

# ACHIEVEMENTS



Success in Habitat and Waterfowl Conservation Since 1986

Providing the **LEADERSHIP** to achieve healthy and diverse **BIRD POPULATIONS** through **CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS**



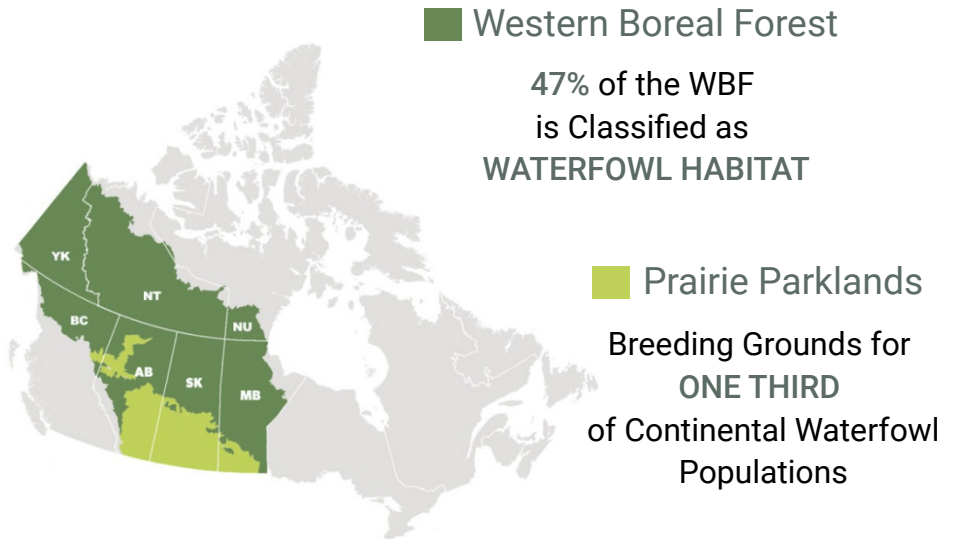
## Land Acknowledgement

The PHJV acknowledges the Indigenous Peoples who live in the Prairie Parklands and Western Boreal Forest of Canada, and the many Inuit, Métis, and First Nations as the original caretakers of this land.






## Waterfowl Habitat Conservation in Action

The Prairie Habitat Joint Venture (PHJV) area includes two habitat regions of Canada: the **Prairie Parklands** and the **Western Boreal Forest (WBF)**. Combined, these are the most important breeding areas for waterfowl in North America.



## HABITAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PHJV initiatives have resulted in the conservation of **MILLIONS OF ACRES** of essential breeding bird areas:

		Prairie Parklands (Acres, 1986-2023)	Western Boreal Forest (Acres, 2001-2023)
	<b>SECURED</b>	8,562,120	12,091,184
	<b>ENHANCED</b>	3,011,747	107
	<b>INFLUENCED</b>	7,977,132	122,127,230

Secured and enhanced acres are not additive.

**SECURED:** Protection of habitat through land title transfer or long-term legal agreements with a landowner.

**ENHANCED:** Actions within habitat that increase the carrying capacity and productivity of migratory birds and other wildlife.

**INFLUENCED:** Direct actions taken that protect or enhance habitat through short-term agreements, long-term designations, or applied sustainable land-use practices.

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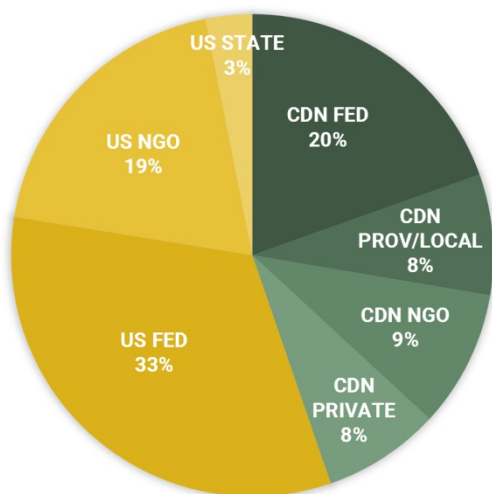


## Financial Partners and Contributions

The PHJV expresses sincere appreciation and gratitude to our partners and contributors:

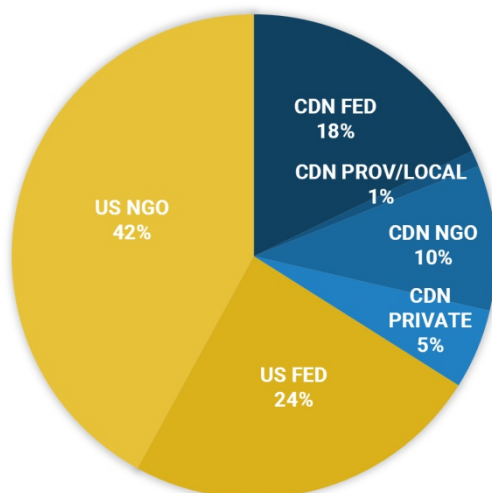
*566 Individual Entities From Across North America Provide Funding For Conservation*

### PRAIRIE PARKLANDS



**Grand Total: \$1,613.7 M**

### WESTERN BOREAL FOREST



CDN INDIGENOUS <1%

**Grand Total: \$188.1 M**

## Partnerships Make Conservation Possible

The broad scope of the PHJV includes landowners, industry, federal, provincial/territorial and municipal governments, Indigenous Peoples, corporations, and non-government organizations.

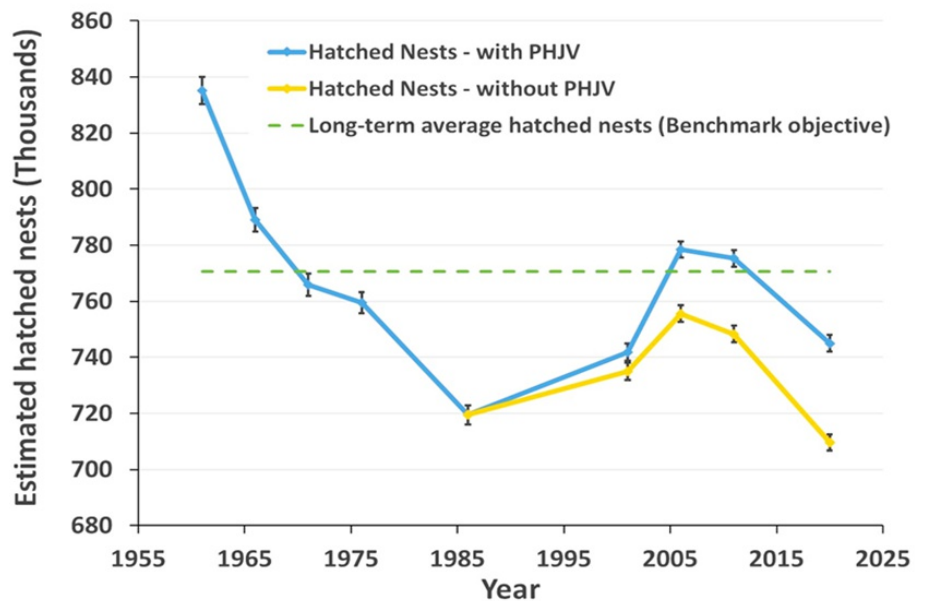
### CANADIAN PARTNERS

Federal and Provincial Governments **360** NGOs  
**35** Regional and Local Governments **17,000** Landowners

### UNITED STATES PARTNERS

Federal and **24** State Governments **22** NGOs

## MAKING A MEASURABLE DIFFERENCE



Over **30 years** of heavy investment into waterfowl science and landscape-change assessments have been possible due to key financial partnerships. PHJV waterfowl models show that the expected nest productivity of five duck species in the Prairie Parklands improves with programs in place. These incremental, yet critical habitat improvements have significant benefits to waterfowl recruitment. Measurable impacts allow financial partners to be confident in both new investments and continued support.

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## Building the Foundation for Success

Whether the focus is habitat, wildlife populations, or people on the land, the PHJV continues to draw from extensive scientific research to inform conservation initiatives, policies, and programs.

### RESEARCH THAT BENEFITS ALL BIRDS

For the first time, grassland habitat objectives linked to bird population objectives have been identified, guiding the conservation of **4.4 million acres** over the next 15 years.

A database of **1,386 large wetlands** - critical molting and staging habitat for waterfowl and key habitat for other bird species - has been created in order to identify opportunities to secure and protect these important resources.

The development of non-waterfowl priority areas support:

Prairie Parkland Bird Species - **15 upland / 13 wetland / 3 mixed**  
Western Boreal Forest Bird Species - **92 forest / 7 wetland**

## Science-based Conservation Continues

In 2022 and 2023, waterfowl and other wildlife were monitored in restored and natural wetlands in the Prairie Parklands.

**130 WETLANDS SAMPLED**

**90 RESTORED**  
**40 NATURAL**

**3 MILLION**  
**PHOTOS**



**~150 DAYS of**  
**AUDIO RECORDINGS**

Preliminary results suggest both restored and natural wetlands provide **SIMILAR BENEFITS** to birds and amphibians, supporting assumptions that restoration efforts provide functional habitat.

### PHJV COMMITMENTS TO PEOPLE AND THE LAND

The PHJV is committed to delivering policies and programs that support partnerships with landowners in the Prairie Parklands. These partnerships ensure that habitat remains intact on private lands:

#### ALBERTA

**McIntyre Ranch: 55,000 acres** of wetland and fescue prairie protected in perpetuity through a landmark conservation agreement.

#### SASKATCHEWAN

**Easements: over 250,000 acres** of keystone habitat protected by utilizing the *Saskatchewan Conservation Easement Act*, established in 1997.

#### MANITOBA

**Weston Family Prairie Grasslands Initiative:** improved grazing management on **854 acres** of restored and intact grassland and wetland.

### INDIGENOUS-LED CONSERVATION IN THE WBF

Partnerships with the Deninu Kų́ę First Nation, Fort Resolution Métis Government, and other partners in the Northwest Territories are helping to realize the goal of establishing an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area in PHJV priority habitat: the Slave River Delta and Taltson Watershed. This partnership would conserve **hundreds of thousands of acres** of land, and support **33 species** of birds.