



Acres for America

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Cerulean warbler

ABOUT NFWF

Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Working with federal, corporate and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 5,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$6.8 billion.

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OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and Walmart announced its 17th year of funding through the Acres for America program, one of the most effective public-private partnerships in the history of U.S. land conservation efforts. Seven new grants totaling \$4.95 million were awarded to projects in Alaska, Florida, Montana, New Mexico, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, towards the protection of more than 233,000 acres. These seven awards will leverage an additional \$130.76 million in matching contributions, creating a total conservation impact of \$135.71 million.

Acres for America is NFWF's premier land conservation program. Since 2005, NFWF and Walmart have supported the conservation of critical habitats for birds, fish, plants and wildlife; connection of existing protected lands to unify wild places and protected migration routes; providing access for people to enjoy the outdoors; and safeguarding the future of local economies that depend on forestry, ranching and recreation.

Since its inception, Acres for America has funded 107 projects in 41 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to permanently protect more than 1.8 million acres — far surpassing its original goal of 100,000 acres.

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Permanently Protect Sockeye Salmon Habitat in Pedro Bay Rivers (AK)

Grantee: The Conservation Fund, A Nonprofit Corporation
 Grant Amount:..... \$500,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$19,500,000
 Total Project Amount: \$20,000,000
 The Conservation Fund will permanently protect 44,173 acres within the Knutson Creek, Pile River, and Iliamna River watersheds in Alaska through conservation easements. The project will establish an indigenous conservation area that helps to connect 13.7 million acres of protected lands and will benefit the most productive salmon ecosystem in North America.

Conserve Threatened Forest and Forested Wetland Habitat in the Pelican River Forest (WI)

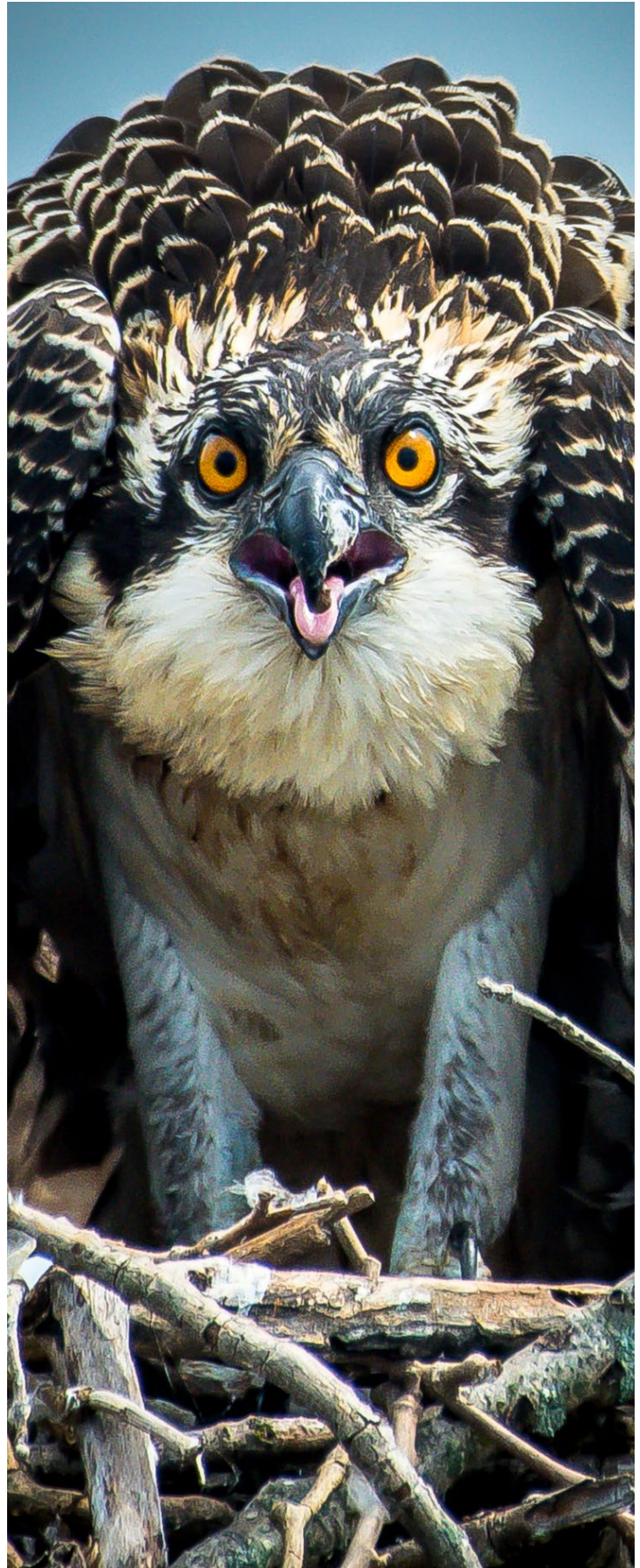
Grantee: The Conservation Fund, A Nonprofit Corporation
 Grant Amount:..... \$600,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$24,515,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$25,115,000
 The Conservation Fund will conserve 70,000 acres of privately-owned working forests and wetland habitat in Wisconsin while also continuing public recreational access and securing sustainable forest management. The project will protect valuable habitat for iconic species like wolves, northern goshawks, American marten and other key species, ensuring habitat connectivity between adjacent protected forest lands.

Conserving Indigenous Rappahannock Ancestral Lands at Fones Cliffs on the Rappahannock River (VA)

Grantee: Rappahannock Tribe of Virginia
 Grant Amount:..... \$500,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$3,500,000
 Total Project Amount: \$4,000,000
 The Rappahannock Tribe of Virginia will acquire 484 acres of indigenous ancestral homelands on the Rappahannock River to conserve as a natural area and to use for educational purposes befitting the Tribe and the public. The project will protect wetland and forest habitat adjacent to other projected lands and will benefit breeding and migratory habitat for bald eagles, ospreys, and waterfowl.

Protecting Mt. Taylor Traditional Cultural Properties for the Marquez Wildlife Management Area (NM)

Grantee: The Trust for Public Land
 Grant Amount:..... \$1,000,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$33,000,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$34,000,000
 The Trust for Public Land will acquire 52,870 acres of intact, climate resilient wildlife habitat in central New Mexico. This project will secure important wildlife corridors and eliminate the threat of future mineral development while also preserving important cultural resources and providing new recreational opportunities. The project will benefit a large number of species that rely on this area and will enhance connectivity between existing protected lands.



Osprey



Fall foliage in Canaan Valley

Enhancing Landscape Connectivity through Acquisition within the Apalachicola River Ecosystem (FL)

Grantee: Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 Grant Amount:..... \$750,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$31,242,293
 Total Project Amount:31,992,293

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will acquire approximately 32,000 acres of land that supports ecosystem functions and contains critical habitats including wetlands, floodplain and uplands within the Apalachicola River ecosystem in Florida. The project will protect this unique Florida landscape and ensure the land is managed to conserve and restore critical land, water and wildlife resources to benefit multiple rare and imperiled plant and animal species.

Montana Great Outdoors Conservation Easement in the Northern Continental Divide (MT)

Grantee: The Trust for Public Land
 Grant Amount:..... \$600,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$12,500,000
 Total Project Amount: \$13,100,000

The Trust for Public Land will permanently protect 30,000 acres of riparian, wetland and forest habitat in Lincoln, Flathead, and Sanders Counties in Montana that support 46 federally listed species including redband trout, hoary bat, northern goshawk, and northern alligator lizard. The project will also provide habitat connectivity between existing protected areas.

Permanently Protect Habitat in Canaan Valley to Increase Climate Resilience (WV)

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy
 Grant Amount:.....\$1,000,000
 Matching Funds:.....\$6,500,000
 Total Project Amount:\$7,500,000

The Nature Conservancy will protect 3,500 acres of habitat in the Canaan Valley/Dolly Sods region of West Virginia. The protected land will contribute to climate resilience, conserving wetlands and headwater areas and will help expand connections to 75,000 acres of existing conservation areas.



Northern alligator lizard