

PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM

A cost-share assistance program available to Oklahoma landowners needing support with habitat work



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 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, over 95 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.

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 your project for the benefit of wildlife for at least 10 years.
- Restrict timber cutting and control livestock grazing in the project area.

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 widespread and lasting land-use ethic.

Technical and Financial Assistance for:

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

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