



Private Lands Habitat Improvements

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the federal government's lead agency for conserving and managing the nation's fish and wildlife resources. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has been designed to assist private landowners in wildlife habitat restoration and other enhancement activities, including assistance to educational institutions. In Oklahoma, 97 percent of the land is in private ownership. Wetlands and other wildlife habitat on these privately owned lands provide untold potential for restoration and enhancement. Wildlife management projects can fit well with most farming and ranching operations. Technical assistance and financial incentives are available from the FWS to landowners interested in improving the status of wildlife and important habitat on their property.



Bottomland Hardwoods Wetland



Native Prairie Restoration - Before.



Native Prairie Restoration - After.

Objectives of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

- Restore, enhance, and manage private lands for fish and wildlife habitat.
- Significantly improve important fish and wildlife resources while promoting compatibility between agricultural and other land uses.
- Restore declining species and habitats.
- Promote a wide-spread and lasting land-use ethic.

Private Lands Restoration

417,131 Upland Habitat Acres
 28,872 Wetland Acres
 178 Miles of Riparian Habitat
 446,003 Total Acres
 1,371 Sites

As a Cooperator you would agree to:

Use funds for wetland or other approved wildlife related projects, by contracting for construction activities and fund any remaining costs of the project.

Manage and maintain for at least 10 years your project for the benefit of wildlife.

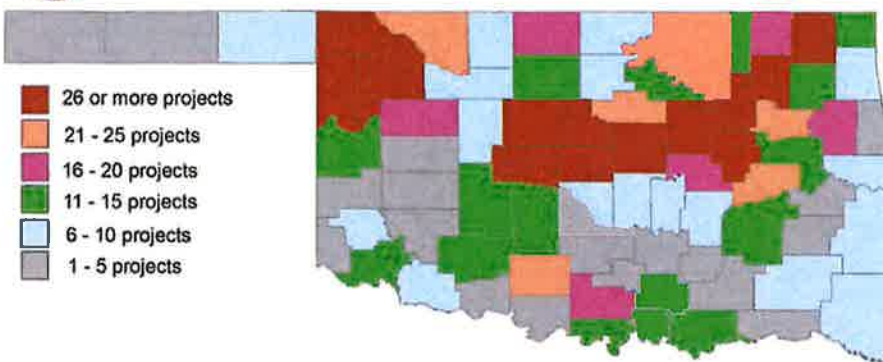
Restrict timber cutting and control livestock grazing on project area.

Private Lands Habitat Restoration

1990-2020

446,003 Total Acres

1,371 Habitat Projects



Riparian Protection.



(Above) Native Prairie Restoration.

(Above) Total Acres and Project Site Map. (Right) Cedar Removal and Prescribed Fire.



Technical and Financial Assistance for:

- Wetland Restoration
- Stream Restoration
- Outdoor Classrooms
- Invasive Species Control
- Native Habitat Restoration
- Endangered Species
- Riparian Buffers
- Protection

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(Right) Native Prairie Restoration



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Partner Up

"I really appreciate the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. I could not have accomplished these goals without the assistance of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Thank you very much."

Chuck Hatch

South-central Oklahoma cattle rancher and one of the hundreds of Oklahomans who have become "Partners."