

The North American Wetlands Conservation Act: Working for Utah



The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) is an incentive-based, landowner-friendly program that fosters the development of public-private partnerships to protect North America's migratory bird habitat.

NAWCA Positively Impacts the Economy and Creates Jobs

NAWCA benefits the national economy by translating \$1.08 billion in federal funds into at least \$3.5 billion in additional economic activity in the United States. These expenditures have created, on average, nearly 3,800 new jobs annually in the United States, generating nearly \$840 million in worker earnings each year.

NAWCA Effectively Leverages Private Sector Funds

Since enactment, NAWCA grants have leveraged more than \$3.4 billion in matching funds to deliver a total of over \$4.5 billion in on-the-ground conservation. NAWCA requires a 1:1 match, but federal funds are often tripled or quadrupled by partners at the local level.

NAWCA Expands Recreational Opportunities For People

The abundance of wildlife including many species of waterfowl, other migratory birds, fish, and mammals supported by wetlands translates into multi-billion dollar activities for Americans who enjoy hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and photography.

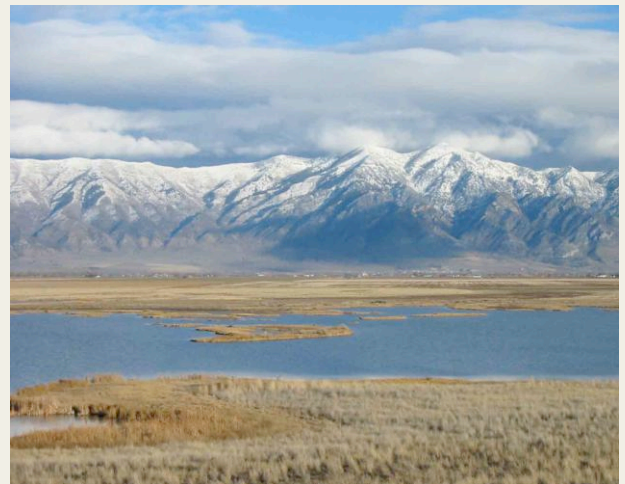
NAWCA Benefits Hundreds Of Wildlife Species

NAWCA helps fulfill the mission of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and other bird conservation plans by providing wetland-associated migratory birds with essential habitat. NAWCA projects also benefit other fish and wildlife species, including rare, threatened, and endangered species that are dependent on wetlands ecosystems.

Conserving and Restoring Wetlands Increases Water Quantity and Quality

Wetlands store water and recharge aquifers, thus securing future water supplies. Plants and soils in wetlands play a significant role in purifying water, removing high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus, and in some cases, removing toxic chemicals before entering the water supply. Some wetland plants have been found to accumulate heavy metals in their tissues at 100,000 times the concentration in the surrounding water.

Great Salt Lake Wetlands Project - Phase IV



The Great Salt Lake and associated wetlands support some four million waterfowl and five million shorebirds annually and form one of the most important wetland complexes in North America. Most of these species are migrants, but large quantities of breeding birds come to this area as well.

The fourth phase of this project, begun in 2010, is located in Weber, Davis and Box Elder counties and is part of a 12,410 acre restoration project on wetlands and associated uplands. The project provides critical wetland and upland habitat for waterfowl in the Central Flyway, including some of the largest concentrations of pintails and redheads on the continent.

This most recent phase will focus on acquiring, restoring and enhancing wetlands and uplands immediately adjacent to the lake. The project will protect, restore or enhance 12,410 acres of wetlands and associated uplands, 116 acres of which will be permanently protected. Work will occur on nine tracts, including four state waterfowl management areas, a national wildlife refuge and four private properties.

Utah NAWCA Projects

NAWCA currently has 8 projects either completed or underway. These projects have conserved a total of 55,298 acres of wildlife habitat. NAWCA funding of over \$3.6 million stimulated partner contributions of over \$10.4 million.

	Title	Grant	Partners	Total	Acres
1.	GREAT SALT LAKE WETLANDS	\$987,099	\$3,197,107	\$4,184,206	16,522
2.	GREAT SALT LAKE WETLANDS II	\$1,000,000	\$3,397,513	\$4,397,513	8,628
3.	CONTROL OF PHRAGMITES AT AMBASSADOR DUCK CLUB	\$37,000	\$45,689	\$82,689	300
4.	AMBASSADOR DUCK CLUB WETLAND RESTORATION IN TREATED PHRAGMITES AREA	\$27,400	\$43,353	\$70,753	400
5.	THE NEW STATE WETLAND ENHANCEMENT	\$49,112	\$131,923	\$181,035	1,200
6.	GREAT SALT LAKE WETLANDS PROJECT, PHASE III	\$465,000	\$990,670	\$1,455,670	14,796
7.	NEW STATE BIG ROLLER WATER CONTROL PROJECT	\$30,000	\$168,410	\$198,410	1,042
8.	GREAT SALT LAKE WETLANDS PROJECT, PHASE IV	\$1,000,000	\$2,467,291	\$3,467,291	12,410
	Total	\$3,595,611	\$10,441,956	\$14,037,567	55,298

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