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New England Forest and Rivers Fund

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- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Forest Service

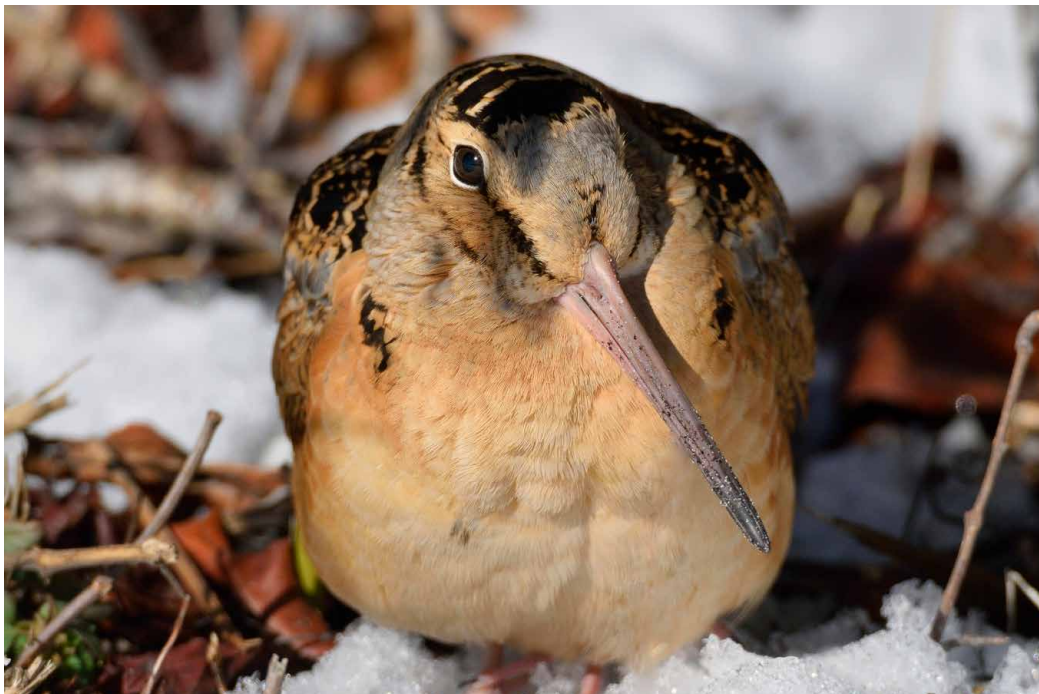
ABOUT NFWF

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 5,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$6.1 billion.

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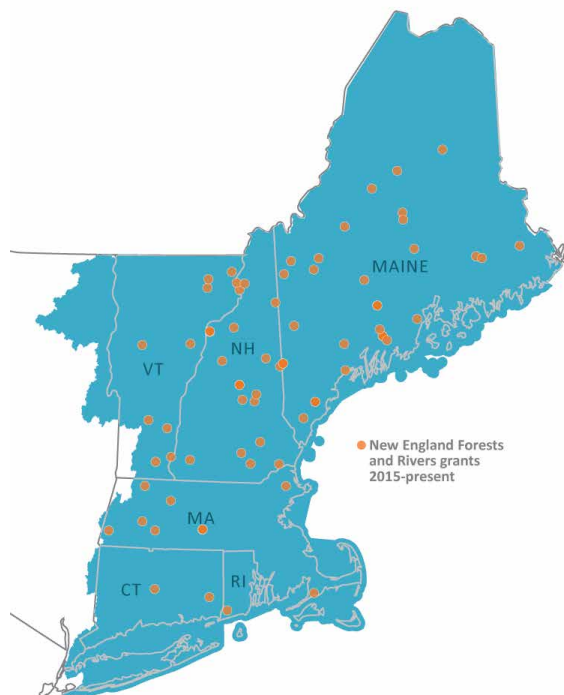


American woodcock

BACKGROUND

The New England Forests and Rivers Fund is dedicated to restoring and sustaining healthy forests and rivers that provide habitat for diverse native bird and freshwater fish populations in the New England states, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, plus the Upper Hudson and Lake Champlain watersheds in New York. This program annually awards competitive grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$200,000 each.

From 2015 through 2020, the program has awarded over \$9.1 million in grant funds, matched by over \$15.2 million from grantees for a total conservation impact of more than \$24.3 million, to 75 grants that will restore early successional and mature forest habitat, modify and replace barriers to fish movement, restore riparian and instream habitat, and engage hundreds of volunteers in forest habitat restoration and stream connectivity projects.



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Connecticut River in southern New England

These projects are expected to:

- Open 1,044 miles of streams for eastern brook trout and river herring through modification or replacement of 157 barriers to fish passage
- Restore 3,749 acres of young forest habitat for New England cottontail and American woodcock
- Restore 6,424 acres of mature forest habitat for black-throated blue warbler and wood thrush
- Engage 1,868 volunteers in on-the-ground conservation

Major funding for the New England Forests and Rivers Fund is provided by the American Forest Foundation, the Avangrid Foundation, Eversource, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Forest Service.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen the health of forest systems by improving the management of public and private forestlands to create a mosaic of mixed age forests in the region
- Provide incentives to strengthen habitat conservation

on working forests through flexible technical assistance that is appropriate for the forest stage(s) being targeted

- Improve the quality of river and stream systems through targeted riparian and stream restoration
- Reduce barriers to fish passage and increase fish access to high quality habitat
- Enhance biodiversity of forest and river systems and increase populations of species representative of system health, such as New England cottontail, American woodcock, golden-winged warbler, wood thrush, black-throated blue warbler, river herring, eastern brook trout and Atlantic salmon

The fund's investments are targeted to contiguous forest blocks of at least 5,000 acres across New England and eastern New York that use a range of forest management practices to create a diversity of age and structure for native bird species, and where populations of brook trout and river herring can most benefit from removal of barriers that impede fish passage.