



Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan (FWHP) Funding Opportunity Fiscal Year 2016

Natural Resources Conservation Service - Maine

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The health of fish and wildlife habitat has a real impact on the quality of life, recreational value, and economic benefits in your community. As a result, it is important to maintain necessary habitats in order to maintain individual species, ecosystems, and biodiversity.

What is a FWHP?

A Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan (FWHP) is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) developed for a client who is ready to plan enhancements for fish and wildlife habitat and other biological resources.

The FWHP will meet NRCS quality criteria for soil erosion, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and other identified resource concerns.

The plan will identify client objectives such as:

1. Manage working lands for fish and wildlife resources,
2. Increase populations of selected species,
3. Maintain populations of selected species, and
4. Improve habitat for aquatic, wetland, and terrestrial species.

A FWHP may be developed for either farms or forestland.

Typical Conservation Practices

Some of the typical NRCS conservation practices include:

- Early Successional Habitat Development/Management
- Field Borders
- Fish Passage
- Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
- Wetland Enhancement
- Wetland Restoration
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management

Developing a FWHP

Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plans will be developed by an independent Technical Service Provider (TSP). You will be responsible for contacting and hiring the TSP. You can find NRCS-certified TSPs at <http://techreg.sc.egov.usda.gov/>, or through your local NRCS office.

Financial Assistance

NRCS provides part of the payment for development of a FWHP to eligible participants through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). A conservation activity plan must be approved in a participant's contract as a financial assistance item in order for the participant to receive \$2,510 for their FWHP. Participants classified as Historically Underserved will receive \$3,013. The NRCS payments are fixed, regardless of what a TSP charges for the plan. Participants are responsible for paying the difference. Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis.

Need More Information? Contact the appropriate NRCS Field Office below:

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Lewiston, ME 04241
(207) 753-9400

Aroostook County:

Central Aroostook
735 Main Street, Suite #3
Presque Isle, ME 04769
(207) 764-4153

Southern Aroostook
304 North Street
Houlton, ME 04730
(207) 532-2087

St. John Valley
139 Market Street, Suite
106 Fort Kent, ME 04743
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Cumberland and York Counties

306 U.S. Route 1, Suite A1
Scarborough, ME 04074
(207) 883-0159

Franklin County

107 Park Street
Farmington, ME 04938
(207) 778-4767

Hancock County

1423 Broadway, Suite #4
Bangor, ME 04401
(207) 947-6622 ext. 5

Kennebec and Lincoln Counties

Central Maine Commerce Center
21 Enterprise Drive, Suite #1
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Oxford County

17 Olson Road
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Piscataquis County

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70 East Madison Road
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Waldo and Knox Counties

46 Little River Drive
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