

STATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANADIAN NAWMP/NAWCA PROJECTS

The North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA) was passed thirty years ago and has resulted in the greatest wetland conservation achievements on this globe.

It has provided \$1.71 billion in federal funding for habitat projects throughout North America, including 45 percent of the funds used in Canada for projects to be matched at least 1:1 with non-federal funds. In 2010, funds sourced in Canada became eligible for up to 50% of the non-federal match.



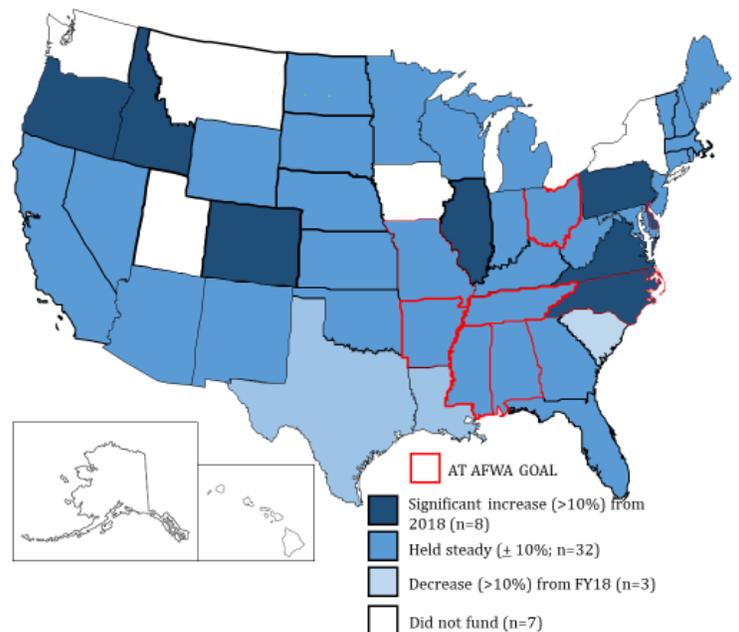
*North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Tours New Brunswick, Canada*

State visits to Canada for the purpose of seeing firsthand the conservation program delivery and meeting with conservation partners has been an important step in validating the return on investment for conservation funding. This past year North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission representatives traveled to

The vision and leadership of Gary Myers (retired director TWRA) and of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) and Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU) grasped the opportunity for the new continental approach to waterfowl management. DU committed to match every dollar invested by State Agencies, and in turn to seek a similar amount of NAWCA funds to deliver waterfowl habitat conservation projects in Canada. Since September 1991, members of AFWA passed and reaffirmed resolutions stating, in part; *“the states shall strive to maximize state support in the range of \$10 million per year from the states as U.S. matching funds for NAWMP projects in Canada and ... that the [Association] ... shall continue to explore, through the flyway councils and other appropriate avenues, ways and means of achieving this goal.”*

Atlantic Canada. Seeing the waterfowl utilize the valuable habitats protected through successful NAWMP partnerships results in a strong sense of satisfaction and hope for the future of waterfowl.

This report provides Association members with a national update on their contributions toward the AFWA goal.



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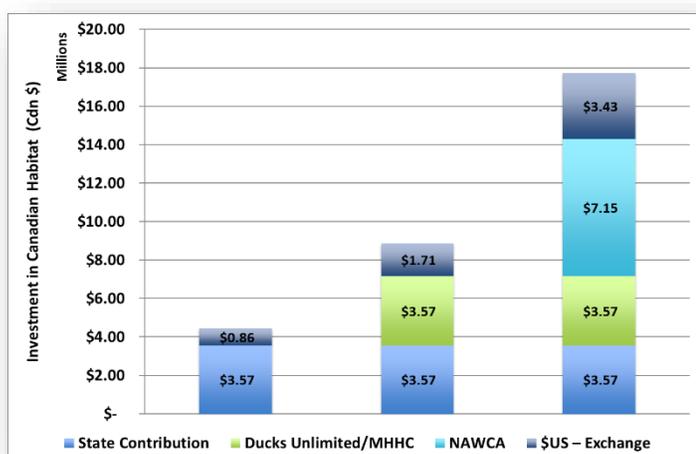
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2018 - 19 Contributions Summary

Forty-three states contributed a total of \$3,688,660 (US) dollars to Canadian waterfowl habitat projects during 2018-19. This is an increase to a record number of states and second highest annual total commitment.

Ducks Unlimited will match \$3.273 million of the states' investments and with the NAWCA funding, the investment will grow to \$13.1 million. Delta Waterfowl and Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation (MHHC) will invest the remaining \$300,000 of state funding. At the present-day currency exchange rate, the state, DU/MHHC and NAWCA funds will generate an additional \$3.43 million that will be invested in Canadian habitat.

The US funds, along with Canadian sources will increase the investment such that the state commitment of \$3.57 million becomes a total NAWCA and match investment in Canada of approximately \$17.72 million.



State PR Contributions

The first state to use PR funding for conservation work in Canada is North Carolina. This past year North Carolina committed to a conservation investment of \$116,000 US per year for the next 3 years. These funds are matched with \$38,000 US in Canadian expenditures. As a result, North Carolina met their AFWA goal for the first time.

SHORT-TERM NEED

Between now and 2020, Canadian NAWMP partners will conserve 2.6 million acres and manage nearly 12.6 million acres currently under conservation, requiring an investment in excess of \$700 M.

LONG-TERM NEED

Over the next 20 years NAWMP partners in Canada seek to conserve the National wetland base and migratory bird-valued natural areas through a thoughtful combination of *habitat securement, enhancement, and management*, promotion of sustainable land use, landowner incentives and progressive policy and regulation.

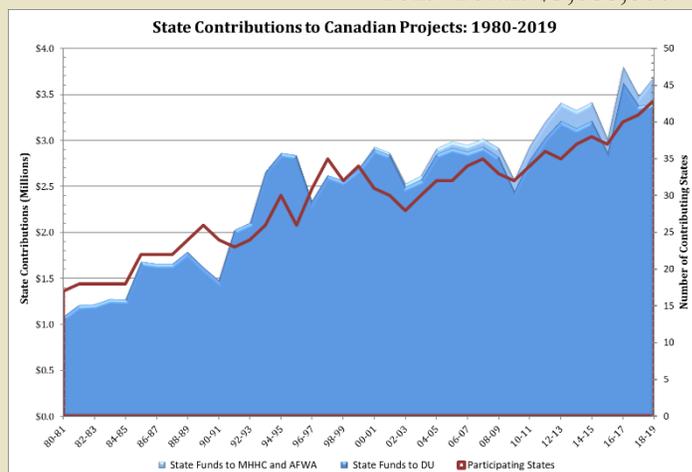
The outlook for 2019-20 is favorable and it is anticipated that more states will contribute to the waterfowl habitat programs in Canada.

RECORD YEAR

State commitments remain strong this year totaling \$3,688,660 from 43 states. Eight states meeting their AFWA goal played a significant role in reaching this record year.

Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio and Tennessee

2019 Total: \$3,688,660



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