

Program – Agency:

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (Partners) – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Landowner Requirements:

There are no specific landowner requirements for Partners, any private landowner can apply for this program.

Lands Eligible:

Eligible lands include those areas with altered wetlands (or uplands in some cases) where the majority of the vegetation and hydrology can be restored to original pre-disturbance condition. In addition, any lands that can support Federal Trust Species in decline (such as the Louisiana black bear) are eligible.

Agreement Length:

10 years on shorter term projects, 25 years on longer term projects (e.g., tree planting).

Benefits:

Up to 100% Cost share for conservation practices.

Maximum payment of \$10,000 per landowner per year, up to \$25,000 per landowner for some projects.

Acceptable Practices:

In general, the landowner may use the contract area in any ways that are compatible with protecting and enhancing the wildlife resource values for which the contract was established. On projects involving water control for shallow water areas, waterfowl hunting is limited to 3 days per week in morning hours during legal waterfowl hunting season.

Prohibited Practices:

The only prohibited activities are those which would alter or remove the conservation practices funded by the program. Landowners cannot use Partners project lands for mitigation credits during the contract period.