

# Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program



FACT SHEET

## What is the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program?

The Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program (CWHP) is a statewide program that supports Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s (CPW) mission by offering funding opportunities for landowners who wish to voluntarily protect important wildlife habitat, and/or provide sustainable wildlife-related recreational access to the public. The CWHP is an incentive-based, voluntary program that utilizes conservation easements, public access easements and, in some circumstances, fee title purchases to accomplish strategic wildlife conservation and public access goals.

## Why is this program important?

CPW’s landscape-scale conservation work has touched almost every county in Colorado. The CWHP leaves a lasting legacy that ensures Colorado’s natural resources and critical habitat is protected, and that there will always be wildlife-related recreational opportunities available. As the state’s population continues to grow, so too does the pressure on our state’s wildlife habitat. It is critical for CPW and our partners to continue protecting the integrity of our natural landscape for current and future generations. Many of CWHP’s projects provide once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to keep habitat from being developed in the future.

## What does the CWHP do for Colorado?

- ▶ The CWHP achieves multiple goals tied to the CPW Strategic Plan as well as the State Wildlife Action Plan:
- ▶ Build collaborative conservation partnerships that enhance the capacity to deliver CPW’s mission.
- ▶ Conserve wildlife and habitat to ensure healthy sustainable populations and ecosystems.
- ▶ Increase awareness and trust for CPW.
- ▶ Connect people to Colorado’s outdoors.

## Where does the money come from to fund the program?

Funding for qualified projects comes from revenue generated by the sale of the Habitat Stamp, from revenue generated by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and occasionally from federal funding sources. CWHP funding priorities are guided by requirements of the funding sources, and by the State Wildlife Action Plan. It is an annual funding cycle.

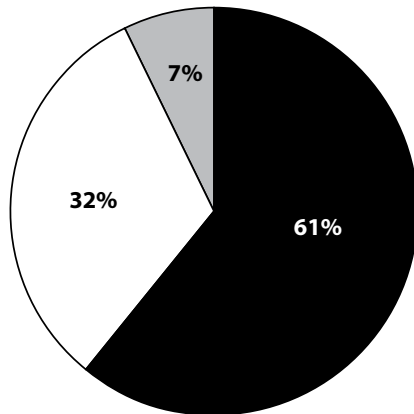
Visit <https://cpw.state.co.us/cwhp> for more information.



# CWHP Closed Projects

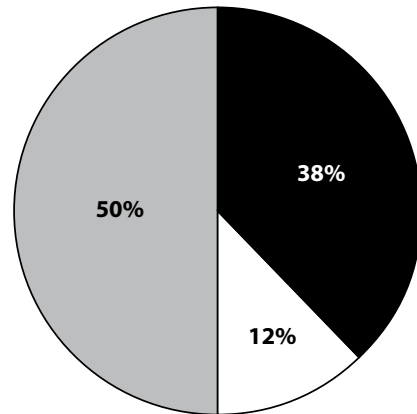
Total CWHP Acres by Transaction Type:

HISTORY OF PROGRAM (2006-2023)



■ 61% Conservation Easements  
□ 32% Public Access Easements  
■ 7% Fee Title

2023 CLOSED PROJECTS



■ 38% Conservation Easements  
□ 12% Public Access Easements  
■ 50% Fee Title

Since the inception of this program in 2006, CPW has provided millions of dollars of funding to conservation partners across the state. Through partnerships, the CWHP has helped protect hundreds of thousands of acres of critical wildlife habitat while maintaining working lands and providing public access for wildlife-related recreational opportunities to Colorado residents and nonresidents alike.

Since 2006, CPW has invested approximately \$205,200,200 across the state to secure:

- ▶ Conservation easements on 285,000 acres
- ▶ Public access on 146,300 acres
- ▶ Fee title on 31,700 acres
- ▶ Access along 383 miles of river bank

For information on projects funded in part by habitat stamp money, please visit the CPW website: <http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/HabitatProtected.aspx>

