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Partners for Fish & Wildlife



Congressional District #23

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“*This is the best thing the government ever did for me,*” said Harold Cole about the 26 acres of restored wetlands on his St. Lawrence County property. Mr. Cole is one of hundreds of landowners in the 23rd Congressional District, and among the more than 2,200 in New York who have joined with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore wildlife habitat on their lands. Through its innovative Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, the Service provides technical advice and funding to help landowners like Mr. Cole realize their goal of making their land a better place for wildlife and, in the process, a better place for themselves.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Accomplishments In Congressional District 23

Number of Landowners with Completed Projects	211
Acres of Wetland Habitat Restored	5186
Acres of Grassland Habitat Restored	2155
Miles of Riparian Habitat Restored	6.6
Number of Sites Restored	484
Number of Landowners Participating in PFW	748
Number of Landowners on the Waiting list	132

Accomplishments

New York State’s Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program was initiated in 1990 in the St. Lawrence Valley to restore wetland habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds. Since then the Partners



Butterfield Marsh Project

Program has been very active in Congressional District 23 restoring all kinds of wildlife habitat for the benefit of a variety of wildlife species, and the landowners as well.

The most recent habitat restoration work involves restoration of 26-acre wetland restoration project on Crooked Creek in Jefferson County. A long berm was repaired and fish passage was installed for northern pike (*Esox lucius*). Waterfowl, marsh birds, and now pike can use the marsh for breeding.

Goals

- Restore or enhance 300,000 acres of wetlands, primarily in the St. Lawrence Valley and Lake Ontario Plain, used by waterfowl, shorebirds, and wading birds.
- Restore 100,000 acres of grasslands in the St. Lawrence Valley which has the highest densities of grassland nesting birds in eastern North America.
- Remove 1,000 acres of invasive species in the 23rd Congressional District for the benefit of migratory birds.

Partners

Natural Resources Conservation Service
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry
St. Lawrence Valley Sportsmen’s Club
St. Lawrence County SWCD
Watershed Agriculture Council
Student Conservation Association
Niagara Mohawk Electric Company

Ducks Unlimited
NYSDEC
Town of Dekalb
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Audubon Society

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