



Restoring wetlands and other aquatic habitats

CT CWRP

The Connecticut Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership

CT CWRP helps unlock federal funds for important wetlands projects.

Did you know that generous amounts of government funding can be unlocked through small private donations? And that available government funding goes unspent because there are no private donations available to unlock these funds?

The Connecticut Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership (CT CWRP) was established in 2000 to take advantage of this little-known fact, while facilitating substantial wetland restoration projects in Connecticut. Through relatively small capital contributions or the donation of in-kind services by CT CWRP members, significant amounts of federal dollars are unlocked for important Connecticut wetlands restoration projects. Since its inception, with only a modest contribution of \$110,000, the CT CWRP has helped open the door to Connecticut wetland restoration projects with total project costs of over \$3,000,000. The CT CWRP is one of 13 chapters across the country with similar missions to stop and reverse the degradation of America's wetlands and other aquatic habitats. Nationally, on average, every \$1 of corporate contribution can bring up to \$3 in federal matching monies.

For a modest financial contribution, the benefits to corporations are far-reaching

For a modest investment, a corporation can receive the following:

- Identification with highly visible projects with significant environmental returns
- Positive media coverage and participation in awards programs and recognition events
- Recognition for community involvement
- Development of relationships with involved governmental agencies, community groups, non-governmental organizations and other corporate partners
- The opportunity for employees to support a nonprofit endeavor
- Pride in improving Connecticut's wetland resources for future generations

Members may contribute as much as they choose

CT CWRP members may provide monetary contributions or in-kind services. Typically, commitments for contributions are made over a three- to five-year period. There are no minimum contribution requirements. As the CWRP is designed to attract both large and small companies, contribution details are confidential.



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To the Members of the Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership:

I commend the members of the Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership for their innovative approach to solving important ecological problems of our Nation. Wetlands provide a number of environmentally and economically important functions such as flood control, water quality protection, groundwater recharge, spawning areas for commercially important fish, and wildlife habitat. The restoration of our aquatic resources is a key component of our efforts to preserve the important environmental and economic functions that wetlands provide.

The Federal agencies of the Coastal America Partnership will continue to support the implementation of this collaborative effort. We will focus our programs, where applicable, to leverage the corporate donations that you gather through your national, regional, and state programs. Technical experts from the National and Regional Teams will advise your boards of the restoration and educational efforts that you wish to pursue.

My Administration strongly supports efforts like this that bring together a variety of resources — public, corporate, and nonprofit — that meet common goals and address challenging environmental and economic needs. I appreciate your dedication to making this partnership grow and succeed in restoring our wetlands and aquatic resources.

Best wishes for your continued success.

George W. Bush

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CT CWRP PROJECTS



Restoration projects involve all types of wetlands and other aquatic habitats, including tidal wetlands, rivers, lakes and ponds. Project activities may include fill removal, channel clearing and enlarging, dam removal, fish passage construction, and replanting of vegetation. Examples of CT CWRP restoration projects include:



Zemko Dam Removal Salem, CT

CT CWRP Contribution: \$20,000
Total Project Costs: \$537,000

- Removal of last impediment to fish passage on Eightmile River's East Branch
- Restoration of natural riverine and riparian habitat
- Construction scheduled for coming year
- Project partners: Nature Conservancy, NOAA, NRCS, CTDEP, American Rivers, Save the Sound



Branford Supply Dam Fishway Branford, CT

CT CWRP Contribution: \$20,000
Total Project Costs: \$208,000

- Highly visible project, located within a town park
- 90-foot-long fishway to allow spawning fish to reach nursery habitat areas
- Due to unanticipated price increases, CT CWRP's 2005 funding was critical to project completion
- Project submitted for a national award.
- Project partners: Branford Land Trust, Branford Rotary Club, Town of Branford, NOAA, Save the Sound, NRCS, CTDEP, USFWS, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation



Barn Island Wildlife Management Area, Stonington, CT

CT CWRP Contribution: \$5,000
Total Project Costs: \$2,000,000

- In 2003 the CTDEP and partners sought a \$1,000,000 grant to purchase 144 acres of wildland to add to the Barn Island Wildlife Management Area
- CT CWRP's contribution used for educational signage
- Project completed and recipient of Coastal America Partnership Award
- Project partners: USFWS, CTDEP, Nature Conservancy, several local organizations



Lynde Point Salt Marsh Restoration Fenwick, CT

CT CWRP Contribution: \$17,930
Total Project Costs: \$300,000

- 10 acres of coastal land restored to its original status as tidal marsh.
- Improved wetland functions, including water purification, contaminant reduction, and flood control
- Project partners: CTDEP, USEPA, NRCS, USFWS, NOAA, Ducks Unlimited, Borough of Fenwick, Lynde Point Land Trust



Pond Lily Dam New Haven, CT

CT CWRP Contribution: \$6,000
Total Project Costs: \$40,500

- Constructed fishway around a dam built in 1794 to enhance alewife populations
- Fishway opens up an additional 2.5 miles of riverine habitat for migratory fish, and provides them with access to 76 acres of spawning habitat at Konold's Pond
- Project partners: New Haven Land Trust, CTDEP, NRCS, USEPA, USFWS, Yale University Center for Coastal and Watershed Systems



Jordan Mill Pond Waterford, CT

CT CWRP Contribution: \$17,070
Total Project Costs: \$110,000

- Constructed fishway to open up one mile of upstream river habitat
- Supports migrating alewife and blueback herring
- Project partners: NOAA, Restore America's Estuaries/Save the Sound, CTDEP, Town of Waterford