

CALL FOR HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS

TARGET: Protection and enhancement of upland and wetland habitats for breeding ducks in Saskatchewan, Canada.

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PURPOSE: The highest densities of breeding waterfowl in North America occur in the Prairie Pothole Region (PPR) of Canada where the highest densities occur in the parklands of eastern Saskatchewan. Waterfowl band recoveries have established the importance of the Canadian PPR to the Central Flyway. Specifically, the parklands of Saskatchewan are the primary breeding grounds for ducks that are harvested in Texas. Currently, intensive agriculture dominates the landscape in the eastern Saskatchewan parklands which has greatly impacted upland and wetland habitats. Upland nesting cover has been fragmented, severely reduced quantity, and degraded in quality. Wetlands have also been impacted as thousands of basins have been drained, degraded, and destroyed. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is requesting habitat management proposals targeted at improving the overall quantity and quality of waterfowl nesting habitats in the Saskatchewan parklands and prairies.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES: TPWD has long identified the value of funding critical waterfowl habitat in key breeding areas in Canada. The objectives are to utilize Migratory Game Bird Stamp funds to ensure the long-term protection and enhancement of both upland and wetland habitats for breeding ducks in Saskatchewan, Canada. TPWD will give the highest priority to projects that maximize the use of these funds for conservation work in Saskatchewan.

Specific Objectives

1. Habitat retention using long-term or perpetual conservation easements that offer financial incentives based on protection of breeding habitats.
2. Establish and maintain conservation agreements by working with the agricultural community to protect existing native prairie habitats by offering incentives for habitat management.
3. Communicate and partner with private landowners to restore critical wetland basins

in core breeding habitats.

4. Increase and restore upland waterfowl nesting.
5. Strategically targeted land acquisitions by fee title.

The guidelines for migratory game bird management habitat proposals are located here:
[Guidelines](#).