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Partners for Fish & Wildlife



Congressional District #25

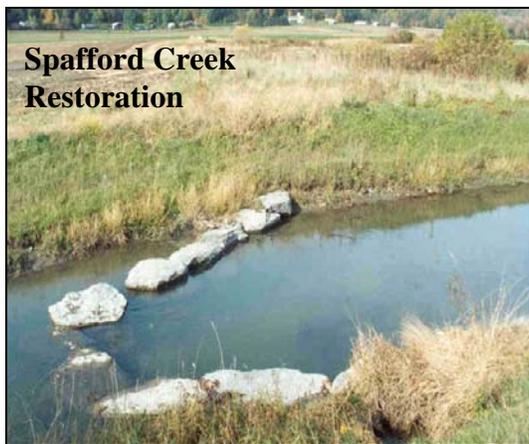
James Walsh

“We are really happy with the (Partners for Fish and Wildlife) Program and enjoy our wetland. The neighbors also enjoy the wildlife it attracts” said Jackie Keenen about the wetlands restored on her Cayuga County property 10 years ago. Ms. Keenen is one of 2,200 landowners 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 Ms. Keenen 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 25

Number of Landowners with Completed Projects	39
Acres of Wetland Habitat Restored	3130
Acres of Grassland Habitat Restored	36
Miles of Riparian Habitat Restored	1.04
Number of Sites Restored	67
Number of Landowners Participating in PFW	219
Number of Landowners on the Waiting list	32

Accomplishments



**Spafford Creek
Restoration**

New York State’s Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program was initiated in 1990 to restore wetland habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds. Since then the Partners Program has been very active in Congressional District 25 restoring all kinds of wildlife habitat for the benefit of a variety of wildlife species, and of course the landowners as well.

One project that was completed entailed restoring one mile of Spafford Creek using natural channel design methods. After restoration, native trout can once again spawn in the project area. Because this project was so successful, the Town of Spafford is now using similar methods to restore another portion of the creek.

Goals

- To restore 8,000 acres of wetland habitat for waterfowl, water birds, and song birds.
- To restore 2,000 acres of grassland habitat for grassland nesting birds like the bobolink.
- To restore 8 miles of streams using natural channel design including Sterling Creek, Onondaga Creek, and Nine Mile Creek.

Partners

Natural Resources Conservation Service
 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
 SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry
 Niagara Mohawk Electric Company
 Trout Unlimited
 Ruffed Grouse Society

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 Onondaga County SWCD
 Ducks Unlimited
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