



2022 Annual Program Report



Jan. 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022



Build A Wildlife Area®

Build A Wildlife Area® is Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever's permanent habitat protection program delivering fee-title habitat and access endeavoring to create a landscape of quality upland habitat supporting wild, sustainable populations of upland birds and other wildlife. In 2022, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever completed 27 Build A Wildlife Area® projects totaling 3,396 acres. Working with willing sellers, many of whom had a legacy vision for their property to become a public wildlife area, along with our partners, chapters, donors, and supporters, we protected \$17.85M in critical upland habitat now perpetually benefiting wildlife and public access.

Currently, 11,000-acres of strategic habitat acquisition projects are in active development across twelve states. All donations to Build A Wildlife Area® leverage partner funds, enhancing our collective effort to get more high-quality projects completed in bird country.

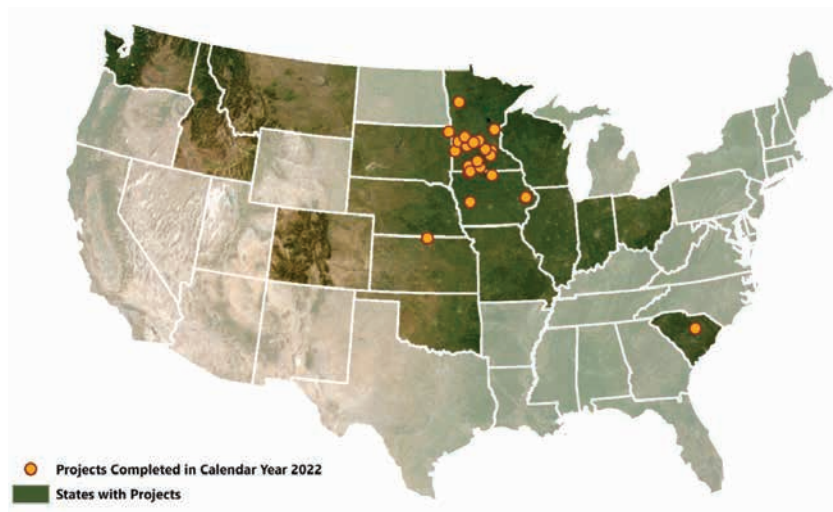
If you are interested in protecting critical wildlife habitat through Build A Wildlife Area®, please scan the QR code to see our program website at www.pheasantsforever.org/habitat/build-a-wildlife-area



To discuss making a donation, please contact a member of Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever's Permanent Habitat Protection Team.

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Build A Wildlife Area® 2022 Projects

Acres	Property Name	County / State
160	Hale Wildlife Area Addition	Jones, IA
40	Pilot Knob WMA Addition	Worth, IA
13	Shelby CCB Addition	Shelby, IA
141	Welch Lake WPA Addition	Dickinson, IA
40	Lovewell Wildlife Area Addition	Jewell, KS
29	Atwater WMA Addition	Kandiyohi, MN
21	Bjur WPA Addition	Kandiyohi, MN
68	Center Creek WMA Addition	Martin, MN
155	Chetomba Creek WMA Addition	Renville, MN
132	Dora Lake WMA Addition T8	LeSueur, MN
160	Haggman WPA Addition	Mahnomen, MN
35	LQP WMA Addition	Chippewa, MN
40	Pfiefer School WPA Addition	Meeker, MN
62	Pfiefer School WPA Addition	Meeker, MN
268	Powers Lake WMA Addition	Meeker, MN
228	Rice Creek WMA Addition	Kanabec, MN
160	Robin Hood WPA Addition	Traverse, MN
140	Robin Hood WPA Addition	Traverse, MN
162	Robin Hood WPA Addition	Traverse, MN
196	Schotzko WPA	Jackson, MN
39	Svor WPA Addition	Swift, MN
3	Teal WPA Addition	Stevens, MN
160	Vista Prairie WMA	Lincoln, MN
78	Washington Lake WPA	Sibley, MN
40	Younger Bros. WMA Addition	Watonwan, MN
53	Bradshaw WMA Addition	Scott, MN
774	Bobwhite Hills WMA	Lee/Sumter, SC

**WMA = Wildlife Management Area and WPA = Waterfowl Production Area*

Major Donors

Ann and Dick Posey

Karen and Nicole Stengle

(in loving memory of John Stengle)

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Major Partners:

Iowa Department of Natural Resources	North American Wetlands Conservation Act
Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	onX Hunt
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks	PF & QF Chapters
McCleod Wildlife Habitat Society	Prairie Pothole Joint Venture
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Re-invest In MN – Critical Habitat Match
Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Fund	South Carolina Conservation Bank
Minnesota Pheasants Inc.	SC Department of Natural Resources
Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society	South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Nestle Purina	



Top Contributing Chapters

Audubon County PF Chapter 0066 (IA)	Meeker County PF Chapter 0123 (MN)
Black Hills PF Chapter 0087 (SD)	Metro Area PF Chapter 0011 (MN)
Carroll County PF Chapter 0033 (IA)	Northern Prairie PF Chapter 0084 (IA)
Cottonwood County PF Chapter 0139 (MN)	Okobojo Creek PF Chapter 0847 (SD)
Crawford County PF Chapter 0164 (IA)	Pierre / Fort Pierre PF Chapter 0218 (SD)
Dickinson County PF Chapter 0020 (IA)	Scott County PF Chapter 0125 (MN)
Dubuqueland PF Chapter 0080 (IA)	Shelby County PF Chapter 0071 (IA)
Eel River PF Chapter 0688 (IN)	Sibley County PF Chapter 0272 (MN)
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Kandiyohi PF Chapter 0002 (MN)	Winnebago / Hancock PF Chapter 0021 (IA)
LeSueur County PF Chapter 0214 (MN)	Yankton Area PF Chapter 0323 (SD)
	Yellow Medicine PF Chapter 0017 (MN)



Bobwhite Hills Wildlife Management Area (Lee & Sumter Counties, South Carolina)

The 774-acre Bobwhite Hills Wildlife Management Area features longleaf pine savannah in the heart of the South Carolina Bobwhite Initiative's central focal region. Quail Forever is currently working with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources on creating a management and access plan for the property to incorporate objectives for hunting, wildlife viewing, hiking, and ecological education and research.

The property abuts a 2,000-acre leased Wildlife Management Area and is a focal point of the USDA's Longleaf Pine Initiative, the National Bobwhite & Grassland Initiative, located between two Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Areas, and is identified as a medium priority focus area of the South Carolina Conservation Bank.

Funding support for this project came from the South Carolina Conservation Bank, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, private donors to Build a Wildlife Area®, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever chapters, and a land value donation to Quail Forever.





Lovewell Wildlife Area Addition (Jewell County, Kansas)

This 40-acre previously landlocked tract is immediately adjacent to the 2,215-acre Lovewell Wildlife Area in Jewell County, KS. The property consists of native mixed-grass prairie and the public lands complex it's now a part of supports populations of pheasant, quail, greater prairie chickens, wild turkey, whitetail deer, migratory birds and numerous nongame species common to the area.

The property was acquired with funding provided by Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, the Pittman-Robertson Act, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever chapters, and donors to the Build A Wildlife Area® Program.

This is the first of two additions to the Lovewell Wildlife Area. The second addition in this complex is a 264-acre tract in current ownership of Pheasants Forever. This tract is comprised of a combination of crop ground and native prairie. This project is in active development and will be transferred to Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to be managed for upland wildlife and public hunting.





South Skunk River Wildlife Management Area (Jasper County, Iowa)

The 482-acre South Skunk River Wildlife Area Addition contains a mosaic of restored prairie and wetlands that will be managed for the benefit of upland wildlife and public access, located a short distance from the Des Moines metro region.

Restored prairie covers most of the property creating a mosaic around patches of cool season grasses, and floodplain wetlands. The property's eastern boundary is shared with the 243-acre Pheasants Forever Unit and is also near Beyers Bridge Skunk River Access, Carpenter Wildlife Area and the Foreman Nature Preserve to create an extensive complex of public lands. The property holds a variety of game species, including pheasants, waterfowl, turkeys, white-tailed deer and mourning doves.

The South Skunk River Wildlife Area addition was purchased through the Build a Wildlife Area® program, with funding from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Ducks Unlimited, and Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever chapters.



What our supporters and partners are saying

“Protecting wildlife habitat and improving access for public recreation are very important to us and supporting the Build A Wildlife Area program has allowed us to see that we’re making a difference! We appreciate that Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever work with partners, chapters, and other donors to leverage our support to conserve and protect as much habitat as possible. We hope that others join us in supporting this critical program.”

— Ann and Dick Posey

“The bobwhite quail is an iconic game bird that even as populations declined, continued to bring together generations of sportsmen and women. The acquisition of Bobwhite Hills represents not only an opportunity to grow the native quail populations, but also it sets a backdrop for continuing our state’s rich sporting traditions.”

— Raleigh West, executive director, South Carolina Conservation Bank

Nestle Purina has long supported Pheasant Forever and Quail Forever’s mission, and the company’s Pro Plan brand is the official dog food of Pheasants Forever. Additionally, Nestle Purina has been an advocate for the organization’s Build a Wildlife Area® program as a major contributor towards The Kessler Game Production Area in South Dakota, along with The Cupido WMA in Minnesota, impacting over 1,400 acres.

“Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever members cherish the outdoors and love their bird dogs, and that’s what makes this partnership such a great fit,” said Karl Gunzer, Sporting Dogs Director at Purina. “Purina is committed to making the best products for hardworking sporting dogs in a sustainable, environmentally responsible way. Together, our shared values and passions have created a long-lasting, successful partnership that enhances support of conservation actions and promotes all the benefits of spending time in the great outdoors.”

— Karl Gunzer, Sporting Dogs Director at Purina

onX believes publicly accessible land plays a critical role in equalizing everyone’s access to outdoor recreation, and that’s why they have made a commitment to help protect public access to the outdoor recreation that exists, and advocate for more access, for everyone. onX Hunt is pleased to work hand-in-hand with Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in support of access programs and projects across the country, specifically “Build a Wildlife Area” projects in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. onX Hunt will continue to work on additional partnership collaborations now and into the future.

