



Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund

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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 6,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$8.1 billion. NFWF is an equal opportunity provider.

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Great blue heron

BACKGROUND

The Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund is dedicated to protecting and restoring the bay by helping local communities clean up and restore their polluted rivers and streams. The fund also advances cost-effective and creative solutions with financial and technical assistance to local communities, farmers and private landowners.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) manages the Stewardship Fund in partnership with government agencies and private corporations and in close coordination with the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program partnership. Major funding is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the Chesapeake Bay Program Office and the U.S. Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Additional funding is provided by Altria Group, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and U.S. Forest Service.



Since 1999, the Stewardship Fund has worked with the public and private sectors to deliver on-the-ground conservation successes benefiting the communities, farms, habitats and wildlife of the Chesapeake Bay region. NFWF administers the Fund's three competitive grant programs, the Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grant Program, the Small Watershed Grants Program, the Chesapeake WILD Grant Program and the Pennsylvania Most Effective Basins Program. NFWF also makes targeted investments that support networking and information-sharing among restoration partners on emerging technologies, successful restoration approaches, and new partnership opportunities.

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Bald eagle

These programs directly engage agricultural producers, homeowners, churches, businesses and others in on-the-ground restoration actions that improve the quality of life in communities throughout the watershed, while ultimately improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Stewardship Fund has three primary objectives:

- Target restoration actions in priority watersheds where opportunities exist to simultaneously improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and recover species.
- Advance the use of green infrastructure in urban landscapes to treat stormwater runoff, enhance wildlife habitat and benefit local communities.
- Accelerate innovation on cross-cutting issues to drive down the cost of recovery and accelerate the pace of restoration.

RESULTS TO DATE

Since 1999, NFWF has awarded more than 1,300 grants through the Stewardship Fund, totaling more than \$270 million in funding to local, on-the-ground restoration and technical assistance projects, leveraged by more than \$380 million in local matching resources. Collectively, these investments have achieved significant and measurable environmental outcomes:

- Reduced annual nitrogen pollution loading by more than 28 million pounds
- Reduced annual phosphorus loading by an estimated 5.4 million pounds
- Reduced annual sediment loading by more than 1.3 billion pounds
- Restored nearly 2,500 miles of riparian habitat
- Treated stormwater runoff from 14,746 acres of impervious surfaces
- Reached an estimated 7.5 million residents through outreach efforts