



# 2023 Fall Flights and NJ Partnership Update

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# AFWA – FALL FLIGHTS

*Giving wings to  
cross-border  
waterfowl  
conservation*

- Fall Flights is partnership program for state fish and wildlife agencies.
- It advances important local and international conservation goals.
- Funds critical habitat conservation work in Canada.
- ensures waterfowl and other migratory birds make their legendary fall flights to the United States every year.



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# FALL FLIGHTS

Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

Presidential Task Force Report

SEPTEMBER 2021

## Executive Summary

### Goals

- ✓ *Reaffirm goals of \$10M annually*
- ✓ *Stepwise interim Goal: by 2026 have 100% enrolled and 50% of commitment (\$5M annually)*
- ✓ *Apportionment of state goals by re-weighting state values based on 2000-2019 hunter numbers*
- ✓ *Federal and Provincial goals be established for Canadian partner's NAWCA match*
- ✓ *Fall Flight Advisory committee*
- ✓ *Fall Flights program coordinator*



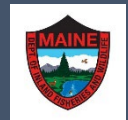
# AFWA Fall Flights Program

## National update (2022)

- 48 states participated and provided over \$3.8 M
- Funding matched by USFWS, DU, Delta, DUC, other partners = \$21.7M

## North Atlantic Flyway

- ~\$300,000 from NEAFWA states; matched to deliver \$1.3M
- All Northeast states are contributing : 2023





# 3:1 RATIO - HABITAT WORK IN CANADA



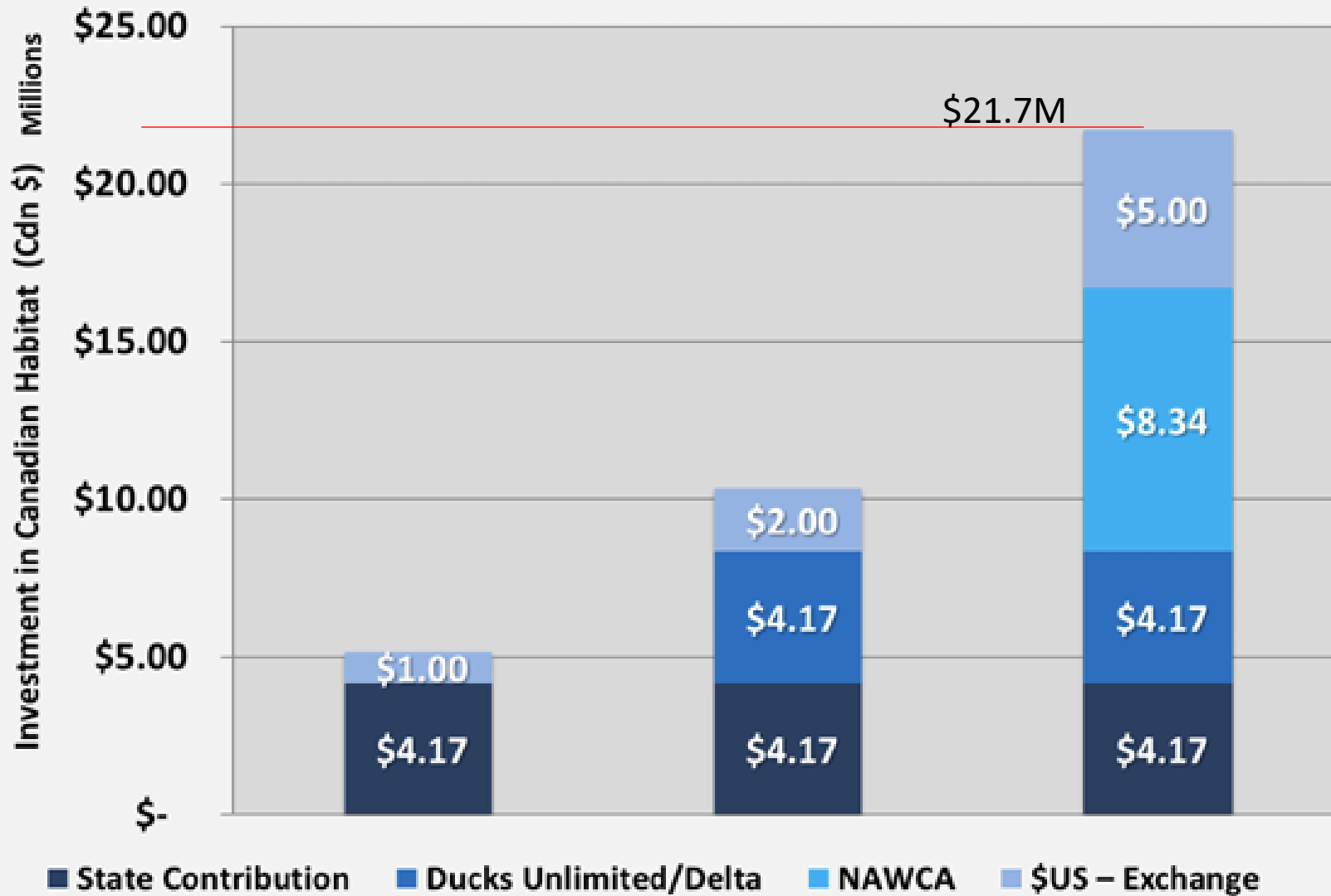
**NEAFWA Fall Flight  
Investment**



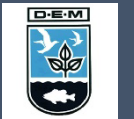
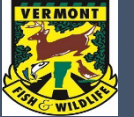
**DU Match**

**NAWCA**

# AFWA Fall Flights Program -2022

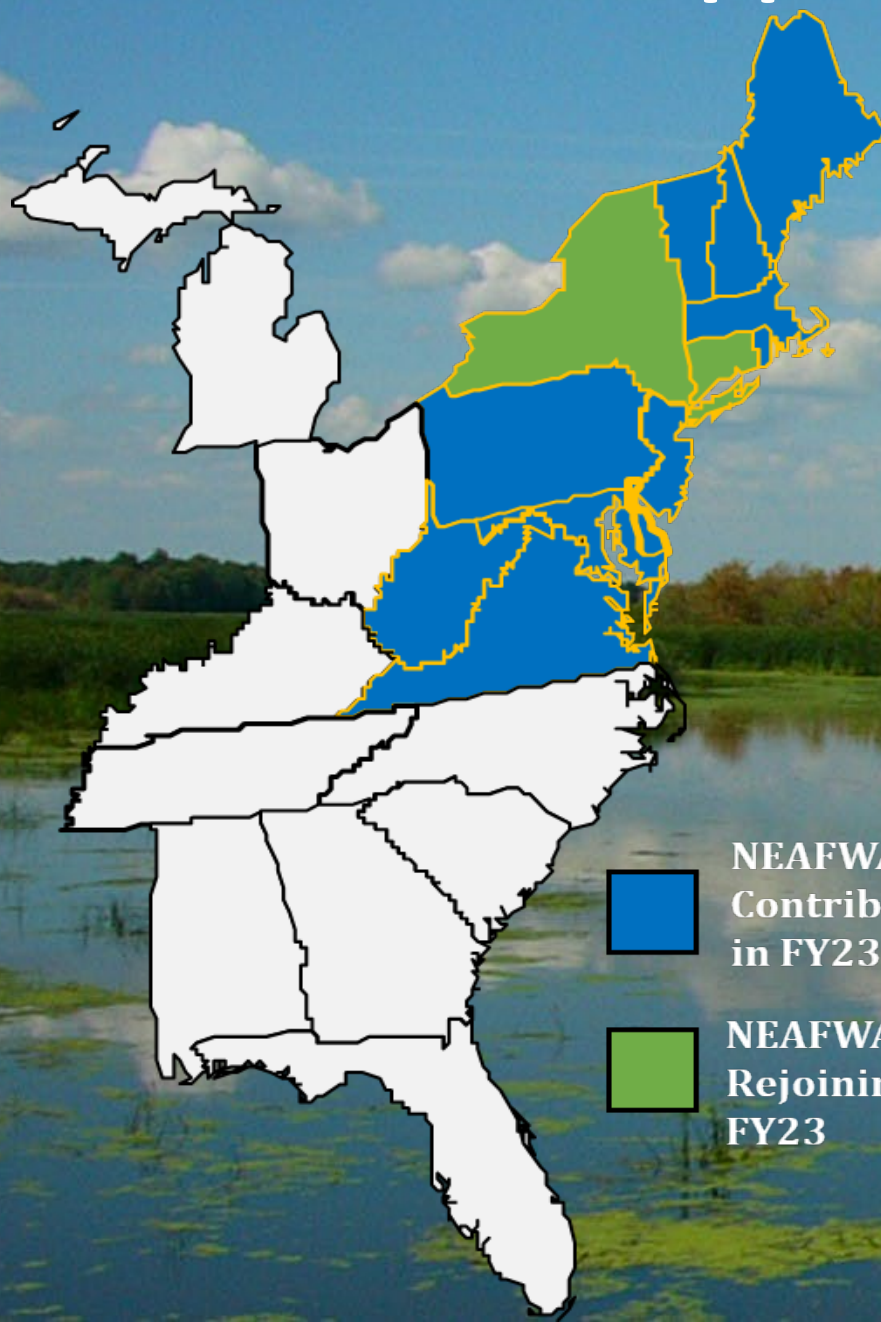


<https://www.fishwildlife.org/afwa-inspires/fallflights>





# State Support of Continental Conservation



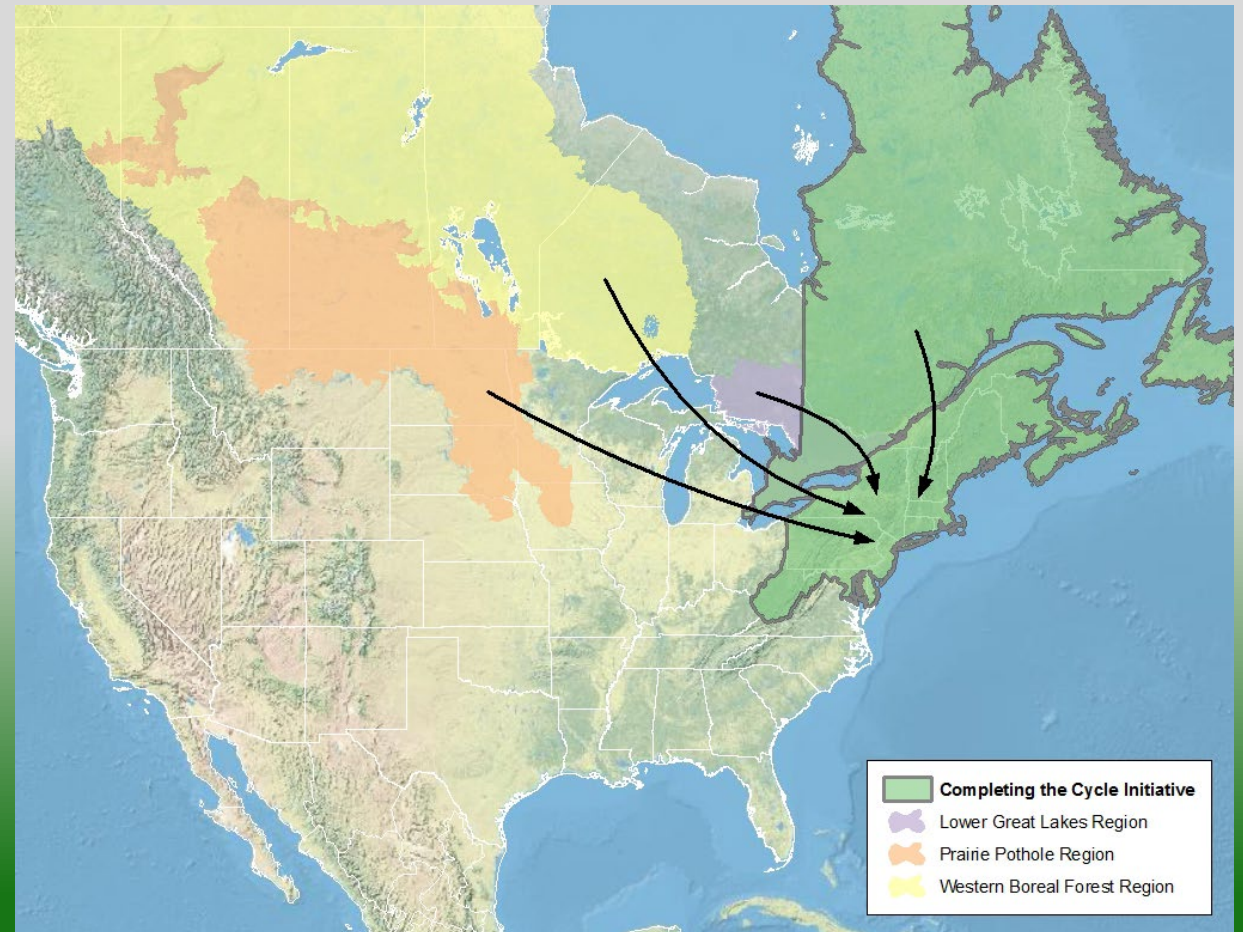
	Target	2023 Investment
Connecticut	\$20,940	\$20,000
Delaware	\$38,715	\$70,940
Maine	\$44,506	\$10,000
Maryland	\$184,712	\$2,500
Massachusetts	\$30,856	\$38,512
New Hampshire	\$19,124	\$10,000
New Jersey	\$57,510	\$25,000
New York	\$179,176	\$4,500
Pennsylvania	\$213,202	\$15,000
Rhode Island	\$7,689	\$2,500
Vermont	\$21,938	\$15,000
Virginia	\$143,266	\$99,500
West Virginia	\$7,247	\$7,000
total	\$968,881	\$320,452

# Guided By Science

- Science provides the foundation for all of DU's conservation work.
- The diversity and complexity of challenges facing waterfowl and their habitats need a strong focus on science to support and direct our conservation work into the future.

## Science Focus

- Gain information on species
- Refinement of landscape priorities
- Develop biologically based habitat objectives
- Evaluating the success of our work
- Support public policy efforts.



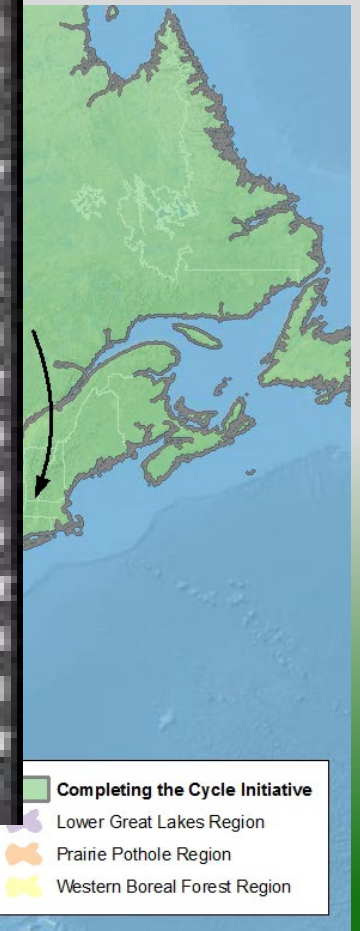


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# How have NJ Duck Stamp monies been spent?

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- Enhance key waterfowl breeding ground projects in Canada
  - Habitat improvement projects
  - Public Access improvements
  - Habitat acquisitions in NJ
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- *NJ Duck Stamp acquisitions used as “match monies” to leverage >\$2 M federal grants (NAWCA) to impact ~10,000 acres for multiple partners in NJ. **DU lead endeavor SENJCI3 & SENJCI4.***
- Stamp price increased 2020 – from \$5 to \$10 (Thank you for your support)

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**As of 2020 the Stamp has generated \$3.5M and helped conserve over 17,000 acres for waterfowl and wetlands since 1984**



# NJ Fall Flight History

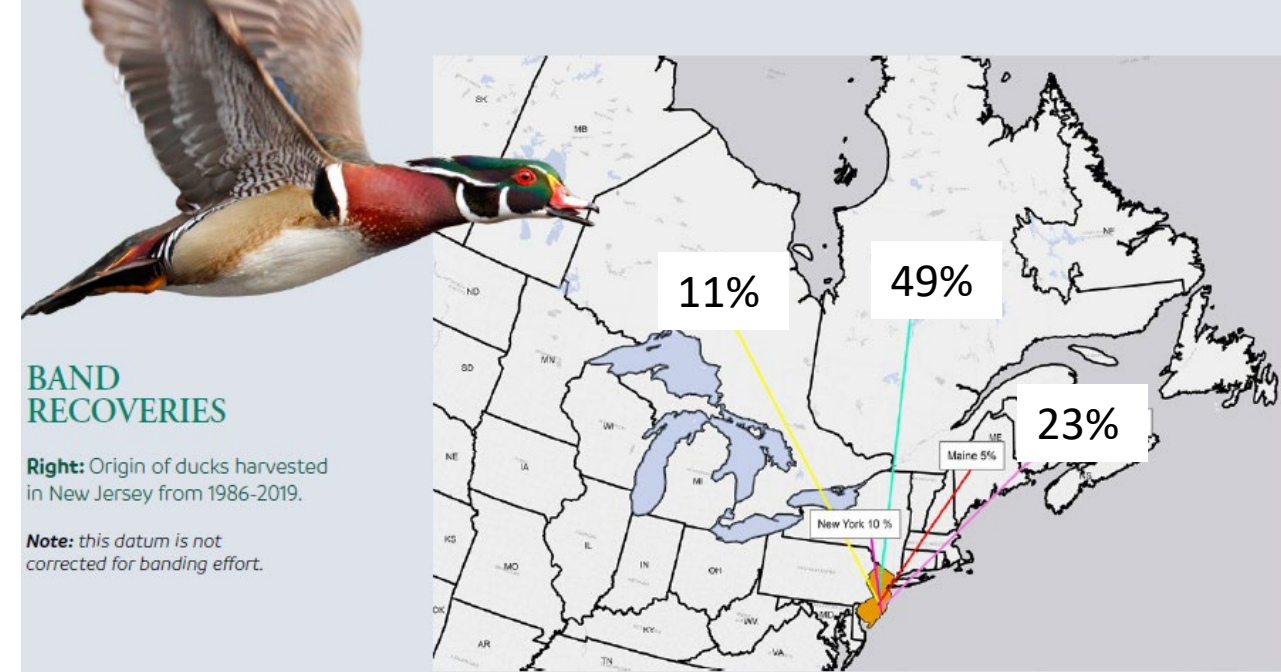
## Quebec Program

- **2016-2020**

- \$9.9M invested
- 15,000-acres restored/protected

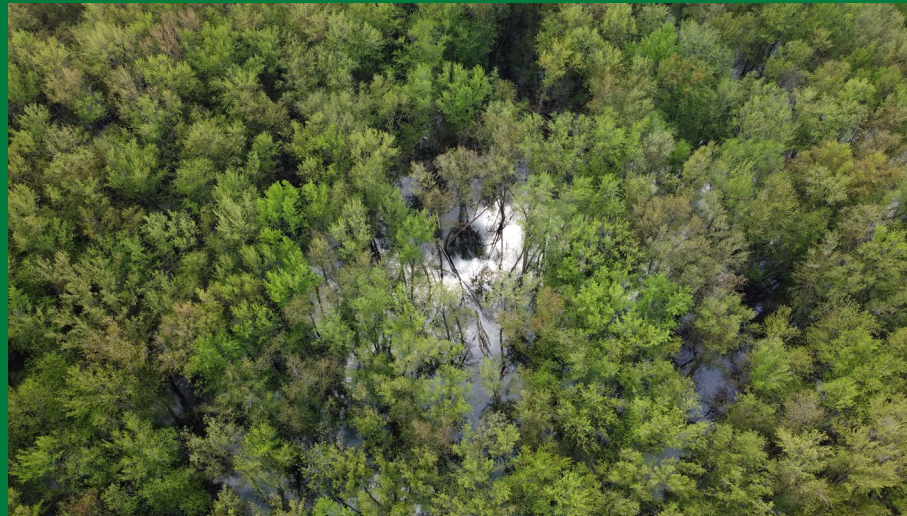
- In 3<sup>rd</sup> of 5-year agreement at \$25,000/yr (end June 2025)
- New contract discussion in fall 2024
- **5-year goal = 5,775-9,625 acres**
  - 2023 - 1,780 acres (report as of 6/9 – see report)
  - 2022 - 3,100 acres
  - 2021 - 3,700-acres

Total contributions since 1989 = \$649,500 (includes 2023 payment)



# Young Property Purchase, QC

- Ottawa River – EHJV Target Priority Area and ICP Priority 1 Area
- Land purchase project of 25.4 acres along the Ottawa River in Gatineau
- Provincial species-at-risk habitat – western chorus frog, northern map turtle and bank swallow
- mallard, wood duck and goldeneye habitat
- Appraisal value \$226,925 (\$8,935 per acre)
- DUC accessed Canadian Federal funding for species-at-risk, private donations and USFWS, DU Inc, Fall Flights





# Drummonville Rebuild, QC

- 45-acre wetland owned by the Town of Drummondville
- 20-year conservation agreement signed with the Town and they assume long-term maintenance costs to DUC's standards
- Replaced water-control in March 2023
- American black duck, wood duck and goldeneye habitat
- Installation of cavity nest boxes pending





Come audit your investments!







*THANK YOU* for  
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