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Partners for Fish & Wildlife



Congressional District #28

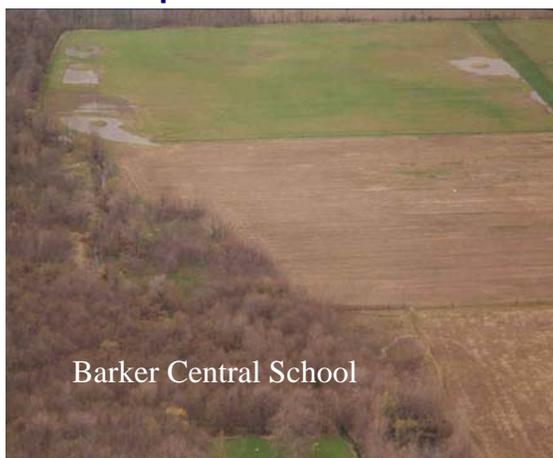
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“This is the best thing the government ever did for me” said Harold Cole about the 26 acres of restored wetlands on his property. Mr. Cole is one of the 2,200 landowners in New York who have joined with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore 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 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 28

Number of Landowners with Completed Projects	12
Acres of Wetland Habitat Restored	84
Acres of Grassland Habitat Restored	127
Number of Sites Restored	21
Number of Landowners Participating in PFW	79
Number of Landowners on the Waiting list	30

Accomplishments



Barker Central School

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 28 restoring all kinds of wildlife habitat for the benefit of a variety of wildlife species, and of course the landowners as well.

One of the most recognized projects completed in Congressional District 28 is the Barker Central School Habitat Restoration Project. The school owned over 100 acres of land that was leased out to local farmers for agricultural production. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program worked with teachers and the Buildings and Grounds Department to change the agricultural fields into an

outdoor classroom and a nature trail. Parents, teachers, students, and community members all assisted in planning the trail which the students named the Golden Trail. The Partners program restored over 5 acres of wetland habitat and 95 acres of grassland habitat for the benefit of migratory birds and education.

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
 Ducks Unlimited
 Western New York Land Conservancy
 Pheasants Forever

Farm Service Agency
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 Orleans County SWCD
 Audubon Society
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