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Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America’s waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.
Great Lakes/Atlantic Regional Office

• Biologists, engineers, surveyors, construction managers, GIS, lands specialist, policy experts, fundraisers, contract compliance, communication, research scientists, strategic planning, and more!

• Expertise in developing partnerships, write/administer complex grants, engineering

• Annually conserve >16,000 acres of wetlands and related habitats
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Wetland Protection Status

What would we restore if we had the opportunity to?

• Basis of the delisting criteria for Fish and Wildlife Habitat BUI
  - i.e., Protect 60% of the wetlands within the Saginaw Bay Coastal Plain.
Wetland Protection Status

1. Develop 585’ contour to define the Saginaw Bay Coastal Plain
2. Update Conserved and Recreational Lands data layer
4. Prioritize lands for conservation Saginaw Bay Coastal Wetland Protection Priority Analysis tool
Updating Wetland Protection Status

Prioritizes specific parcels to focus protection efforts

Identifies protected areas with restoration potential
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Protecting Saginaw Bay’s Wetlands

The 60% and the other 40%
  • NAWCA partnerships

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- 12 NAWCA grants
- $5.3 million in NAWCA funds
- $15.2 million in Partner funds
- Over 19,000 acres conserved
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Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

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$2.1 million
Identifying Restoration Potential
Wetlands Once Again

Before

After

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Enhancing and Maintaining

Not all habitat is created equal.

Specific projects were identified to meet delisting criteria for fish and wildlife related BUIs in River Raisin AOC.
Enhancing and Maintaining

Ducks Unlimited is working with the USFWS to enhance Eagle Marsh (a.k.a. Ford Marsh).
Ducks Unlimited was contracted by the MDNR-PRD to restore emergent and submergent coastal habitats at Wm. C. Sterling State Park.
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