

NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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American kestrel in Michigan

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THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Advancing America's Conservation Legacy

The vast natural resources and iconic wildlife populations of the United States have shaped the nation's history and enriched its heritage since before our nation's founding 250 years ago.

The American approach to conservation can set an example for the world to follow. Establishment of national parks and wildlife refuges, reverence for wildlife, conservation ideals guiding the use of natural resources, commitment to conservation within both the public and private sectors, local community involvement, youth engagement, and the freedom to enjoy outdoor recreation of all types — all represent fundamental aspects of American life.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation plays a leading role in ensuring that the nation's iconic wildlife populations continue to thrive, and that its forests, grasslands, mountains, rivers, lakes, coasts and oceans remain productive, healthy and strong.

Working together, we can build a safe and prosperous future for the United States of America while also conserving its wildlife populations and natural landscapes.

Bald eagle
in Alaska

Investing in conservation so wildlife and people thrive

In the pages ahead, we look back on some of the many conservation accomplishments achieved in 2025 by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), its funding partners across the public and private sectors, and all the grantee organizations that work to ensure that wildlife and people thrive together.

There are so many amazing and inspiring stories to share. In our *2025 Annual Report*, we feature a few examples of how effective, efficient and cutting-edge conservation can benefit not only wildlife, but communities and businesses across a range of economic sectors and geographic regions. Agriculture, forestry, water resources, fisheries, outdoor recreation — work done in close coordination with stakeholders in these

areas illustrates the incredible potential for success when the public and private sectors unite to advance bedrock American conservation ideals.

As we look back on 2025, we must also look ahead to a momentous year. In 2026, we will mark



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— JOHN A. TOMKE

historic milestones, especially the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of our nation. The coming year will also mark the opening of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in North Dakota, where the epic story of America's conservation ethos will be told.

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The freedom, opportunity and strength offered by our nation's vast natural resources have, in no small way, defined what it means to be American. Fearless exploration and opportunity through hard work — these represent some of the best aspects of our early history and heritage.

We can look back with pride on the American conservation movement. Much has been learned, and remains to be learned, from Native American traditions and knowledge. Early American writers and thinkers helped awaken a new appreciation for nature and our shared responsibility to protect it. Visionaries such as President Theodore Roosevelt forged a new

model of conservation that would shape U.S. history and be emulated across the globe. Vast public lands would be set aside as wildlife refuges, national forests and national parks. Such bold actions would ensure sustainable use of natural resources, healthy habitats for wildlife and cherished recreational opportunities for all Americans.

In more modern times, rapid advancements in science and technology have allowed us to examine and ultimately better understand our relationship to the natural world. Challenges have been daunting and complex. But conservation successes are all around us.

We should celebrate and safeguard the remarkable recovery of the bald eagle, our national symbol. We

should rejoice at record numbers of sea turtle nests along our coasts in recent years, and continue to support conservation practices that helped make that a reality. We should applaud and invest in efforts by federal and state agencies, conservation

nonprofits and private landowners to ensure healthy populations of big-game species, waterfowl and upland birds across the American landscape.

Since its founding in 1984, NFWF has played a vitally important role in advancing the science and practice of modern conservation, and in steering precious conservation dollars to boots-on-the-ground projects that generate measurable results for wildlife and people.

Over the past 41 years, NFWF has supported more than 23,900 projects by more than 7,200 organizations, leveraging federal funds and grantee match to generate \$12 billion in cumulative conservation impact. In fiscal year 2025, NFWF funded 816 projects across the nation that generated \$970 million in on-the-ground conservation impact.

The conservation investments made by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation — last year, this year and over the generations to come — will build on the strong foundation laid down over 250 years of American history. Working together, we will continue to strengthen and expand the conservation legacy of the United States of America.

JOHN A. TOMKE
CHAIR, NFWF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2025 CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS: ADVANCING AMERICA'S CONSERVATION LEGACY



Conservation site in Montana

PRIVATE LANDS: NFWF helps private landowners advance voluntary conservation practices that benefit wildlife, boost land productivity and create operational efficiencies. Encompassing 60 percent of the nation's landmass, private lands represent an enormous opportunity for conservation.



Conservation site in West Virginia

PUBLIC LANDS: NFWF supports and amplifies efforts by federal agencies to improve the management of public lands. Grants awarded by NFWF improve habitat while reducing wildfire fuel in forests, restoring native grasslands and reducing the risk of storm damage in coastal areas.



Conservation site in Pennsylvania

SOLUTIONS FOR WILDLIFE, PEOPLE AND PROSPERITY: NFWF specializes in innovative solutions, inviting stakeholder input and directing funding with precision. This approach ensures that investments also benefit energy production, agriculture, technology, manufacturing and national defense.



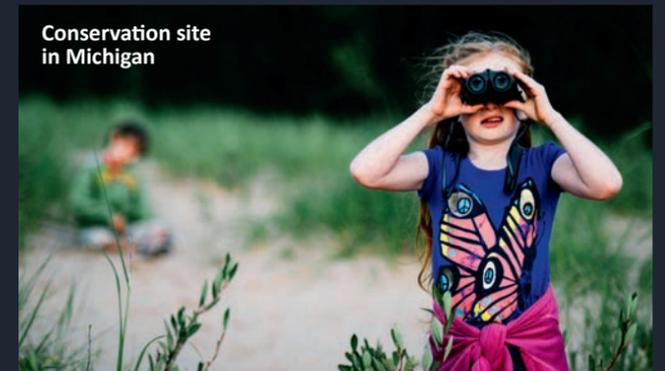
Conservation site in South Carolina

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES: NFWF has cemented its role as a national leader in conservation in part due to its business-plan approach to conservation investments. NFWF maintains a sharp focus on measuring real-world results, from grant applications through the life of projects funded.



Conservation site in Maine

OUTDOOR RECREATION: Supporting America's outdoors heritage has been a core facet of NFWF's mission since its founding in 1984. Grants help improve management of public lands, open new lands to recreation and bolster populations of popular game and fish species nationwide.



Conservation site in Michigan

ENGAGING THE NEXT GENERATION: NFWF funds efforts across the nation to connect young people with nature and conservation efforts. NFWF also partners with the nonprofit ReadWorks to provide conservation content to classrooms. So far, the effort has reached more than 3 million students.



ABOUT NFWF

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation works with partners to foster sustainable and impactful conservation solutions so that people and nature thrive together.

Since its establishment in 1984, NFWF has grown to become the nation's largest Congressionally chartered conservation foundation. Since its founding, NFWF has supported more than 7,200 organizations and funded more than 23,900 projects that have generated a total conservation impact of \$12 billion.

A private, independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, NFWF is governed by a 30-member Board of Directors appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The Foundation uses public funding as a springboard to build new partnerships with corporations, philanthropic foundations and individual donors to fund conservation projects based on sound science and designed to produce measurable results. NFWF supports projects that draw willing participation by landowners, community leaders and natural resource managers across the nation.

NFWF's staff provides unrivaled expertise in the implementation of competitive grant programs, maximization of conservation returns on philanthropic investments and analysis of results on the ground.

The Foundation does not fund advocacy or litigation, and does not conduct membership campaigns. Instead, NFWF remains sharply focused on building public-private partnerships that support highly vetted conservation projects.

Mule deer
in Montana





CONSERVATION IMPACT

FISCAL YEAR 2025

\$970 MILLION

TOTAL CONSERVATION IMPACT

NFWF's conservation investments and grantee match in fiscal year 2025

\$642.7 MILLION INVESTED BY NFWF

The Foundation awarded \$538.1 million in federal funds and \$61.7 million in private contributions. NFWF also awarded \$42.8 million in Impact-Directed Environmental Accounts funds, including \$10.9 million from the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund.

\$327.3 MILLION IN MATCHING SUPPORT

Investments made by NFWF grantees

816 PROJECTS

Supported across the nation

1984–2025

\$12 BILLION

TOTAL CONSERVATION IMPACT

NFWF's investments and grantee match, from 1984 through the end of fiscal year 2025

23,900+

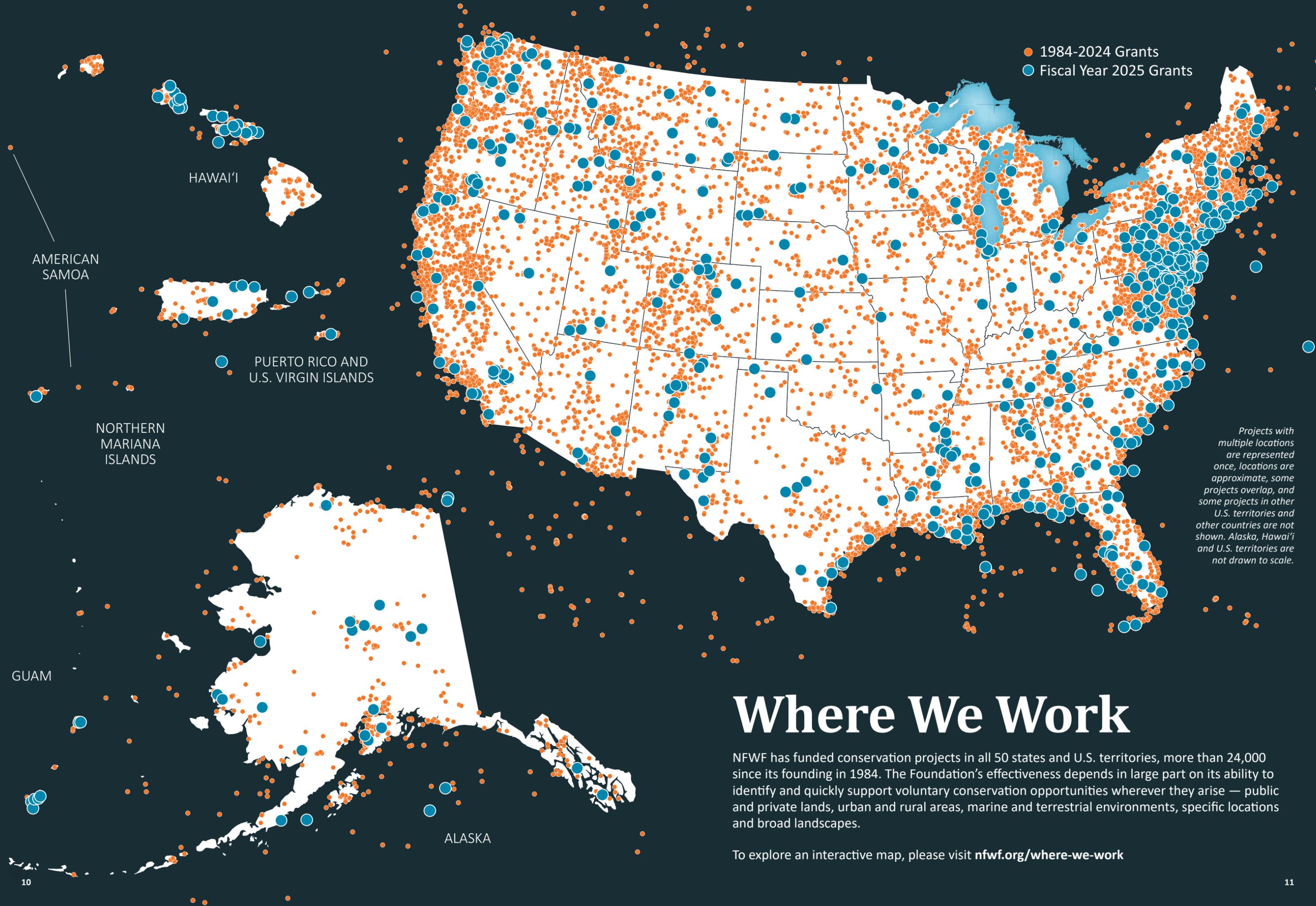
Projects funded throughout all states and U.S. territories

7,200+

Grantee organizations funded throughout all states and U.S. territories



Loggerhead sea turtle, corals and fish at a reef off Georgia



● 1984-2024 Grants
 ● Fiscal Year 2025 Grants

Projects with multiple locations are represented once, locations are approximate, some projects overlap, and some projects in other U.S. territories and other countries are not shown. Alaska, Hawai'i and U.S. territories are not drawn to scale.

Where We Work

NFWF has funded conservation projects in all 50 states and U.S. territories, more than 24,000 since its founding in 1984. The Foundation's effectiveness depends in large part on its ability to identify and quickly support voluntary conservation opportunities wherever they arise — public and private lands, urban and rural areas, marine and terrestrial environments, specific locations and broad landscapes.

To explore an interactive map, please visit nfwf.org/where-we-work



CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR

Wildlife and Agriculture

Some of the most fertile grounds for advancing both wildlife conservation and American prosperity can be found across the vast agricultural landscapes of the United States. NFWF plays a leading role in rallying partners across the public and private sectors to support and amplify voluntary conservation practices by America's crop farmers, dairy farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers.

Wild turkeys strutting
on a farm in Kansas



Western meadowlark and cattle share the grasslands on a ranch in Montana

Launching historic initiative with McDonald's USA, ranchers

In a landmark moment for U.S. conservation efforts, McDonald's USA and NFWF announced a major new partnership in 2025 to support wildlife conservation and voluntary conservation efforts by U.S. cattle ranchers across 4 million acres of America's grasslands.

The creation of the *Grassland Resilience and Conservation Initiative* marks the first collaboration between McDonald's USA, one of the world's leading food service brands, and NFWF, the nation's largest Congressionally chartered conservation foundation.

NFWF is collaborating with its conservation partners across America's grasslands to identify impactful landscape-scale projects that will generate the greatest possible benefits to both wildlife populations and the productivity of vital U.S. ranch lands.

McDonald's USA, several key McDonald's U.S. suppliers, NFWF, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will collectively invest more than \$200 million

over the next seven years to help promote and accelerate voluntary wildlife conservation efforts.

Key strategies include working with willing ranchers to improve grazing management, restore grassland habitat, and conserve water resources that are crucial to both wildlife and ranching operations.

The launch of the initiative will be followed by an announcement of the first round of grants in early 2026. Grantee organizations will work with ranch operations across more than 20 states. Participating ranchers will be provided technical and financial support to develop and implement grazing management plans, install wildlife-friendly fencing, boost water conservation, and restore native grasslands, wet meadows and streambanks.

Such projects, and many more to come in the years ahead, will help ranchers improve operational efficiency and sustain herds of cattle while also supporting wildlife conservation, a pillar of America's ranching heritage.

CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS: MCDONALD'S USA, CARGILL, GOLDEN STATE FOODS, LOPEZ FOODS, OSI, THE COCA-COLA COMPANY, USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR WILDLIFE AND AGRICULTURE



Pronghorn in Wyoming

GREAT PLAINS: NFWF, its grantees and its funding partners work together across the Great Plains to support voluntary efforts by ranchers to conserve and enhance grasslands that sustain not only cattle, but also iconic big-game species, grassland birds and other wildlife.



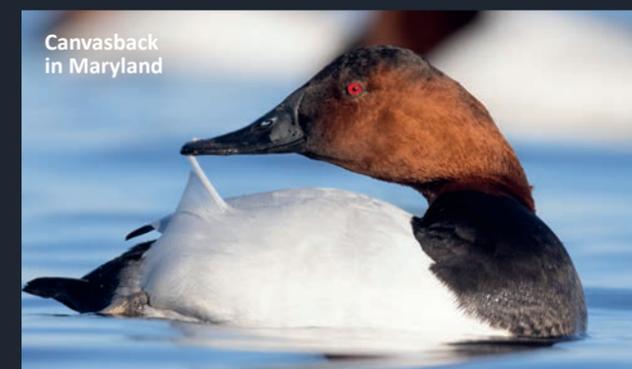
White-tailed deer in Kansas

AMERICA'S HEARTLANDS: NFWF's investments drive voluntary conservation efforts across the vast agricultural landscape of the Midwest. Grants improve farming operations and soil health, reduce pollution entering the Great Lakes, and conserve habitats and migration corridors.



Rio Grande cutthroat trout in New Mexico

DESERT SOUTHWEST: In this arid region, NFWF and its grantees help ranchers and farmers conserve fresh water to sustain rivers and streams that are critical for agricultural production as well as for sustaining cutthroat trout and a host of aquatic species found nowhere else on Earth.



Canvasback in Maryland

EAST COAST: Many NFWF programs focus on helping dairy operations and farmers advance regenerative agriculture practices such as cover cropping, habitat enhancement and sediment reduction within the Chesapeake Bay, Long Island Sound and Delaware Bay watersheds.



Chinook salmon in Oregon

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Though conservation efforts by agricultural producers benefit native wildlife throughout this region, many of NFWF's grants focus on water conservation in agricultural landscapes to benefit economically and culturally important populations of Pacific salmon.



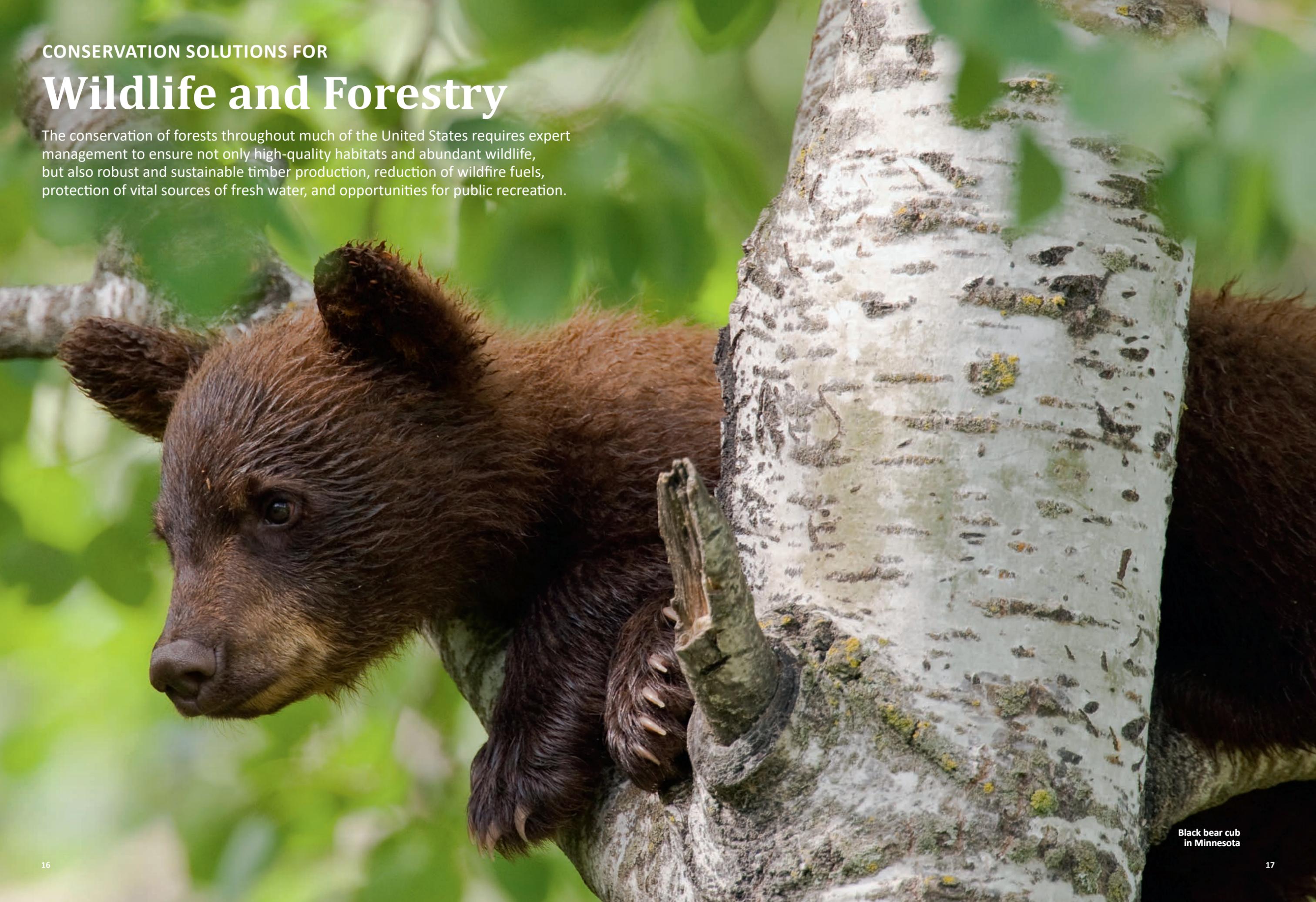
Northern bobwhite in Texas

SOUTH: Conservation efforts supported by NFWF across Southern states range from grasslands restoration on ranch lands in Texas and Florida to supporting efforts to boost populations of northern bobwhite, monarch butterflies and other wildlife across working landscapes.

CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR

Wildlife and Forestry

The conservation of forests throughout much of the United States requires expert management to ensure not only high-quality habitats and abundant wildlife, but also robust and sustainable timber production, reduction of wildfire fuels, protection of vital sources of fresh water, and opportunities for public recreation.



Black bear cub
in Minnesota

CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR WILDLIFE AND FORESTRY



Mule deer in California

WEST COAST: NFWF works with federal and state agencies, tribes, private landowners and veterans groups to improve forest management along much of the West Coast. By thinning forests and removing hazardous fuels, grantees enhance wildlife habitat and reduce the severity of wildfires.



Moose in Wyoming

ROCKY MOUNTAINS: Grantees work across this rugged region to sustain and enhance groves of pine, spruce, fir and aspen trees. These forests often adjoin grasslands, rivers and wet meadows, which together form some of the nation's most iconic and productive landscapes.



Spruce grouse in Michigan

MIDWEST: Grantees work with federal agencies, tribal nations and private landowners to boost forest health, from developed landscapes to the wilds of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and beyond. This work benefits songbirds, raptors, big-game species, upland birds, trout and more.



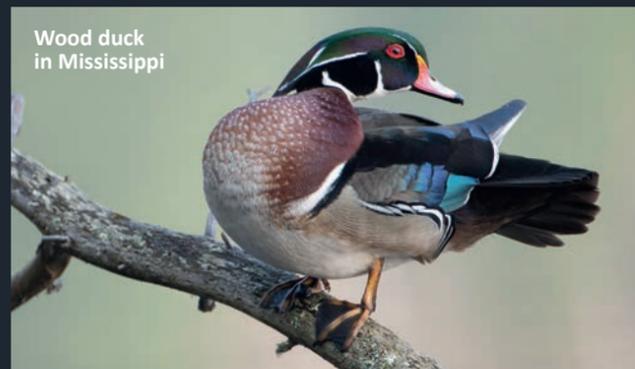
Golden-winged warbler in New York

NORTHEAST FORESTS: Many of NFWF's grantees working in this region help guide ecologically beneficial timber harvests on private lands that create early successional forests needed by wildlife species such as the golden-winged warbler and New England cottontail.



Greenbreast darter in Tennessee

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS: NFWF's grantees work across private and public lands to boost forest health in the Central and Southern Appalachians. Many of these forests sustain streams and rivers that feature some of the highest freshwater biodiversity in the world.



Wood duck in Mississippi

MISSISSIPPI ALLUVIAL VALLEY: Habitat improvements on national wildlife refuges and nearby privately owned working forests support populations of Louisiana black bear, migrating songbirds and timber-loving waterfowl such as mallards and wood ducks.



Northern bobwhite in Texas

Advancing conservation goals of Southern forest owners

White-tailed deer browsing acorns under a sprawling live oak. Red-cockaded woodpeckers flitting along the trunks of a towering longleaf pine, picking off insects as they go. Wood ducks calling as they careen between bald cypresses to land in a black-water swamp.

Those who have spent early mornings in the vast forests of the South surely appreciate the beauty and abundance of wildlife found in these special places.

This appreciation runs especially deep among the families and businesses that own much of this forested landscape. For many of these landowners, stewardship and wildlife conservation represent overarching priorities, passed down through generations.

This enthusiasm for conservation found in the South's mosaic of publicly and privately owned forestlands has made this region particularly fertile ground for conservation partnerships to take root and grow.

Throughout 2025, NFWF extended its long history of bringing together federal and state agencies, timber

and energy companies, military installations, private landowners and highly respected organizations like the Bezos Earth Fund to rally behind a common goal: the conservation and enhancement of Southern forests.

NFWF grants support efforts by family forest owners to manage prescribed burning in longleaf pine forests across the South, and to plant new seedlings when opportunities arise. In the Cumberland Plateau and Southern Appalachians, NFWF supports the conservation and expansion of shortleaf pine and oak savannah habitats that support rich biodiversity and local economies.

Such conservation practices support migrating songbirds and an array of reptile, amphibian and insect life. They safeguard the role of forests in ensuring clean, abundant water. They boost populations of important game species such as deer, wild turkeys and quail.

The complex ties across the South among families, wildlife, natural resources, local economies and tradition will continue to be the key to conservation success.

CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS: ALTRIA, AMAZON WEB SERVICES, ASTRAZENECA, BEZOS EARTH FUND, CARGILL, ENERGY TRANSFER, INTERNATIONAL PAPER, ORTON FOUNDATION, OCCIDENTAL, SOUTHERN COMPANY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF WAR, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, U.S. FOREST SERVICE, USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

A river chub, saffron shiners, mountain redbelly dace and largescale stonerollers in Virginia

CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR

Wildlife and Water

The conservation of fresh water is fast becoming one of the most pressing challenges facing not only fish and other aquatic wildlife, but also communities and businesses throughout the United States. NFWF plays a leading role in bringing together stakeholders from all sectors to identify, fund and monitor projects that generate measurable improvements to the quality and quantity of fresh water.





Chinook salmon in California

Conserving water in California for wildlife and people

Water conservation in California poses complex challenges, to be sure, but also incredible opportunities for public-private partnerships.

With nearly 40 million residents, California ranks as the nation's most populous state. Its economy dwarfs that of nearly every nation in the world. It serves as a global leader in technology, research and entertainment. This one state produces about a third of U.S. vegetables and nearly three-quarters of its fruits and nuts.

California also holds a special place in the annals of conservation. Its magnificent landscapes — granite peaks and alpine meadows, stands of towering redwoods, otherworldly desert landscapes, rugged coastlines — inspired President Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir and other giants of American conservation.

Behind it all, one resource has shaped, and continues to shape, California's fortunes: fresh water.

Without plentiful supplies of fresh water, flowing as streams and rivers on the surface and stored in natural aquifers, ecological and economic systems could collapse.

NFWF works with federal agencies and private-sector partners throughout California to advance a variety of conservation strategies. Some focus on healthy forests and wildfire prevention. Others focus on coastal marine ecosystems and wildlife. But in many places, water conservation remains the overarching priority.

Such is the case in Northern California, where NFWF's *Klamath Basin Forests and Watersheds Restoration* program continues to advance voluntary water conservation across a mosaic of public and private lands. Projects supported by NFWF in 2025 focused on private-land efforts that augment and amplify work being done by federal partners. Many projects will help willing farmers make operational improvements that generate healthier flows in headwaters and streams that sustain economically and culturally important runs of salmon.

Such investments in water conservation benefit much more than fish. They will also help ensure that California's cities, agricultural producers and industries continue to thrive in the modern world.

CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS: USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE, U.S. FOREST SERVICE, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR WILDLIFE AND WATER



Muskellunge in the Great Lakes

GREAT LAKES: NFWF's *Sustain Our Great Lakes* program brings together public- and private-sector partners to improve water quality, stream connectivity and habitats to enhance the many ecological, social and economic values that depend on clean water.



Atlantic sturgeon in New York

COASTAL WATERSHEDS: Some of NFWF's largest programs conserve coastal habitats and waterways to benefit wildlife, reduce risks posed by floods and storms, and improve the quality of water flowing into economically vital estuaries such as the Chesapeake Bay and Long Island Sound.



Wood turtle in Maine

NORTHEASTERN WATERS: Projects conserve streams, wetlands, forests and lakes to sustain healthy populations of native species such as brook trout and wood turtles. Improved stream passage benefits migrating species such as Atlantic salmon, river herring, shad and eels.



Rosieside dace in North Carolina

SOUTHEAST AQUATICS: Many waterways here feature some of the nation's highest levels of aquatic biodiversity. Projects focused on healthy habitats and water conservation safeguard these complex ecosystems while also bolstering critical water supplies for communities and industries.



Rainbow trout in Montana

WESTERN WATERS: Throughout the Rocky Mountains and Desert Southwest, competition for limited supplies of fresh water plays a defining role in everyday life. NFWF specializes in finding and funding win-win projects that benefit wildlife as well as ranchers, farmers and industries.



Dolly varden and coho salmon in Alaska

PACIFIC NORTHWEST AND ALASKA: Local economies and cultures here depend on healthy populations of Pacific salmon and other aquatic species. NFWF works with federal agencies, tribes, ranchers, farmers and grantees to conserve water and migration routes for these fish.

CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR

Wildlife and Fisheries

NFWF works with federal partners, private corporations, philanthropists and nonprofit organizations to advance the science and practice of conservation in coastal and marine habitats of the United States. Efforts focus on coral reef conservation, economically and ecologically critical fish populations, removal of marine debris, and development of fisheries technologies that reduce bycatch.

A member of a NFWF grantee organization removes marine debris from Midway Atoll, a critical habitat for seabirds such as these nesting Laysan albatross.



CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES



Commercial fishing in the Gulf

GULF FISHERIES: Healthy populations of fish, shrimp, crabs, scallops and other marine species power economies and tourism across the Gulf States. NFWF works with partners across the public and private sectors to conserve coastal and marine habitats and improve stock assessments.



Marine debris on Midway Atoll

REMOVING MARINE DEBRIS: NFWF funds efforts to remove marine debris from coastal ecosystems. Derelict fishing gear, sunken boats and storm debris endanger a wide range of marine wildlife and pose significant risks to fishing operations, boat traffic and recreational divers.



Junior Scientists in the Sea

CORAL REEFS: NFWF's federal and private-sector partners, including Aramco, continue to support efforts to increase capacity of land-based coral nurseries, reduce siltation affecting reefs, and enlist and train youth groups and military veterans to restore damaged reefs and monitor reef health.



Red drum along the Gulf Coast

GAME FISH: Many of NFWF's programs invest heavily in the conservation of vital marine nursery habitats that sustain some of the nation's most popular and economically important game fish, from tarpon and red drum to offshore reef species such as American red snapper.



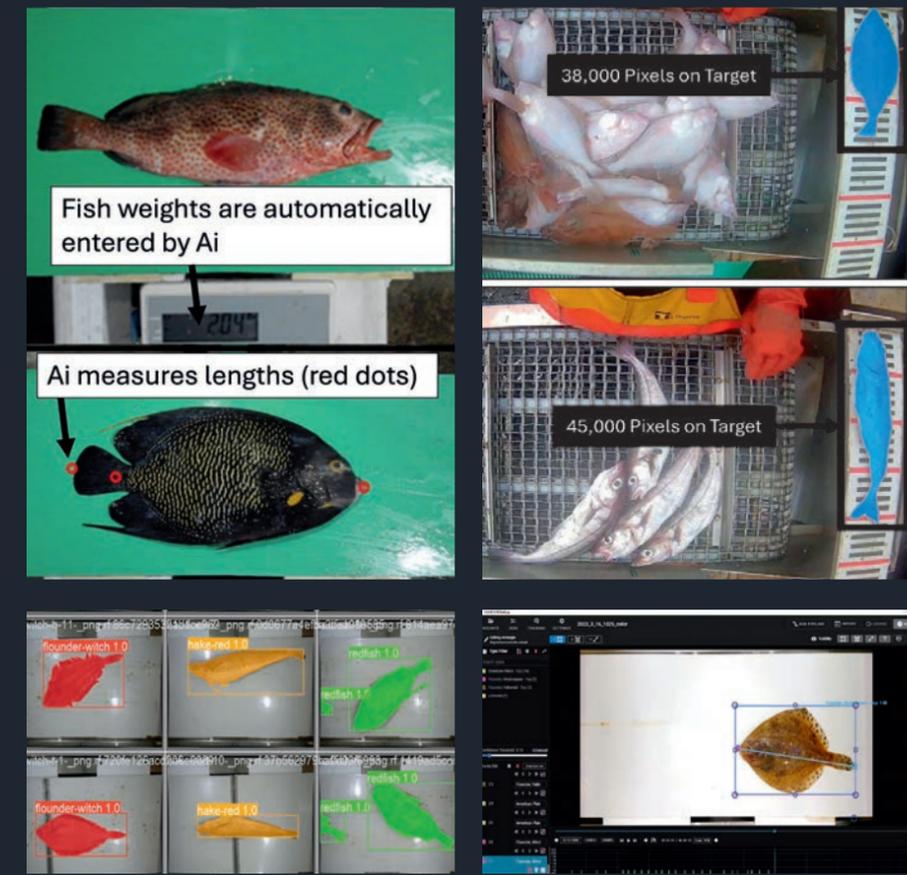
Oysters in South Carolina

OYSTERS: NFWF has been supporting efforts to restore and expand oyster reefs for decades. Grants awarded in 2025 added to this portfolio of conservation investments, with projects unfolding in California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Texas and Virginia.



Horseshoe crabs in Delaware

HORSESHOE CRABS: NFWF continues its long history of support for one of the world's oldest marine species: the horseshoe crab. Eggs laid in sandy beaches by these living fossils fuel the migrations of countless shorebirds. Their blood also serves a critical role in biomedical research.



Harnessing AI to support wildlife and boost economic prosperity

To be truly successful, conservation efforts must balance the need to support and sustain wildlife with the need to ensure prosperity for local communities and the nation as a whole.

With every passing year, technological advances open new possibilities to do just that. The rapid development of artificial intelligence (AI) has created exciting new opportunities for our nation's conservation community.

AI offers conservation practitioners new ways to understand complex systems and direct resources with a degree of precision that ensures unimpeded operations related to energy production, agriculture, housing, manufacturing and national defense.

One of the best examples of how AI can help both wildlife and American prosperity can be found at the leading edge of fisheries management. Throughout 2025, NFWF played a critical role in advancing innovative technologies and practices aimed at reducing bycatch and creating efficiencies within the nation's commercial fishing fleets and maritime industries.

In Alaska and elsewhere, NFWF grantees are developing and testing AI systems to classify fish species through video monitoring, significantly reducing cost and effort for commercial operators and fisheries managers.

Grantees working in Florida, Louisiana and Texas are integrating AI monitoring systems with satellite telecommunications for real-time data transmissions to support fisheries for red snapper and other reef fish.

Other grantees are working with the commercial scallop fleet in Northeastern states to train AI to identify various scallop reproductive stages, making required monitoring more cost-effective, accurate and efficient.

And in Massachusetts, a grantee is developing a fascinating AI system to track and classify calls of North Atlantic right whales and humpback whales collected by passive acoustic monitoring. This system could lead to more timely alert systems and help prevent collisions between vessels and whales.

The rapid rise of AI tools promises to revolutionize conservation efforts, on land as well as at sea.

CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS: NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, SHELL USA, WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION



An angler casting her fly near a NFWF conservation site along the Bitterroot River in Montana

CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR **Wildlife and Recreation**

Freedom to roam natural landscapes and experience the outdoors has always been — and will always be — a cornerstone of American life. NFWF funds efforts throughout the nation to conserve and improve habitats on public lands, open new opportunities for fishing and hunting, and sustain populations of economically and culturally important fish and game species.



Elk hunters accessing an Acres for America site recently opened in New Mexico

Marking 20 years, 2 million acres for Walmart's Acres for America

Acres for America, a landmark conservation program led by Walmart and NFWF, marked its 20th anniversary in 2025 with a renewed commitment to support wildlife, iconic American landscapes and outdoor recreation for at least another decade.

To date, Acres for America has funded nearly 130 projects to permanently conserve more than 2 million acres throughout the nation.

The program awarded yet another round of grants in fiscal year 2025 to projects that will protect more than 145,000 acres. These projects will conserve iconic wildlife and landscapes, protect migration routes, create access for people to enjoy the outdoors, and safeguard the future of local economies that depend on forestry, ranching and recreation.

In Illinois and Missouri, stakeholders will protect 3,200 acres of floodplain stopover habitat for migrating waterfowl.

Nearly 14,000 acres of forestland in Maine will be

opened for public use and conserved for moose, deer, Canada lynx and brook trout.

A 21,449-acre ranch in Nevada will be opened for public use and conserved for mule deer, elk and pronghorn.

In North Carolina, 1.5 miles of beach and shoreline on Topsail Island will be conserved and opened for public access.

Another grant supported the largest conservation easement in South Carolina's history, opening access to and protecting 62,000 acres of working forests along the Pee Dee, Santee and Black rivers.

And in Wyoming, Acres for America helped conserve the largest tract of unprotected land remaining within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park.

With the preservation of these lands, and those in the years to come, Walmart's Acres for America program stands as the leading public-private land conservation partnership in the United States.



CONTRIBUTING PARTNER: WALMART

CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR WILDLIFE AND RECREATION



Site conserved for public use in Michigan

ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS: In addition to Acres for America, many other of NFWF's conservation programs create new opportunities for outdoor recreation. Grants awarded in 2025 will establish new hiking trails, kayak launches, piers and other public-access amenities.



Installing a living shoreline in coastal Virginia

ENHANCING PUBLIC SPACES: NFWF supports projects in developed areas that provide access to nature as well as pockets of habitat for migrating species such as songbirds and monarch butterflies. In coastal areas, many projects create living shorelines to halt erosion and create habitat.



Cutthroat trout in Wyoming

TROUT AND SALMON: NFWF provides major support to grantees who work to boost populations of trout and salmon throughout the nation, from Atlantic salmon and brook trout in the East to cutthroat trout and Pacific salmon throughout the West.



Smallmouth bass in Great Lakes watershed

FRESHWATER FISH: Investments in freshwater ecosystems benefit a host of amphibians, freshwater mussels and fish species. Improved water quality and quantity also supports strong populations of bass, walleye, trout and other freshwater fish popular with recreational anglers.



Rocky Mountain elk in Montana

BIG-GAME POPULATIONS: Iconic species such as elk, mule deer and pronghorn have been a focus of NFWF investments for decades. Grantees work to conserve migration routes and seasonal habitats, install wildlife-friendly fencing and create safe highway crossing for wildlife.



Green-winged teal in Texas

GAME BIRD POPULATIONS: Grantees work with federal and state agencies, private landowners and other stakeholders across the country to boost populations of wild turkeys, quail, ducks, geese, grouse, woodcock and other culturally and economically important game birds.



2025

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

(in millions of dollars, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025)

	2025	2024
REVENUE, EXPENSES AND NET ASSETS		
Total Revenue and Support	\$604.4	\$544.7
Total Expenses	\$523.7	\$486.2
Change in Net Assets	\$80.7	\$58.5
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$390.0	\$331.5
Net Assets, end of year	\$470.7	\$390.0

USE OF FUNDS

\$523,743,671

Program/Mission **96.0%**
\$502,576,852



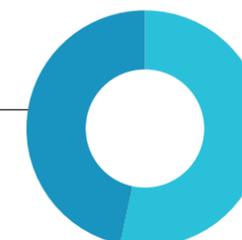
Fundraising **1.7%**
\$8,785,669

Management and General **2.4%**
\$12,381,150

TOTAL REVENUE

\$604,448,257

Nonfederal/Other **47%**
\$281,613,955



Federal **53%**
\$322,834,302

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(in millions of dollars, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025)

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	\$3,434.0	\$2,953.0
Other Assets	\$129.9	\$104.9
Total Assets	\$3,563.9	\$3,057.9
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities	\$3,093.2	\$2,667.9
Net Assets	\$470.7	\$390.0
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,563.9	\$3,057.9



CORPORATE PARTNERS

NFWF collaborates with many of America's leading corporations to implement philanthropic conservation strategies and invest in conservation projects based on sound science and measurable outcomes.



Altria supports conservation programs in the Chesapeake Bay, Cumberland Plateau, and longleaf pine ecosystems to conserve water, restore aquatic habitats and promote more sustainable agriculture.



AstraZeneca supports the restoration of horseshoe crab populations in Delaware Bay, as well as migrating shorebirds like the red knot that rely on horseshoe crab eggs. AstraZeneca also partners with NFWF to plant and sustain 1 million trees in the United States to increase carbon storage, improve water quality and restore wildlife habitats.



The partnership between NFWF and **Burger King** funds projects to assist ranchers and private landowners in implementing voluntary grazing-lands management practices. Through this partnership, NFWF and Burger King will invest in ranching communities and work together to improve the health of grazing lands across the Southern Great Plains.



Amazon Web Services (AWS) supports the *Columbia Basin Water Transactions Program*, prioritizing the management of water flows and the restoration of habitats for native fish species in Northern Oregon. In addition, AWS backs forest restoration and management initiatives in North Carolina aimed at enhancing water conservation.



Bayer Crop Science is partnering with NFWF, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and others to support work under the *Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund*. Established in 2015, the Fund is catalyzing efforts to improve the quality, quantity and connectivity of habitat for monarch butterflies and other at-risk pollinators.



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Capri Holdings and NFWF are accelerating the adoption of regenerative agricultural and conservation practices by working with ranchers and local organizations to create a more sustainable future for the leather industry.



As a corporate partner of the *Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative*, **Apache Corporation** is taking on a new way of addressing conservation in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico.



BNSF Railway supports programs in Chicago and Pacific Coast cities to conserve wildlife and their habitats, improve water quality for residents, and link human communities with the benefits of natural resource stewardship.



Cargill supports NFWF programs focused on expanding the adoption of rancher-led conservation practices and accelerating the improvement of grazing lands and grassland habitat in priority landscapes across the United States. As part of its BeefUp Sustainability initiative, Cargill supports programs to assist ranchers and private landowners in implementing voluntary grazing lands management practices to improve soil health and increase forage for cattle and restore habitat for native bird species.



Aramco supports the *Coral Reef Stewardship Fund*, which helps respond to the decline of one of the world's most valuable ecosystems in terms of ecological, economic and cultural capital.



As a corporate partner of the *Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative* and the *RESTORE Colorado Program*, **Chevron Corporation** is developing a new way to address conservation challenges in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico, and Colorado.



Cleveland-Cliffs supports conservation programs across the Great Lakes basin to restore critical wildlife habitat, improve water quality, and enhance the health and accessibility of the region's waterways.



ConocoPhillips supports conservation programs with a geographic focus that spans multiple priority landscapes. This partnership supports NFWF's efforts to provide for the needs of wildlife across their full life cycles, secure essential migratory pathways and drive innovations that shape the next generation of wildlife conservation.



Danone North America supports on-farm conservation efforts across the United States to improve on-the-ground agricultural practices, conduct soil health research and provide leadership in regenerative agriculture.



Energy Transfer supports the *Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund*, which expands, enhances and accelerates longleaf pine ecosystem restoration across longleaf pine's historical range throughout the southern United States.



As a corporate partner of the *Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative*, **ExxonMobil** is developing a new way to address conservation challenges in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico.



FedEx supports the *Five Star Program*, working in 18 U.S. cities to fund community-based conservation projects. With FedEx team member engagement, the projects restore watersheds, improve air quality, encourage environmental stewardship, and foster community environmental outreach and support.



General Mills supports projects that restore and enhance habitat for fish and wildlife in the Southern Great Plains through the Conservation Partners Program. The projects funded by General Mills help farmers accelerate the adoption of regenerative agriculture principles.



Golden State Foods supports the *Grassland Resilience and Conservation Initiative*, a partnership with McDonald's USA and NFWF designed to work with ranchers to enhance wildlife habitat, conserve water resources and strengthen the resilience of grazing lands in the United States.



International Paper supports conservation programs in the coastal Carolinas, Cumberland Plateau, piney woods of Texas and Louisiana, and Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley. Projects restore and enhance many different forests in support of terrestrial and aquatic wildlife, including the red-cockaded woodpecker, the Louisiana black bear and the eastern hellbender.



Lopez Foods, in partnership with McDonald's USA, supports the *Grassland Resilience and Conservation Initiative*, a partnership designed to work with ranchers to enhance wildlife habitat, conserve water resources and strengthen the resilience of grazing lands within the company's supply chain.

Desert bighorn sheep in Utah





McDonald's USA helped launch the *Grassland Resilience and Conservation Initiative* in partnership with NFWF and several key beef and beverage suppliers with an aim to enhance wildlife habitat, conserve water resources and improve soil health. McDonald's USA supports the Initiative because it is expected to help strengthen the resilience of the U.S. beef supply chain, including by providing participating ranchers economic returns such as incentive payments.



Nestlé supports NFWF programs focused on implementing voluntary, rancher-led practices to help improve water management and restore wildlife habitats across more than 15 states in the Great Plains, Mountain West, Midwest and Southeastern portions of the United States.



NextEra Energy Resources supports the *Bats for the Future Fund*, which awards grants to help develop and deploy field treatments, management tools and conservation strategies for bat populations that are currently impacted or are likely to be impacted by white-nose syndrome.



Ocidental works with NFWF and federal, state and private partners to support conservation in areas where it operates. Occidental is a founding partner of the *Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative* and supports the *RESTORE Colorado Program*, *National Coastal Resilience Fund*, *Northern Great Plains Program* and *California Forests and Headwaters* business plan.



OSI supports the *Grassland Resilience and Conservation Initiative*, a partnership with McDonald's USA and NFWF designed to work with ranchers to enhance wildlife habitat, conserve water resources and strengthen the resilience of grazing lands in the United States.



The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation partners with NFWF, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and others to support work under the *Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund*.



The Shell Marine and Wildlife Habitat Program is a partnership between **Shell USA** and NFWF that supports conservation of priority habitats and species in the communities where Shell USA lives and operates. Since 1998, this partnership has funded more than 385 projects conserving key species and habitats across the nation.



Southern Company supports conservation programs primarily across the southeastern United States, but also beyond, in support of at-risk species recovery through both landscape-scale and community-based stewardship efforts.



Stonyfield supports projects in Vermont and New York that help organic, pasture-based dairy farms implement agricultural practices that improve soil health and reduce air and water pollution, while conserving fish and wildlife habitats.



Sylvamo supports the *Northeast Forests and Rivers Fund*, which is dedicated to restoring and sustaining healthy forests and rivers that provide habitat for diverse native bird and freshwater fish populations in New England and eastern New York.



Through the *Southern Plains Grassland Program*, **Sysco** and NFWF help ranchers implement sustainable grazing practices to improve soil health, promote biodiversity and protect the environment for future generations.



Greater prairie-chicken in Nebraska



Taco Bell supports NFWF programs focused on implementing voluntary, rancher-led practices to improve water management and restore wildlife habitat across the Intermountain West, a vast area stretching from the Colorado Rockies to the Great Basin.



The Coca-Cola Company helped launch the *Grassland Resilience and Conservation Initiative* in partnership with McDonald's USA, NFWF and key beef suppliers to replenish water resources and enhance wildlife habitat.



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The J.M. Smucker Co. supports the *Conservation Partners Program*, which invests in projects that provide farmers with technical assistance to accelerate the adoption of regenerative agriculture principles and conservation practices on private working lands.



Truterra, the sustainability business at Land O'Lakes, partners with NFWF to support conservation specialists deployed alongside agricultural retailers, to build knowledge and capacity in order to support conservation practices around the country.



In partnership with NFWF, **Walmart's Acres for America** conservation program has helped to protect more than 2.1 million acres of vital wildlife habitat across the nation since its creation in 2005.



The **Zoetis Foundation** supports projects in the Northeast to help dairy farmers develop more sustainable businesses through tools to drive economic viability, thrive in increasingly dynamic marketplaces, and help protect family legacies.

FEDERAL AND STATE PARTNERS

NFWF was established by Congress in 1984 to conserve fish, wildlife and plant species through innovative partnerships with federal agencies, corporations, foundations and nonprofit organizations to generate new resources for conservation.



For 90 years, the **U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service** (NRCS) has helped farmers, ranchers and forestland owners make investments in their operations and local communities to improve the quality of our air, water, soil and wildlife habitat. NRCS uses the latest science and technology to help keep working lands working, boost agricultural economies, and increase the competitiveness of American agriculture. NRCS provides one-on-one, personalized advice and financial assistance and works with producers to help them reach their goals through voluntary, incentive-based conservation programs.



NFWF partners with the **U.S. Forest Service** (USFS) across the country, through both the national forest system and the state, private and tribal forestry programs. The partnership supports restoration of priority USFS landscapes, including national forests, national grasslands, and state and private forests within NFWF's priority landscapes. Partnership activities focus on forest management to improve forest health and resilience, fuels management to protect critical infrastructure and habitat, post-fire restoration, and grassland enhancement to support rural economies and sensitive wildlife species.



The partnership between NFWF and the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration** (NOAA) was formalized by Congress in 1994. NOAA and NFWF work together to support marine and coastal conservation, including sustainable fisheries, coral reefs, marine debris removal, sea turtles, implementation of living shorelines and restoration of other coastal habitats. The partnership also focuses on strengthening natural infrastructure to protect coastal communities and wildlife.



NFWF, in partnership with the **U.S. Department of War**, is working to conserve, restore and manage habitat off-base to improve military training and readiness on base. Actions include protecting installations and neighboring communities through the establishment of nature-based infrastructure, improving the status of priority species, and supporting the goals of the Sentinel Landscapes. The partnership is managed through the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program.

Bison in North Dakota





NFWF works with the **U.S. Air Force** to support recovery of Tyndall Air Force Base from damage by Hurricane Michael. Funding supports the installation of nature-based solutions, including living shorelines, oyster reefs, and dune restoration to protect against future storms.



NFWF is implementing a 10-year conservation plan that will guide off-base activities to benefit desert tortoise in the Mojave Desert in partnership with the **U.S. Marine Corps** (USMC) Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms and U.S. Army Fort Irwin. NFWF also partnered with USMC Air Station Camp Pendleton to support habitat conservation for federally listed species. These partnerships will improve military operations and species recovery throughout Southern California.



NFWF and the **U.S. Navy** are implementing a five-year plan to support restoration of the limestone and ravine forest ecosystems on Guam to support the island's unique plant and animal species. The partnership builds off an existing program at the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Hawai'i where NFWF is helping to protect and enhance seabird colonies, enabling long-term recovery of the birds and improved operations at the base. In collaboration with Naval Base Kitsap, NFWF also supports habitat conservation actions that benefit Chinook salmon, a key prey species for killer whales in the Puget Sound.



In partnership with the **Bonneville Power Administration** and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, NFWF supports an innovative, grassroots, incentive-based program to improve stream flows for at-risk fish throughout Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. The Columbia Basin Water Transactions Program, founded in 2002, is the first regional effort of its kind in the United States to enhance flows in tributaries through cooperative partnerships between flow restoration practitioners and farmers and ranchers. The program supports a combination of practices to restore instream flows to key Columbia Basin tributaries that support important anadromous and resident fish populations.



The **U.S. Department of the Interior** (DOI), working through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, supports a multi-Department effort to implement large-scale and cross-boundary conservation projects. These locally led, voluntary projects invest in corridors and connectivity, watershed restoration, forest and grassland conservation, community resilience, access and workforce development. Funding from DOI goes to projects led by states, Tribal Nations and U.S. territorial governments.



The **Bureau of Land Management** (BLM) partners with NFWF to support migration corridors for big game such as elk, mule deer and pronghorn. The enhancement of these important migration routes provides outsized benefits to a suite of species that depend on the health of these landscapes. NFWF also works with BLM to support conservation of desert tortoise habitat in the Mojave Desert of Southern California and restoration of the Pecos River watershed in the Permian Basin of New Mexico.



The **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** (FWS) has been a core partner since NFWF's founding by Congress in 1984. The partnership between FWS and NFWF benefits a wide range of landscapes and associated species nationwide including the Delaware River, Chesapeake Bay, Great Lakes, Central Appalachia, Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley, Klamath Basin and the sagebrush ecosystem. FWS funding serves as the critical base to a broad range of NFWF conservation programs. The partnership allows NFWF to raise private-sector funds to amplify and complement the federal agency's conservation efforts across the nation, on both public and private lands.



NFWF works with the **Bureau of Reclamation** (Reclamation) within three defined watersheds. In the Middle Rio Grande of New Mexico, NFWF and Reclamation work with the local irrigation district and landowners to pilot voluntary water leasing and other conservation solutions that support the needs of the farming and ranching community while supporting fish habitat. NFWF also supports Reclamation's coho salmon recovery goals in the Lower Klamath Basin and Trinity River watersheds through grant programs focused on improving flow and habitat in Northern California. In Western Nevada, NFWF works with the Walker Basin Conservancy under a Reclamation grant to restore and maintain Walker Lake while protecting agricultural interests and supporting new opportunities for public recreation in the Walker River Basin.



The **Environmental Protection Agency** (EPA) and NFWF partnership began in 1999 with the Chesapeake Bay Program, where NFWF supports community restoration and large nutrient-reduction grants that improve water quality through natural restoration. It soon expanded to include large-scale community-based conservation programs in the Great Lakes and Long Island Sound. NFWF also works with EPA to support community engagement and nature-based infrastructure across the country.



NFWF partners with two state of Colorado entities on the *RESTORE Colorado Program*, which supports coordinated restoration, improvement and management of wildlife habitat within Colorado. Funding comes from **Great Outdoors Colorado**, which invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces. Additional support comes from the **Colorado Department of Natural Resources** through the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Habitat Partnership Program.

In 2025, NFWF also received funding or had active partnership agreements with the following entities:

- **Arizona Game and Fish Department**
- **Cal Fire**
- **Los Angeles Department of Water and Power**
- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**
- **Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board**

Lesser scaup
in Maryland



FOUNDATION PARTNERS

NFWF works with many foundations to advance conservation across the country. These foundations actively supported NFWF conservation programs in 2025.



The **Bezos Earth Fund** supports restoration and conservation of two iconic American landscapes: the Northern Great Plains and southern longleaf forests. Grant-making focuses on projects delivering on-the-ground benefits for wildlife, carbon sequestration, and communities; rigorously monitoring progress and impacts; and building capacity to implement nature-based solutions nationwide.

The **Cinco Hermanos Fund of the Orange County Community Foundation** supports the captive care of Hawaiian forest birds to prevent near-term extinction.



The **Crown Family Philanthropies** supports the *Chi-Cal Rivers Fund*, which invests in the health and vitality of the waterways, natural resources and habitats of Chicago and the Calumet region.



The **Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation** supports the *Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund*, which invests in Southeast Michigan's natural resources to improve water quality, restore and create habitat, and enhance natural areas for public use and habitat.



The **Gates Family Foundation** supports the *RESTORE Colorado Program*, which was established to fund large-scale restoration and stewardship projects across several habitat priorities in Colorado.



The **Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation** supports the *Chi-Cal Rivers Fund*, which invests in the health and vitality of the waterways, natural resources, and habitats of Chicago and the Calumet region.



The **Hunter Family Foundation** supports the *Chi-Cal Rivers Fund*, which aims to restore the health, vitality, climate resilience and accessibility of the waterways in Chicago and the Calumet region.

The Joyce Foundation

The **Joyce Foundation** supports the *Chi-Cal Rivers Fund*, which invests in the health and vitality of the communities, waterways and natural resources of Chicago and the Calumet region.



The **Kresge Foundation** supports the *Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund*, which invests in Southeast Michigan's natural resources to improve water quality, restore and create habitat, and enhance natural areas for public use and habitat.

Swift fox
in South Dakota



Prothonotary warbler
in Arkansas



Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies supports the *Northern Great Plains Program*, which directly maintains or improves 6 million acres of interconnected, native grasslands in focal areas within the Northern Great Plains to sustain healthy populations of grassland-obligate species while fostering sustainable livelihoods.



The **Orton Foundation**, an affiliate of the Moore Charitable Foundation, founded by Louis Bacon, supports the *Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund's* work in North Carolina, which helps to expand, enhance and accelerate longleaf pine ecosystem restoration across longleaf pine's historical range.

The **Terra Foundation** supports NFWF's *RESTORE Colorado Program*, which funds at-scale habitat restoration and stewardship projects on public and private lands in Colorado that deliver the greatest benefit for wildlife and local communities.



The **Trinchera Blanca Foundation**, an affiliate of the Moore Charitable Foundation, founded by Louis Bacon, supports the *Rio Grande Program*, which improves the ecological function of the river mainstem and its headwaters by working collaboratively with stakeholders to restore aquatic and riparian habitats that directly support native fish and wildlife.



UBS Optimus Foundation and NFWF began working together in 2021 to enhance nature-based resilience efforts nationwide and improve coastal habitat for the benefit of communities and wildlife. UBS Optimus Foundation supports NFWF's *Five Star Program*, which seeks to develop nationwide community stewardship of local natural resources, as well as the Bayou Grand Cheniere Marsh Creation, which seeks to decrease the risk of natural threats such as hurricanes for communities along the Gulf Coast of the United States.



The **Walton Family Foundation** supports NFWF projects that use nature-based solutions to enhance resilience, protect communities and safeguard water resources. The foundation's funds advance projects that restore bottomland hardwoods and improve water quality in the Lower Mississippi River Basin and restore rivers and streams in the Colorado River Basin.



Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) began funding the *America's Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (AERI)* match requirements for awarded Native Nation projects in 2022. AERI requires nonfederal cash matching funds from grantees, and NAP's contribution will cover the full match needs for these projects.



The **Richard King Mellon Foundation** supports NFWF's conservation efforts through the *Central Appalachia Habitat Stewardship Program*, which works to improve the quality and connectivity of forest and freshwater habitat, and increase the distribution and abundance of native fish, birds and other wildlife.



The **Walder Foundation** supports the *Chi-Cal Rivers Fund*, which invests in the health and vitality of the waterways, natural resources, and habitats of Chicago and the Calumet region.



Monarch butterfly
in Illinois



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on a prairie pothole
in South Dakota

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Luna moth amid
longleaf pine needles
in eastern Texas

