscape of various wildlife habitats including vital bird migration habitat, along with productive timberlands and traditional recreational opportunities. Project will connect existing permanently conserved lands to create a 500,000-acre conservation corridor in the Northern Appalachian Forest, a major pathway for movement of species in eastern North America.

**Protecting Coastal Lagoon Systems (AK)**

Grantee: The Conservation Fund  
 Grant Amount:..... \$500,000  
 Matching Funds:..... \$5,093,650  
 Total Project Amount:..... \$5,593,650  
 Purchase a nearly 50,000-acre conservation easement in northwest Arctic Alaska. The project permanently protects one of the largest, undiminished coastal lagoon systems in the world. It is habitat for an astonishing diversity and abundance of marine and terrestrial mammals and migratory birds.

**Protecting Southern Appalachian Forests and Ensuring Public Access on Hickorynut Mountain (NC)**

Grantee: Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina  
 Grant Amount:..... \$950,000  
 Matching Funds:..... \$10,024,800  
 Total Project Amount:..... \$10,974,800  
 Acquire and permanently protect 12,000 acres of mountainous forestland at the junction of the Blue Ridge Mountains and South Mountains of Western North Carolina. Project will acquire land for public ownership, guaranteeing public access, habitat management and preservation, and water quality protection.