

NC Partners

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Λ **NC Partners Provides:**

NC Partners is a Partnership between the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ducks Unlimited, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The program is designed to assist private landowners by cost-sharing on small dikes and water control structures to provide habitat for the benefit of waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, other migratory birds and related wetland wildlife.

Generally, NC Partners will provide technical and financial assistance on developing a managed impoundment for the purpose of improving water quality, managing harvested croplands, waterfowl food plots, moist soil areas, forested wetlands or other natural wetlands.

Λ **Landowners Provide:**

- * Agreement for 10 years to maintain the project in its managed state.
- * Coordination and cooperation.
- * Cost share or in kind services.
- * Reporting/documenting.

Λ **Program Goals**

- * Provide wildlife habitats for waterfowl, wading birds shorebirds and other related wetland wildlife and improve water quality.
- * Enter into voluntary agreements with private landowners.
- * Leverage funds and resources with other partners.
- * Develop projects that support as many goals as possible of:

The North American Waterfowl Management Plan; National Wildlife Refuge System; Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Plans; Fisheries Management and Restoration Plans; Ecosystem Management Plans; Southeastern Shorebird Plan, and Partners-In-Flight.

Λ **Qualifying Landowners**

All landowners qualify to participate in NC Partners. Participating landowners include private individuals, family trusts, partnerships, corporate owners, non-profit organizations, governments, and universities.

Λ **Target Habitat Types**

North Carolina is graced with a diversity of habitat types. Likewise, NC Partners aims to provide managed habitat as a compliment to the diversity of habitat types throughout the state. In particular, the program targets, but is not limited to:

Seasonally flooded Croplands; Wetlands; Forested Wetlands; Upland and Bottomland Hardwoods.

Financial assistance averages \$200 per acre. Landowners are responsible for contributing the remainder of the project costs and overseeing the project, however, NC Partners funds are limited. Therefore, your project must compete with other projects submitted to the program.

Maximum cost-share per landowner per year is \$10,000.

Waterfowl hunting limited to 3 half days per week.

Examples of approved practices: Flooding of harvested croplands, moist-soil management, and waterfowl food plots.