birds

opportunities for synergy

Partners in Flight and NFWF

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Quick “101”: NFWF

• Act of Congress in 1985 (working foundation)
• Dedicated to conservation of fish, wildlife and their habitats (mission)
• Driven by landscape and species plans (conservation investment strategies)
• Support human dimensions work (focus on youth and capacity)
• Work primarily in places where fish and wildlife occur in US (but not only)
• Measuring results, core to our efforts (outcomes)
• Support for monitoring growing (board driven)
• Build public x private partnerships (leverage)
Business plans driven by: 1) Conservation need, 2) Ability to move the needle, 3) Monitoring capacity, 4) Available resources

Conservation at a landscape scale

NATIONAL PROGRAMS
NFWF has funded conservation projects in all 50 states and U.S. territories. Many of NFWF’s largest and longest-running conservation programs are national or regional in scope, restoring habitats and supporting wildlife across multiple landscapes, in marine environments and along migratory pathways.

ESTABLISHED FOCAL AREAS
One key to NFWF’s effectiveness lies in its ability to build on past successes and leverage existing public-private partnerships in established focal landscapes and on behalf of targeted species. NFWF and its partners maintain monitoring protocols that ensure conservation dollars are being invested where they will do the most good.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN PROGRESS
NFWF remains one of the most nimble and effective funders in the nation’s conservation community, responding quickly and at an unmatched scale to emerging challenges and opportunities. The Foundation continually works with public and private partners to establish new focal landscapes across the country.

Cross-cutting topics guiding investments

SPECIES AND HABITATS
NFWF is sharply focused on generating measurable results for wildlife and habitats across the country. The Foundation invests in projects that enhance critical migration corridors, support and reintroduce native species, control or eliminate invasive species, and help private land owners and businesses become better stewards of land and wildlife.

WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY
Population growth, development and other factors continue to drive demand for freshwater in all regions of the United States. NFWF invests in projects that improve the quality and quantity of freshwater flows, for the immediate and long-term benefit of wildlife and people.

ENGAGING PEOPLE
Projects that engage people in conservation put more boots on the ground for wildlife, generate jobs and promote long-term support of such efforts. By directly involving people in conservation efforts, NFWF builds community-based stewardship across the nation.
Test premise that management of one or more 2,500- to 5,000-acre forest blocks for improved stand age and structural diversity, results in improved habitat conditions for forest birds and other wildlife.
The goal is to create up to 90,000 acres of mixed-aged forest that collectively support a minimum of 275 golden-winged warbler breeding territories, 1,200 wood thrush breeding territories and 2,700 cerulean warbler breeding territories.
Areas for collaboration with PIF/ NABCI

- Provide input on the species demographics, modelling (e.g. any of the NE forest species)
- Develop common monitoring approaches to migratory species (e.g. forest and grassland birds, shorebirds)
- Raise new public and private sector funding (e.g. for match requirements)
- Collaborate on the avian component of “conservation investment strategies” (e.g. providing science expertise to monitor progress)
- Engage in the implementation of NFWF programs at the species and landscape levels (e.g. advancing the conservation of endemic and threatened HI birds, shorebirds along the Atlantic and Pacific flyways, pelagic species, other)
- Program evaluation – avian species component (e.g. Delaware Watershed Plan and black duck focal species response)
- Beyond the northeast – how do we link these efforts to similar, outcomes focused efforts in the Neotropical region – both passage and wintering areas?
• Linking NFWF business plans to conservation investment strategies in LAC
• Develop passage/wintering ground goals (species/demographic/threat reduction)
• NFWF as match for NMBCA and others