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Northeast Forests and Rivers 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 6,800 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of more than \$10 billion.

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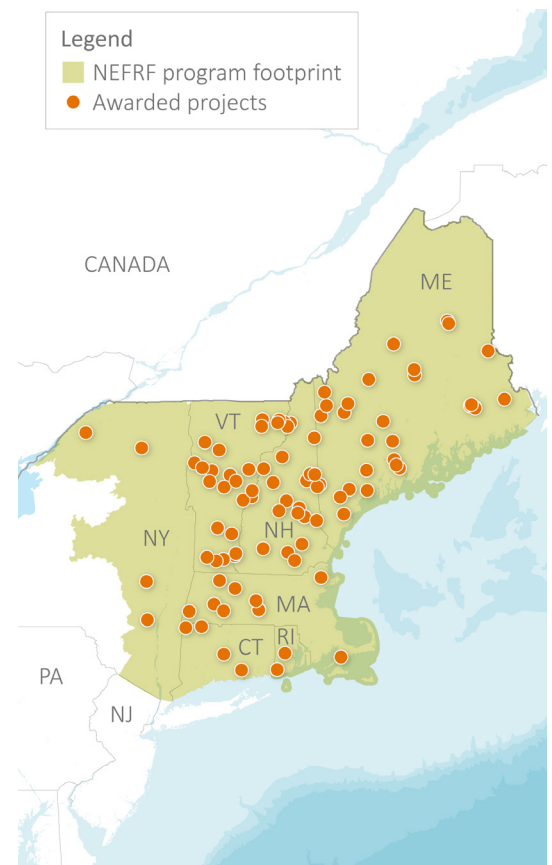


Black-throated blue warbler

BACKGROUND

The Northeast Forests and Rivers Fund is dedicated to restoring and sustaining healthy forests and rivers that provide habitat for diverse native bird and freshwater fish populations in the New England states, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, plus the Lake Champlain, Saint Lawrence River, Saranac River and Upper Hudson watersheds in New York. This program annually awards competitive grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$300,000 each.

From 2015 through 2024, the program has awarded \$15 million in grant funds, matched by more than \$25 million from grantees for a total conservation impact of more than \$40 million to 106 grants that will restore early successional and mature forest habitat, modify and replace barriers to fish movement, restore riparian and instream habitat, and engage hundreds of volunteers in forest habitat restoration and stream connectivity projects.



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American woodcock

These projects are expected to:

- Open 1,291 miles of streams for brook trout and river herring through modification or replacement of 180 barriers to fish passage
- Restore 6,434 acres of young forest habitat for New England cottontail and American woodcock
- Restore 9,662 acres of mature forest habitat for black-throated blue warbler and wood thrush
- Engage 2,983 volunteers in on-the-ground conservation
- with a focus on improving habitat for wood turtle, river herring, Atlantic salmon and brook trout.
- **Improve Upland Forest Health** - Enhance age and structural diversity that demonstrates improved forest conditions for native wildlife, with a focus on improving habitat for golden-winged warbler and New England cottontail.
- **Increase Grassland Bird Habitat** - Invest in management of hayfields to allow for successful breeding of grassland birds, with a specific focus on habitat for bobolink.

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- **Restore Stream and Riparian Habitats** - Improve the quality and connectivity of stream and riparian habitats to enhance the long-term persistence of native species, and where populations of Atlantic salmon, brook trout and river herring can most benefit from removal of barriers that impede fish passage.