

Illinois NWTf Hunting Heritage State Super Fund Projects – \$3,334,123



Since 1985 NWTf volunteers in Illinois have raised and spent **\$3,334,123** on projects within the state, including:

Upland Wildlife Habitat Enhancement [**\$950,048**]

...to complete upland wildlife habitat improvement projects that have impacted more than 81,518 acres within the state.

Education [**\$712,024**]

...to provide educational programs and literature including scholarships, education boxes, 4-H and teacher workshops, plus educational projects for volunteers and professionals.

Outreach Events [**\$322,597**]

...to introduce youth, women and people with disabilities to outdoor activities, conservation and hunting through JAKES, Women in the Outdoors and Wheelin' Sportsmen NWTf outreach programs. Sponsored 610 outreach events throughout the state.



Hunting Heritage [**\$249,038**]

...to protect and promote the hunting tradition by contributing to the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Land Purchase [**\$221,850**]

...to purchase 10,503 acres of land or conservation easements through the More Places

to Hunt initiative to preserve wildlife habitat and provide additional hunting areas.

Hunter Safety [**\$101,135**]

...to support hunter safety classes and initiatives within the state by purchasing hunter safety materials and equipment, including interactive shooting systems.

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Habitat Enhancement

Goal Improve the quality of wooded habitats and shrublands and promote oak regeneration.

Goal Restore and expand riparian corridors through bottomland hardwood restoration.

Goal Increase turkey brood habitat by restoring open woodland landscapes such as savannas, hill prairies and glades.

Goal Reduce non-native invasive species (NNIS), particularly those that invade open woodlands and forests such as bush honeysuckle, garlic mustard and buckthorn. Join collaborative efforts to combat this difficult and challenging problem.

Hunter Access

Goal Increase huntable acres in Illinois – a predominately privately-owned state – through the NWTf's More Places to Hunt initiative.

Goal Work with IDNR to develop and implement a voluntary public access program for turkey hunting.

Goal Promote access and hunting in state, federal and local land management plans.

Goal Promote the concept of net gain of public hunting lands.

Goal Work with corporate partners and industrial landowners to provide hunting opportunities.

Goal Support legislation and programs that preserve hunting and/or reduce the threat of the urbanization of private lands.

Goal Develop a framework for and support grassroots engagement in the public land management planning process.

Research

Goal Work with IDNR and university personnel to develop wildlife research priorities for Illinois.

Goal Work with Illinois Natural History Survey Library and state wild turkey biologist to develop priorities for the Forest Campaign of the Illinois Fish and Wildlife Action Plan

Outreach and Education Goals

Goal Support and encourage local chapter outreach events and activities.

Goal Increase participation in shooting sports through the National Archery in the Schools Program, National 4-H Shooting Sports, IDNR Wingshooting Program and other shooting programs.

Goal Defend our Second Amendment and hunting rights by supporting the Illinois State Rifle Association and the Illinois Federation for Outdoor Resources.

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