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## PARTNERS FOR FISH & WILDLIFE PROGRAM

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### KEY FACTS

- ◆ **Agency:** TX Forest Service
- ◆ **Application Guide:**  
<http://1.usa.gov/24Gkmjh>
- ◆ **Deadline:** Open Enrollment
- ◆ **Contact Information:**  
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### SUMMARY

The Program's purpose is to achieve technical and financial assistance to private land owners in order to achieve effective voluntary habitat restoration and conservation, especially in the interest of National Trust Species (e.g. migratory birds, threatened, endangered, and other declining species).

### DESCRIPTION

For more information about this grant and access to other materials, please visit:  
<http://1.usa.gov/24Gkmjh>

### EVALUATION & SELECTION

- 1) The landowner contacts the appropriate U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service field office.
- 2) A Partners Program biologist will visit with the landowner to determine if a project is feasible.
- 3) If feasible, a project plan is developed, often with input from other conservation partners.
- 4) A Private Lands Agreement, which contains both the landowner's and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service objectives, is provided to the landowner for review and signature.
- 5) Projects are then reviewed, ranked, and selected based on merit and available funding.
- 6) If selected, the project will be submitted to the Regional Office for processing and final approval.
- 7) Upon approval, the landowner receives a copy of the signed agreement. At that time, project construction may begin.

### ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Private landowners, non-Federal agencies, conservation organizations, schools and other entities with an interest in wildlife are eligible to apply.

### ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

A partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Services will be formed in order to develop a comprehensive plan for restoring and conserving habitats which include, but are not limited to, wetlands, riparian areas, bottomland hardwoods, upland forests, native grasslands, savannahs and brush lands. Specific activities may include:

- 1) Restoring Native Grasslands because less than 1% of the tall-grass prairies in Texas are in pristine condition
- 2) Restoring unique or rare habitats, including the longleaf pine forest in east Texas, South Texas brush, karst systems in central Texas, as well as specific habitats that support federally listed plants or animals.
- 3) Restoring the wetland and riparian lands in Texas to enhance groundwater recharge and discharge, sediment stabilization, toxicant retention, wildlife diversity, and recreation opportunities.
- 4) Providing outdoor learning areas to students.