

Wetland Economic Benefits for Landowners

Economic Benefits Matrix



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Celebrate Urban Birds Mini-Grants	Cornell University	Promote Science in Urban Areas esp. Related to Birds, the Arts, and Greening			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X								X							X	
Texas Prairie Wetlands Project	Ducks Unlimited	Creation and Protection of Wintering Waterfowl Habitat	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X					X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup	FSA	Restoration and Protection of Environmentally Sensitive Lands on Agricultural Lands	X					X	X	X	X	X	X								X	X				X			
Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (Including FWP)	FSA	Restoration and Protection of Environmentally Sensitive Lands on Agricultural Lands with Focus on Wetlands and Buffers	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X				X			
Debt for Nature or the Loan Cancellation Conservation Contract Program	FSA	FSA Loan Cancellation in Exchange for Natural Resource Conservation	X					X	X	X		X	X						X		X	X				X			
Guaranteed Conservation Loan Program	FSA/NRCS	Provides Farmers with Access to Loans for Conservation Work	X					X	X	X	X	X							X		X					X			
Conservation Tax Deduction	IRS	Tax Deduction for Endangered Species Conservation Expenses	X					X	X	X	X	X									X					X			
Tax Deduction via Donated Conservation Easement	IRS	Tax Deduction for Donation of Part of Landowner Rights on Land (i.e. Development Rights) to a Land Trust	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X								X	X	X				X		X	
Tax Deduction via Bargain Sale to Land Trust	IRS	Capital Gains Tax Reduction, Charitable Gift Deduction, and Profit for Selling Land at Below Market Value to Charity	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X								X					X		X	
Tax Deduction via Donation of Land for Conservation	IRS	Tax Deduction for Donation Land to a Land Trust	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	Case by Case								X					X		X	
Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant	NFWF	Promotes Building Community Based Partnerships with the Goal of Education, Outreach, and Training Activities for Wetland, Riparian, and Coastal Habitat Restoration Projects			X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X						X	X				X	X	X	
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE)	NRCS	Restoration and Protection of Previously Farmed Or Converted Wetlands	X, Including Tribal Agricultural Lands							X	X			X	X	X				X	X	X			X				
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	NRCS	Promote Conservation on Agricultural Lands	X, Including Tribal Agricultural Lands					X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X			X				
Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)	NRCS	Promote Conservation and Sustainability on Private Land	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X									X	X				X			
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) (Including Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG))	NRCS	Promotion Conservation & Water Quality Improvement on Agricultural Lands	X					X	X	X	X	X		X	X					X	X	X			X				

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Mitigation Bank Credit Aggregators and Developers	SELF	Creation of Restoration Or Enhancement of Ecological Areas in Exchange for Sell of Credits for Unavoidable Impacts	X	X		X	Case by Case	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X				X	X
Carbon Credit: Landowner and/or Aggregators and Developers	SELF	Restoration and Conservation of forest, Pasture, & Wetland Ecosystems via Carbon Finance	X	X			Case by Case			X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X		X			X	X
Property Tax Valuation for Wildlife Management	State of Texas	Valuation of Land Being Appraised As Agricultural Land Can Instead be Appraised for Wildlife Management	X					X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X				X					X		
Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)	TPWD	Promote Good Conservation Practices on Private Lands	X	X	X	X	X, Including Tribal Governments	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X	X	X	Case by Case	Case by Case	X	X	X	
TPWD Technical Assistance through the Private Lands & Habitat Program Wildlife Division	TPWD	Provide Advice and Information to Land Managers for Conservation and Development of Wildlife Habitat and Management of Wildlife Populations	X	X	X	X	X, Including Tribal Governments	X	X	X	X	X	X			X				X	X						X	
Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Program	TSSWCB	Provide Technical Assistance to Agricultural Landowners for Conservation Practices	X					X	X	X	X	X	X			X						X					X	
Water Quality Management Plan Program (WQMP)	TSSWCB	Creation of Water Quality Management Plans to Abate Agricultural and Silvicultural Nonpoint Source Pollution to Impaired Waters	X					X	X	X	X	X	X		Case by Case	X						X					X	
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) TEXAS Loan Program	TWDB	Low Cost Loans for Addressing Nonpoint Source Pollution and Estuary Management	X	X	X	X	X, Including Tribal Governments	X	X	X	X	X	X						X		X	X		X		X	X	
AgrLife Extension Program	TX A&M AgrLife Extension Service	Address Local Priorities in Agricultural and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Science, 4-H Youth Development, & Community Economic Development via a Network of Professional Educators, Volunteers, and County Offices	X	X	X	X	X, Including Tribal Governments	X	X	X	X	X	X			X				X	X	X					X	
Forest Legacy Program	TX A&M Forest Service	Conservation of Forest from Conversion to Non-Forested Land Uses	X, Including Tribal Forestlands				X, Only Tribal Governments	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X		X	X	X		
Forest Stewardship Program	TX A&M Forest Service	Encourage Long Term Stewardship and Productivity of Forestlands	X, Including Tribal Forestlands				X, Only Tribal Governments	X	X	X		X	X			X	X				X					X		
Water Resources Program	TX A&M Forest Service	Protect Water Resources Through Sustainable Use of Forestlands	X, Including Tribal Forestlands				X, Only Tribal Governments	X	X	X		X	X			X						X				X		
Forest Taxation / Texas Reforestation and Conservation Act of 1999	TX A&M Forest Service	Encourage Reforestation and Preservation of Non Timber Forest Values (Such As Water Quality, Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, and Critical Wildlife Habitat)	X						X	X		X	X			X	X				X					X		
National Fish Passage Program	USFWS	Reconnection of Impeded Streams, Wetlands, and Aquatic Habitats for Fish	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X				X	X	X				X		
North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Standard & Small Grants Program	USFWS	Conservation of Wetlands and Migratory Bird Habitat	X	X	X	X	X, Including Tribal Governments	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X					X					X		

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Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA) Core and IMPACT Grant Program	USFWS	Conservation of Neotropical Migratory Birds and their Habitat	X	X	X	X	X, Including Tribal Governments	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X					X	X				X			
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	USFWS	Habitat Restoration and Protection on Private Lands for Federal Trust Species	X	X	X	X	X, Including Tribal Governments	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X					X			X					
Safe Harbor Agreements	USFWS	Wildlife Management on Private Land for Federal Trust Species in Exchange for Formal Assurances From USFWS for No Further Required Management Activity	X	X	X	X	X, Including Special Coordination with Tribal Governments	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X			X				X				
Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA)	USFWS	Wildlife Management on Private Land for Candidate Or Rare Species in Exchange for Formal Assurances From USFWS for No Further Required Management Activity	X	X	X	X	X, Including Special Coordination with Tribal Governments	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X			X				X				
Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and ESA Section 10, Incidental Take Permits	USFWS	Conservation Plans Required as Part of an Incidental Take Permit based on the Endangered Species Act	X			X	X, Including Special Coordination with Tribal Governments	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X			X				X				
Coastal Program	USFWS	Conservation and Stewardship of Coastal and Estuarine Natural Resources	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X	X	X		X	X				
Purchased Conservation Easement or PDRs	Various	Conservation Through the Purchase of Development Rights	X	X	X	X	X, Including Tribal Governments	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Case by Case			X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	