

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Working Together to Improve Indiana's Wildlife Resources



# Improving Fish and Wildlife Habitat



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program is working with private landowners throughout Indiana to improve their lands for wildlife. Since 1987, this voluntary conservation program has worked one-on-one with private landowners, municipalities, counties, and partner organizations to restore wildlife habitat on working farms, forests, stream corridors, and recreation lands as part of an effort to promote healthy lands and land stewardship across Indiana.



Private lands are critical to providing habitat for many wildlife species, including migratory birds and endangered species, and working cooperatively with private landowners on habitat projects yields benefits not only to wildlife but to society as a whole, such as through the improvement of water quality.

*After: Restored Wetland*



*Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program funding supports local jobs in rural communities. Up to 100% of the project costs may be covered.*

*Before: Drained wetland area during construction*



# Creating Healthy Landscapes



What makes the Partners Program successful is the enthusiasm of our landowners and the dedication of our staff



photo by Terry Longworth

*The Partners Program offers technical and financial assistance to complete a habitat improvement project on your land*



A Partners Biologist will listen to your goals for your property and explain the Partners Program priorities. If a potential project exists, the Biologist will visit your property to assess the site first hand. The Biologist will then discuss with you the details of what would be required to complete the habitat improvement project on your land. If you are interested in going forward with the project, an Agreement between you and the Partners Program will identify what you want done, how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will contribute financially to the project and any future management recommendations.



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In his 1939 essay *The Farmer as a Conservationist*, Aldo Leopold, an early pioneer in conservation, eloquently wrote "The landscape of any farm is the owner's portrait of himself." Whether the Partners Program collaborates with you on a wetland restoration, a prairie planting on the back 40, a riparian project along a stream, or assists in a tree planting, the wildlife improvements you undertake today will benefit Indiana's wildlife and contribute to a healthy landscape for generations to come.



*A participating landowner painting his landscape portrait.*



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*Outdoor recreation is one benefit of land stewardship activities.*



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## Promoting Private Land Conservation Throughout Indiana.



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