



2021-22 Wetland Grant Awards



- BLM ● SWA
- City ● USFS
- Private

**Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)
Wetlands Program
2021-22 Wetland Grant Awards**

Grant awards = 11

Wetland/riparian acres impacted = 14,084

State Wildlife Areas (SWAs) impacted = 4

Priority Waterfowl Species Benefitting = 8

Tier 1 At-Risk Species Benefitting = 10

Total Project Costs = \$5,625,414

CPW funds awarded = \$1,250,000
(22% of total project costs)

Partner funds committed = \$4,375,414
(78% of total project costs)

Funding Partners (19):

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (BCR)

City of Boulder

CO Parks and Wildlife – Areas 6, 16

CO Water Conservation Board (CWCB)

Defenders of Wildlife (Defenders)

Ducks Unlimited (DU)

High Country Conservation Advocates (HCCA)

*National Fish and Wildlife Foundation –
RESTORE (NFWF – RESTORE)*

National Forest Foundation (NFF)

*North American Wetlands Conservation Act
(NAWCA)*

Park County

Pheasants Forever (PF)

Private Landowners (PL)

*Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy
District (UGRWCD)*

U. S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

*U. S. Dept. Agr. – Nat. Res. Cons. Service
(NRCS)*

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

U. S. Forest Service (USFS)

Western Colorado University (WCU)

**#692 - Horsethief Canyon SWA Wetlands
II**

Grantee: Ducks Unlimited

*Description: This project provides additional
funding to fully complete a shallow wetland
development project on the property. Initial
funding of \$200,000 was approved in 2019.*

*Priority Species Benefitting: Waterfowl, Greater
Sandhill Crane, Northern Leopard Frog*

Acres Impacted: 88

Total Cost: \$470,592

*CPW funding awarded: \$100,000 (including
\$100,000 of state waterfowl stamp funds)*

Partner funding: \$370,592

*Funding partners: DU, NAWCA, NFWF-
RESTORE*

**#722 - 2022 Continuation and Expansion
of Corners for Conservation Playa Buffer
Program**

Grantee: Pheasants Forever

*Description: This project will pay landowners
to set aside lands surrounding playa wetlands
from agricultural production, and will establish
grass buffers around the playas. All tracts will
be enrolled in CPW's walk-in access program
for public hunting.*

*Priority Species Benefitting: Waterfowl, Greater
Sandhill Crane*

Acres Impacted: 2,020

Total Cost: \$235,529

CPW funding awarded: \$147,264

Partner funding: \$88,265

Funding partners: PF

**#723 - Lower Boulder Creek Wetland
Restoration**

Grantee: City of Boulder

*Description: This project will recontour and
revegetate a gravel-mined area to create a
diverse mix of wet meadow, emergent marsh,
riparian, open water, and mesic grassland
habitat.*

*Priority Species Benefitting: Waterfowl,
Northern Leopard Frog, Northern Redbelly
Dace, Plains Topminnow*

Acres Impacted: 250

Total Cost: \$1,164,082

CPW funding awarded: \$292,000

Partner funding: \$872,082

Funding partners: City of Boulder

**#724 - Riparian Reconnect Public Lands
Partnership: Kenosha Creek Riverscape
Restoration**

Grantee: CO Open Lands

*Description: This project will use low-tech,
process-based treatments (~200 structures) and
willow plantings (~2,000 stems) to restore
floodplain connectivity along Kenosha Creek in
South Park on USFS lands.*

*Priority Species Benefitting: Waterfowl, Boreal
Toad, Northern Leopard Frog, Beaver.*

Acres Impacted: 29

Total Cost: \$192,158

CPW funding awarded: \$76,863

Partner funding: \$115,295

Funding partners: Park County

#725 - Kinney Lake SWA Wetland Restoration

Grantee: Ducks Unlimited

Description: This project will create a new shallow wetland complex on this property.

Priority Species Benefitting: Waterfowl, Greater Sandhill Crane, Northern Leopard Frog

Acres Impacted: 40

Total Cost: \$216,955

CPW funding awarded: \$200,000 (including \$184,094 of state waterfowl stamp funds)

Partner funding: \$16,955

Funding partners: DU

#726 - Jensen SWA – Good Spring Creek Wetland Redevelopment

Grantee: CPW/Area 6

Description: This project will redevelop and expand an existing wetland that has been nonfunctional and largely dry due to deterioration of infrastructure.

Priority Species Benefitting: Waterfowl, Greater Sandhill Crane, Northern Leopard Frog

Acres Impacted: 4

Total Cost: \$16,590

CPW funding awarded: \$14,350

Partner funding: \$2,240

Funding partners: CPW/Area 6

#727 - Hebron Slough WMA – Comprehensive Wetlands Conservation Plan

Grantee: Ducks Unlimited

Description: This project will develop a conservation plan to identify, design, prioritize, permit, and price a set of conservation activities and constructed water infrastructure required to achieve waterfowl habitat and waterfowling recreation goals established for the property.

Priority Species Benefitting: Waterfowl, Greater Sandhill Crane, Northern Leopard Frog

Acres Impacted: 0 (planning grant, but 5,474 acre potential)

Total Cost: \$87,000

CPW funding awarded: \$25,000

Partner funding: \$62,000

Funding partners: BLM, DU

#728 - Taylor Park Wetland Restoration Project – Phase 2

Grantee: High Country Conservation Advocates

Description: This project will restore beaver habitat through low-tech beaver mimicry structures and beaver flow devices.

Priority Species Benefitting: Waterfowl, Beaver, Greater Sandhill Crane, Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Northern Leopard Frog, Boreal Toad

Acres Impacted: 115

Total Cost: \$492,000

CPW funding awarded: \$125,000

Partner funding: \$367,000

Funding partners: CPW Area 16, USFS, CWCB, NFF, UGRWCD, WCU, Defenders, HCCA

#729 - Blanca Wetlands – Comprehensive Wetlands Conservation Plan

Grantee: Ducks Unlimited

Description: This project will develop a conservation plan to identify, design, prioritize, permit, and price a set of conservation activities and constructed water infrastructure required to achieve waterfowl habitat and waterfowling recreation goals established for the property.

Priority Species Benefitting: Waterfowl, Greater Sandhill Crane, Northern Leopard Frog

Acres Impacted: 0 (planning grant, but 15,190 acre potential)

Total Cost: \$100,000

CPW funding awarded: \$25,000

Partner funding: \$75,000

Funding partners: BLM, DU

#730 - Collaborative Wetland Enhancement and Restoration in the San Luis Valley – Phase II

Grantee: Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

Description: This project will stabilize banks and install riparian fencing on the Rio Grande on 3 tracts of private land and the Rio Grande SWA, and will improve water management infrastructure and manage cattails on 2 tracts of private land.

Priority Species Benefitting: Waterfowl, Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Northern Leopard Frog

Acres Impacted: 563

Total Cost: \$586,508

CPW funding awarded: \$115,523

Partner funding: \$470,985

Funding partners: USFWS, NRCS, BCR, PL, CWCB, NFWF

#731 - (not mapped)

**DU Canada Projects in the Prairie
Pothole Region of Alberta**

Grantee: Ducks Unlimited

Description: This project will protect, restore, and enhance wetland and upland habitats to maximize duck production. Activities include planted nesting cover, grassland restoration, conservation easements, and habitat management.

Priority Species Benefitting: Waterfowl, Greater Sandhill Crane

Acres Impacted: 10,975

Total Cost: \$2,580,000

CPW funding awarded: \$645,000 (\$129,000 annually for 5 years, including \$115,906 of state waterfowl stamp funds)

Partner funding: \$1,935,000

Funding partners: DU, NAWCA