

Project 05-131 Pintail Initiative: A Race Against Time

Project Legend:

The Pintail Initiative: A Race Against Time, for which we are making this grant application, is an international effort to restore and protect critical habitats for Northern pintails on a continental scale. To restore pintail populations to target levels, habitat work must be science-based, innovative and cost-effective. In addition to the significant benefits accrued to pintails and other waterfowl species, 200+ species of migratory birds including species of global concern such as the buff-breasted sandpiper as well as game species such as quail and pheasants, will benefit from the high-quality restored habitat.

Proposal Context: Ecosystem

Duration: 4/8/2005 – 6/30/2009

Cost: The grant was approved for \$850,000. Ducks Unlimited has spent a total of \$646,353 while also spending a total of \$645,655.86 in matching funds. The balance of \$203,647 was returned to the NETF

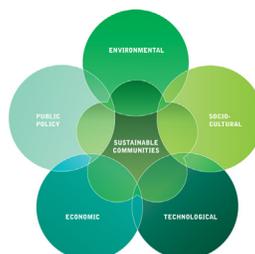
NET Funding Objective: Habitat

Process:

- Ducks Unlimited was able to acquire three properties: the Dietz property, the Dedrickson property, and the Carey property.
- The Dietz property was enrolled into a perpetual Wetland Reserve Program easement through the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- DU completed habitat restoration on the Dedrickson property. This includes restoring a 157 acre block of wetlands and native grasslands. A “development easement” will be secured on the land, ensuring that it will never be converted to non-agricultural or wildlife habitat uses, providing valuable buffer habitat adjacent to restored wildlife habitat.
- The Carey property contains significant wetland habitat and restorable wetland habitat. Sale of the property to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was in process.

Domains: The Environmental domain is well represented within this project because of the conservation that has taken place at the three properties acquired during this project. This project would also fall under the Socio-Cultural domain because partnerships with land owners have evolved into development easements, ensuring the wellbeing of the habitat.

Transferability: This project was developed to address land specifically inhabited by Northern Pintails and other migratory birds. Some of the strategies used could be transferred to a community facing habitat loss.



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