



SFI Inc. 2010 Conservation and Community Partnerships Grant Program

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Enhancing Biodiversity of Young Forest Habitats

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will receive \$37,500 each year beginning in 2010, for two years, for a total of \$75,000, to enhance the biodiversity of young forest habitats. Creating and enhancing early successional habitat will have a measureable, positive impact on species of high national significance, including American woodcock, golden-winged warbler, chestnut-sided warbler, and other bird species.

Supporting the SFI Standard

The project will support Performance Measure 4.1 in the SFI 2010-2014: "Program Participants shall have programs to promote biological diversity at stand- and landscape-levels." It is supported by indicators which, among other things, refer to promoting the conservation of native biodiversity; protecting imperiled and critically imperiled species and communities known as Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value; and developing and implementing criteria to retain stand-level wildlife habitat elements.

Project Partners

In addition to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, partners include the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Ruffed Grouse Society, National Wild Turkey Federation and Wildlife Management Institute. The project also involves 30 SFI program participants in 14 states in the mid-west, northeast and central east coast and two Canadian Maritime provinces, including Lyme Timber Company, Plum Creek Timber Company, Wagner Woodlands and J.D. Irving Woodlands.

Project Details

Project partners have adopted the habitat goals of the American Woodcock Conservation Plan, State Wildlife Action Plans, and the bioregional plans developed by Partners in Flight. The project will allow SFI program participants to assist in achieving state and national wildlife habitat goals, and increase attainment of biodiversity on SFI-certified lands.

All SFI program participants in the Northeast, Upper Great Lakes, northern Appalachians, and Maritimes Canada will be made more aware of the importance of State Wildlife Action Plans, goals for habitat as defined by regional conservation plans, and methods to employ best management practices to meet those goals.

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The project will help stakeholders in producer countries and the United States, especially small and medium-sized enterprises, understand the two years of experience in Lacey Act implementation, and how it is affecting North American trade. It will raise understanding about the role of certification standards in cost effectively complying with the multitude of market and policy demands for non-controversial, or legal, wood products. The project will also explore how forest certification programs may assist with meeting these demands as one tool companies can use to illustrate due diligence when procuring forest products.

About the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

[The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation](#) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that preserves and restores America's native wildlife species and habitats. Created by Congress in 1984, it directs public conservation dollars to the most pressing environmental needs and matches those investments with private funds.