



MANAGING STATE LANDS FOR WILDLIFE

Funding for Management

Funding for habitat and stewardship management of WMAs comes from a variety of sources.



Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program

Begun in 1937, the Wildlife Restoration Program (WR) provides grant funds through the US Fish & Wildlife Service to the state fish and wildlife agencies to restore, conserve, manage and enhance wild birds and mammals and their habitat. Excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and arrow components are collected and appropriated to the states based on a

formula that considers the state's land area and number of paid license holders. This funding requires a 25% match from the state.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program.

NH's Habitat Stamp

Since 1999, the \$2.50 check off on hunting licenses has funded the protection or management of 1,000s of acres of habitat. The Habitat Stamp provides matching funds for habitat work on WMAs funded through federal grant programs. Most of the work on WMAs benefits from Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program funding coupled with Habitat Stamp funds.

[Click here](#) to learn more about NH's Habitat Stamp.



Competitive State Wildlife Grants Program

The State Wildlife Grants Program (SWG) provides federal grant funds for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats, including species not hunted or fished. Priority is placed on projects that benefit species of greatest conservation need.

In 2008, the U.S. Congress earmarked a portion of SWG grants for a competitive State Wildlife Grant Program to encourage multi-partner projects that implement actions contained in State Wildlife Action Plans. NHFG spearheaded a regional effort in 2009 to apply for a competitive

SWG grant to restore New England cottontails throughout their range and pre-empt their listing under the federal Endangered Species Act. Grants were awarded to this regional effort in both 2010 and 2011. Partners in this effort include the US Fish & Wildlife Service, UNH Cooperative Extension, The Environmental Defense Fund, Wildlife Management Institute, the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, state wildlife agencies in ME, MA, CT, NY, and RI, and others. Habitat work has been funded under this grant on several NHFG properties on the Seacoast.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the State Wildlife Grants Program.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the restoration of New England cottontails and some of the work that has occurred on NHFG lands under this grant.

Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire

The Foundation is a charitable, non-profit corporation whose purpose it is to "enhance through private financial support, the critical conservation programs of the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department, so that people and wildlife will benefit for generations to come." The Foundation accepts gifts and bequests and otherwise raises funds to support the mission of the Department. The State Lands Habitat Program received a \$6,000 grant in 2013 to cover the cost of materials for building and installing several WMA signs and kiosks.



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Donations

NHFG's State Lands Habitat Program occasionally receives donations ear marked to particular projects. The Ruffed Grouse Society has provided funding for particular young forest habitat projects while the National Wild Turkey Federation has donated plantings that benefit wild turkeys.