Chapter Support of the Legislative Action Fund Accelerates our Mission

Hunter-conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts have never needed “The Habitat Organization” more than today. Our challenges are great, but opportunities are all around us. Our greatest opportunities to turn the tide for wildlife, habitat and our natural resources exist with your Chapter’s grassroots efforts at the local level and our presence in Washington, DC and our State Capitals. With one stroke of the pen, conservation policy can create a lasting impact for generations to come. This is why it is vital Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have a collective voice for wildlife habitat conservation and our hunting heritage. Consequently, your chapter’s support of these efforts through the Legislative Action Fund (LAF) is critical.

Producing Results
We are proud to report chapter contributions to the Legislative Action Fund delivered the following conservation victories:

• Passage and continued implementation of a Farm Bill that features conservation programs and practices that benefit wildlife and provides access for hunting and recreational opportunities. These include; the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the Agriculture Conservation Easements Program, Voluntary Public Access Program, Sod Saver, and the re-linking of Conservation Compliance to Crop Insurance.
• We supported the reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) providing three years of funding for habitat and access across the Country.
• Numerous successes at the state level that either supported beneficial legislation, or opposed potentially harmful policy (Be sure to discuss specific examples with your Regional Representative).
• Signed new agreements that resulted in new partnerships with US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to enhance habitat on public land and provide access.
• Continue to identify opportunities for legislation at the National and State level, that benefit wildlife and our natural resources (as an example, there are opportunities to include pollinator language on roadside projects in the Transportation Bill).

The Year Ahead
In the coming year, we’ve set out the following national conservation priorities:

• Advocate for reauthorization of the 2018 Farm Bill with efforts in DC and within states. This includes meeting with members of Congress and the Administration to outline our priorities. The priorities are focused on increasing conservation provisions to benefit wildlife, such as increasing the CRP cap to meet current demand.
• Continue to grow our habitat impact through Farm Bill Biologist partnerships.
• Push for passage of Sportsmen’s Act, which would create habitat and provide hunting, fishing and recreational opportunities on public and private lands.
• Advocate for continued reauthorization and funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and North American Wetlands Conservation Act
• Work with PF and QF chapter leaders and members to identify legislation that directly relates to the PF/QF mission.
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There has never been a time when so much pressure has been placed upon our land, water, wildlife and natural resources. Your LAF contributions are critical to our ability to deliver efficient and effective solutions. With your grassroots support, we provide you with more than just a voice on the issues, we bring a track record of delivered results.

To make a donation or ask a question about the Legislative Action Fund, please contact your Regional Representative or Jim Inglis, Director of Governmental Affairs, at jinglis@pheasantsforever.org / 419.569.1096