

American Bird Conservancy (ABC) Regional Conservation Partnership Program through EQIP

ABC: Improving Forest health for At-Risk Wildlife Resources in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

Improving Forest health for Wildlife Resources will promote voluntary, incentive-based conservation on private and Tribal lands. This project is part of a national and international conservation initiative by government agencies and private conservation organizations to make unnecessary the potential listing of the Golden-winged Warbler (GWWA) under the Endangered Species Act. Together, MN, WI and MI, have the largest remaining breeding population of GWWA in the world and are critical to rebuilding populations rapidly. The GWWA, identified as a species of conservation concern in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), State Wildlife Agency, Joint Venture, and other conservation organization plans, needs quality young forest with mature forest nearby to breed and successfully raise young. Multi-state (MN, WI, MI). NRCS funding requested may be implemented within Golden-winged Warbler and focal areas identified by the Golden-winged Warbler Working Group and the Wildlife Management Institute within the following counties:

Minnesota

- Beltrami, Itasca, St. Louis, Cass, Becker, Hubbard, Crow Wing, Carlton, Pine, Mille Lacs, Lake of the Woods, Clearwater, Wadena, Roseau, Lake, Kanabec, Morrison, Koochiching, Aitkin

The first step in seeking NRCS assistance is to call your local USDA Service Center and make an appointment with NRCS staff to see if you are located in the project area or if you may be eligible for other opportunities. NRCS will help you identify the natural resource problems and opportunities on your farm. You can work with NRCS to develop a conservation plan. Financial assistance from NRCS Farm Bill programs or other Federal, State and local conservation programs may be available to help fund some of the conservation practices outlined in your plan.

Application deadline: July 17th, 2015

Applications must include at least one of the applicable core practices, or must be completing conservation system that supports core practices that are documented as already implemented on the land proposed for the applications.

Core Practices		G-W Warbler
647 - Early Successional Habitat Development & Management		X
666 - Forest Stand Improvement		X

Supporting Practices that participates may include:

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314 - Brush Management		X
315 - Herbaceous Weed		X
327 - Conservation Cover		X
338 - Prescribed Burning		X
394 - Fire Break		X
612-Tree Shrub		X
490-Tree Shrub Site Prep		X
655 - Forest trails and landings		X
106 – Forest Management Plan		X

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