

STATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANADIAN NAWMP/NAWCA PROJECTS

State Contributions to Canada Program

The NAWMP was a grand “plan” catapulted into action when the North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA) was passed in 1991.

It provided federal funding for habitat projects throughout North America, including up to 50 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.

The leadership 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.”*

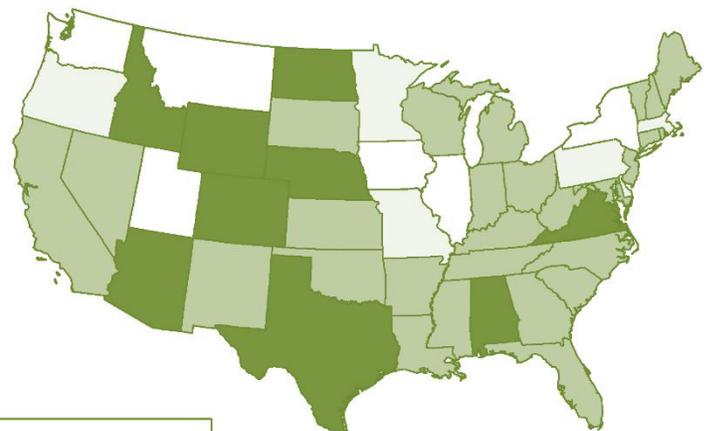
This report provides Association members with a national update on their contributions toward the AFWA goal.

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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 Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Louisiana Department of Wildlife

and Fisheries and Missouri Department of Conservation Resources representatives traveled to Manitoba and Saskatchewan. 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.



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2017 - 18 Contributions Summary

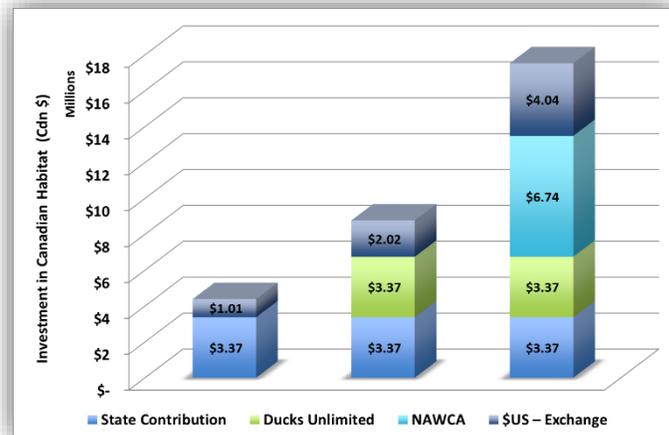
Forty one states contributed a total of \$3,480,793 (US) dollars to Canadian waterfowl habitat projects during 2017-18. This is an increase to a record number of states and second highest annual total commitment.

Ducks Unlimited will match \$3.371 million of the states' investments and with the NAWCA funding, the investment will grow to \$13.5 million. Delta Waterfowl and Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation will invest the remaining \$110,000 of state funding. At the present-day currency exchange rate, the state, DU and NAWCA funds will generate an additional \$4.04 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 \$3.48 million becomes a total investment in waterfowl habitat in Canada of approximately \$17.5 million.

Nine states (Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, North Dakota, Virginia, Texas and Wyoming) increased their individual contributions by more than 10 percent. Due to administrative challenges in Illinois, the duck stamp funds could not be appropriated for the third year in a row however with a 2019 budget, funding is anticipated to return. The outlook for 2018-19 is favorable and it is anticipated that more states will contribute to the waterfowl habitat programs in Canada. Discussions are underway with states that were not able to contribute in 2017-18.

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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.

2018 Total: \$3,480,793

RECORD YEAR

State commitments remain strong this year totaling \$3,480,793 from 41 states. Six states meeting their AFWA goal played a significant role in reaching this record year.

Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee

State Contributions to Canadian Projects: 1980-2018

The chart shows a steady increase in state contributions over time, with a significant jump around 2017-18. The number of participating states also shows an upward trend, reaching a record of 41 states in 2018.