INFLATION REDUCTION ACT A Conservation Opportunity



Private Lands Working Group

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RECOVERING AMERICA'S WILDLIFE ACT & THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

The possibility of significant and dedicated long-term funding from the proposed Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) could empower State Wildlife Agencies change the conservation outlook of many imperiled species. The ~\$20 Billion appropriated by the **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)** for conservation programs is about 322% more applied funding than the \$5.6 Billion currently proposed for RAWA over the same timeframe.

States that prioritize conservation of habitat on private lands will be well positioned to multiply their investment in conservation delivery capacity for incentive programs. This foundation will help states participate in the direction of IRA funds towards their goals

States that employ partnerships with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to engage with programs like the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) have an opportunity to empower their contributions to act as force multipliers for conservation on private lands. Appropriated IRA funding greatly amplifies the potential outcomes of these investments.

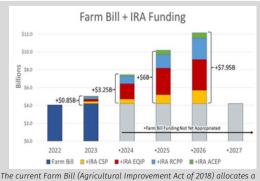
DID YOU KNOW?!

\$20 Billion

The recently passed Inflation Reduction Act adds ~\$20 Billion in additional funding for USDA working lands programs. This is a historic opportunity for wildlife conservation on private lands. By investing in capacity and programs for private lands conservation, State Wildlife Agencies can leverage federal resources and become a force multiplier for habitat!

Partnerships

partnerships with the USDA-NRCS through capacity building and resource investment, State Wildlife Agencies can ensure outcomes compatible with wildlife habitat from IRA funding appropriations. Programs like CSP, EQIP, RCPP, and ACEP can be meaningful tools for conservation delivery. When amplified by IRA funding they could be game changing!



The current Farm Bill (Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018) allocates a tremendous amount of funding to existing NRCS conservation programs. The IRA boosts funding by more than double through FY2026.

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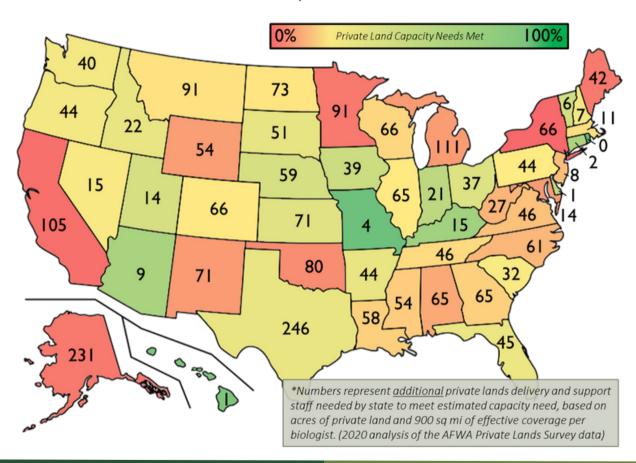


PRIORITIZE PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION

Put your resources where conservation happens, Private Lands. For State Wildlife Agencies, meeting the challenge of habitat conservation on a meaningful scale requires a commitment of effort and funds directed to where habitat exists and ensuring stewardship by supporting landowners with quality customer service.

Private Lands Capacity = Relevancy.

IS CAPACITY ADEQUATE IN YOUR STATE?



PARTNERSHIPS = CONTRIBUTION MULTIPLIERS!

If the Recovering America's Wildlife Act comes to pass, funds distributed through the U.S, Fish & Wildlife Service may be qualifying contributions by State Agency partners for Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) agreements. Wildlife Agency involvement in the direction of these funds is critical to ensuring wildlife compatible outcomes. Wildlife focused projects delivered by State Agency led partnerships over the next 4 years could change the future of conservation on working lands.

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