

NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT PROPOSAL

PROJECT OFFICER'S PAGE

What is the proposal title?

North Florida Wetland Connector Conservation Project Phase III

What is the date you are submitting the proposal?

July 8, 2022

What are the geographical landmarks for the proposal?

1. State(s): Florida
2. County(ies): Alachua
3. Congressional District(s): FL-3
4. JV(s): Atlantic Coast Joint Venture
5. BCR(s): 31

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Please answer the following questions:

Is an Optional Matching Contributions Plan (MCP) submitted with the proposal? *No* **Or**
Does the proposal contain match associated with a previously submitted MCP? *Yes*

Are you requesting that this proposal be considered as a continuation of a previous grant agreement (a Programmatic Project Proposal)? *Yes*

The North Florida Wetlands Conservation Connector Project (#7343) was approved by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission on September 22, 2021. The North Florida Wetlands Conservation Connector Project Phase II was approved by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission on April 27, 2022.

Do you expect this project to be the first phase of a Programmatic Project? *No*

How many more proposals are planned for the same proposal area? *5*

Will any of the NAWCA funds requested as part of this proposal be received or spent by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or another Federal agency? *No*

Does this proposal include acquisition activities that will add to the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS)? *No*

Are carbon sequestration credits involved in your proposal? *No*

Will any portion of any tract or activities associated with any tract be used to satisfy wetland or habitat mitigation requirements under Clean Water Act, Rivers and Harbors Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Water Resources Development Act, ecological service credits or other related statutes now or in the future? *No*

Have you confirmed that all partners, key personnel, and contractors are eligible to participate in Federal grants? *Yes*

Briefly describe qualifications and experience of key personnel (1-2 sentences per individual) who will be providing project implementation assistance (e.g., financial officer, project officer, key field staff, etc.):

Tom Kay, ACT Executive Director, Project Officer- Tom Kay has been the Executive Director of ACT since 2013, he holds a bachelor's of science degree in Environmental Policy & Behavior from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment and a Juris Doctor from Florida State University's College of Law. He works closely with and on the boards of many local, regional, and national conservation organizations.

Lesla Holder, Office Manager, Financial Officer- Lesla Holder has been the Office & Finance Manager for ACT since 2007. Her background in administration encompasses work in both the public and private sectors, including program development and delivery at an eco-tourist facility and organic/biodynamic demonstration farm, executive staff support posts in state and local government, and as Assistant Editor with the State of Florida's official administrative law reporter, for whom she still contracts as an associate editor.

Byron Flagg, Conservation Land Negotiator- Byron Flagg serves as lead negotiator for the Alachua County Forever program under a contract between ACT and Alachua County. Byron has been a licensed Florida attorney since 2005, and he also works closely with the University of Florida's Conservation Clinic and has worked on grant projects addressing coastal resiliency planning and environmental permitting related to natural shoreline preservation.

Grace Howell, Conservation Projects Coordinator- Grace Howell has worked for ACT since 2017 coordinating conservation easement documentation, environmental assessments, grants, and land management plans. She also works with land management staff to plan and carry out restoration and natural resource management goals on ACT's conservation properties.

Charles Houder, Director of Alachua County Office of Land Conservation - Charles Houder has worked in this capacity for Alachua County since 2017 and has worked in acquisition and management of conservation lands since 1986. The county Office of Land Conservation partners with ACT in joint land conservation and preservation efforts.

Andi Christman, Program Manager, Alachua County Office of Land Conservation and Management
Andi Christman has worked for Alachua County since 2018, as both a Senior Land Manager and Program Manager, and has worked in management of public conservation lands in Florida since 1995. The county Office of Land Conservation and Management partners with ACT in joint land conservation and preservation efforts.

To ensure that the proposal complies with available guidelines and that partners are aware of their responsibilities, the Project Officer certifies to the following statement: I have read the 2021 U.S. Standard Grant proposal instructions, eligibility information, and applicable U.S. grant administration policies and informed partners or partners have read the material themselves. To the best of my knowledge, this proposal is eligible and complies with all NAWCA, North American Wetlands

Conservation Council, and Federal grant guidelines and the information submitted herein is true and correct. The work in this proposal consists of allowable and eligible work and costs associated with long-term wetlands and migratory bird habitat conservation.

Sign & date

Audit reports.

Required Overlap/Duplication Statement:

Do you have any comments about, or suggestions for, the NAWCA program? No

NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT PROPOSAL SUMMARY
North Florida Wetland Connector Conservation Project Phase III, Florida

COUNTY, STATE, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Alachua and Marion Counties, Florida, FL-3.

GRANT AMOUNT			\$ 1,000,000
Allocation:	Alachua Conservation Trust	\$500,000	
	Alachua County	\$500,000	

MATCHING PARTNERS			\$1,450,000
Grantee/Partner:	Alachua Conservation Trust	\$400,000	
	Alachua County	\$1,050,000	

GRANT AND MATCH - ACTIVITIES, COSTS AND ACRES			\$2,450,000/704 acres
	Fee Acquired	\$2,450,000/ 704 acres	

NON-MATCHING PARTNERS			\$0
Grantee/Partner:		\$0	

PROPOSAL PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION: The North Florida Wetlands Connector Conservation Project Phase III is the third phase of a multi-phase effort to protect critical habitat for migratory birds and other wetland-dependent species in north central Florida through fee-simple and less-than fee purchases. This second phase of the proposal will preserve 704 acres of wetlands and adjacent uplands in eastern Alachua County, with the ultimate goal of preserving and connecting numerous small yet important wetlands throughout the region. As one of the nation’s fastest growing states, Florida’s rapid conversion of natural areas to agricultural, urban, and other land uses has caused the loss and degradation of critical habitat for breeding, wintering, and migrating birds including waterfowl, waterbirds, and neo-tropical migrants. Human encroachment and disturbance also threaten to adversely impact birds’ ability to successfully breed, forage, and rest in what areas remain.

This project comprises several key purchases broken down into three tracts: Brown Lochloosa Creek, Sawallis Orange Lake, and Gibson Tusawilla Tracts. The Brown Lochloosa Creek Tract consists of multiple parcels owned by the Brown family, totaling 609 acres. These tracts will be purchased fee simple and will be owned and managed by Alachua County as an addition to the adjacent Phifer Flatwoods Preserve, a public nature preserve open for passive recreation. The Sawallis Orange Lake Tract consists of one 85-acre parcel. This fee simple purchase will be owned and managed by ACT as an addition to the adjacent Orange Lake Overlake Preserve, which was purchased with NAWCA funding in Phase I of the North Florida Wetland Conservation Connector Project. The Gibson Tract is for fee simple acquisition of one 9-acre parcel on Tusawilla Lake, which will be managed as an adjacent addition to ACT’s Tusawilla Preserve, which was largely funded by a previous multiphase NAWCA project called the North Florida Wetlands Conservation Project between 2008 and 2010.

The project site is within the Partners in Flight (PIF) Bird Conservation Area (BCR 31) in peninsular Florida and lies within the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture’s (ACJV) Peninsular Florida Bird Conservation Region (BCR 31) Orange Creek/Ocklawaha Basin Waterfowl Focus Area. Florida ranks fourth in the

United States for listed species, behind only Hawaii, Alabama and California. Florida's 118 endangered or threatened plants and animals, many unique to the peninsula, are struggling with habitat loss, fragmentation, and degradation as well as invasive non-native pests. Conservation of high-quality habitat is of the utmost importance in recovering listed species and in keeping common species common. The purchase and conservation of the North Florida Wetlands Connector Conservation Project Phase II parcels will assure that these species continue to have wintering grounds, important staging areas, and permanent foraging and nesting habitat.

The project site is a key component of a connected and diverse part of Florida's landscape, linking the Santa Fe River headwaters, Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, Tuscahulla Lake, Orange Lake, the Ocklawaha River basin and the Ocala National Forest. The majority of the project site falls within the Florida Ecological Greenways Network (FEGN). The FEGN, developed by the University of Florida and the Florida.

HABITAT TYPES AND WILDLIFE BENEFITTING:

PUBLIC BENEFITS/PUBLIC ACCESS:

NEW PARTNERS:

Alachua Conservation Trust and Alachua County have been partners for three decades on conservation projects together.

RELATIONSHIP TO PREVIOUSLY FUNDED NAWCA PROPOSALS:

Alachua Conservation Trust along with Alachua County, The Conservation Fund, and Conservation Trust for Florida had a NAWCA project that had six Phases called the North Florida Wetlands Conservation Project. This project ran from 2007 through 2013. Over 1100 acres of wetlands and surrounding uplands were purchased fee simple with NAWCA funding for perpetual conservation management.

The current proposal project area builds from the success of that project as well as on the first two phases of the North Florida Wetland Connector Conservation Project, which were funded over two cycles in 2022 and have already conserved a total of 6259 acres of wetlands and associated uplands surrounding Lochloosa Slough and Orange Lake.

THREATS AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

By 2070, Florida will face many challenges to ensure adequate land and water to meet the demands of the environment and people. The "Florida 2070" report was a joint effort by the 1000 Friends of Florida, the University of Florida GeoPlan Center, and the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services to address the statewide increased demand on land and water use and assess the vulnerability of the state and its regions to adapt accordingly. The study anticipates that Florida will grow to approximately 33.7 million residents by 2070, almost 15 million more than in 2010. They find that if development continues along its current pattern that upwards of a third of Florida's lands will be converted and developed. As a path forward the Florida 2070 report recommends protecting natural lands identified within the Florida Ecological Greenways Network (FEGN) ranked as a Priority 1 and 2 to ensure more compact development patterns and an increase of protected lands important for connectivity at a landscape scale. The FEGN identifies ecological corridors that are large enough to maintain populations of wide-ranging

or fragmentation-sensitive species and areas that support ecosystem services.

In the next 30 to 50 years Alachua County and ACT in partnership with other state, federal, and local agencies will continue to work together to permanently secure key connectors of the wildlife corridor in which the NFWCCP is located. Known regionally as the Lochloosa Wildlife Corridor, the landscape is a critical north to south connector in north central Florida and provides important habitat linkages and ecosystem services for the watersheds between the Osceola and Ocala National Forests. The FEGN identifies this corridor as a Priority 2, meaning the resulting protection of this landscape is in line with the recommendation of Florida 2070 to successfully adapt to the state's vulnerability of climate issues and future needs of people and ecosystems.

This region of north central Florida is particularly vulnerable as coastal residents flee the coasts inland to higher elevations while still being able to enjoy the Florida climate, lack of state income tax and relatively low property and corporate tax rates. Additionally, a 1,000 new net residents a day move or retire to Florida placing ever greater demands on Florida's natural resources and wildlife. Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity released a report in November 2020 that between April 1, 2020 and April 1, 2025, population growth is expected to average 303,264 net new residents per year (831 per day), representing a compound growth rate of 1.37% over this five-year time horizon. These increases are analogous to adding a city slightly larger than Orlando every year. Of particular note, Marion County's population is expected to grow by nearly 45% by 2030 and Alachua County's population is expected to grow by 20% by 2030. The pandemic did not slow down this pace nor have skyrocketing land and home prices. If the droughts in the western half of the United States continues to rage on, we anticipate an even greater increase in new residents to Florida.

FINANCIAL TABLE AND WORK PLAN

Include Financial Table here. Applicant: A Word table is given below. If you prefer to use an Excel table, one is available on the NAWCA website. In either case, delete these instructions and delete activity rows that do not pertain to your proposal.

PROPOSAL FINANCIAL TABLE

ACTIVITIES	GRANT \$	MATCHING PARTNERS				TRACT ID	NON-MATCH \$
		ABBREVIATED PARTNER NAME	OLD MATCH \$	NEW MATCH \$	TOTAL GRANT + MATCH \$		
Land Costs: Fee Acquired	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Appraisals & Other Acquisition Costs	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Non-Contract Personnel & Travel	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
A. TOTAL FEE ACQUIRED	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Land Costs: Fee Donated	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Appraisals & Other Acquisition Costs	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Non-Contract Personnel & Travel	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
B. TOTAL FEE DONATED	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Land Costs: Easement Acquired	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Appraisals & Other Acquisition Costs	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Non-Contract Personnel & Travel	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
C. TOTAL EASEMENT ACQUIRED	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Land Costs: Easement Donated	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Appraisals & Other Acquisition Costs	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Non-Contract Personnel & Travel	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
D. TOTAL EASEMENT DONATED	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Land Costs: Lease Acquired	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Appraisals & Other Acquisition Costs	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Non-Contract Personnel & Travel	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
E. TOTAL LEASE ACQUIRED	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Land Costs: Lease Donated	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Appraisals & Other Acquisition Costs	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Non-Contract Personnel & Travel	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
F. TOTAL LEASE DONATED	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
G. TOTAL ACQUIRED (Sum of A,B,C,D,E,F)	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Contracts	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$

Materials & Equipment	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Non-Contract Personnel & Travel	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
H. TOTAL RESTORED	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Contracts	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Materials & Equipment	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Non-Contract Personnel & Travel	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
I. TOTAL ENHANCED	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Contracts	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Materials & Equipment	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Non-Contract Personnel & Travel	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
J. TOTAL ESTABLISHED WETLANDS	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Grant Administration	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
K. TOTAL OTHER DIRECT	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
L. PREVIOUSLY APPROVED MCP			\$		\$		
M. GRAND TOTAL DIRECT (Sum of G and H,I,J,K,L)	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Indirect Costs	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
N. TOTAL INDIRECT	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
GRAND TOTAL (Sum of M and N)	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
MATCHING PARTNERS							
PARTNER INFORMATION	GRANT \$	MATCHING PARTNERS				TRACT ID	NON-MATCH \$
		ABBREVIATED PARTNER NAME	OLD MATCH \$	NEW MATCH \$	TOTAL GRANT + MATCH \$		
Partner 1	\$		\$	\$	\$		
Partner 2	\$		\$	\$	\$		
Partner 3.....	\$		\$	\$	\$		
GRAND TOTAL	\$		\$	\$	\$		

Explain any abbreviations in the Financial Plan Table here

If any match was previously approved by the Council via an Optional Matching Contributions Plan, did you include a copy of the letter or email approving the Matching Contributions Plan and give the following information: tracts affected, how much of each partner's match has been used in previous proposals, how much is being used in this proposal, and how much will remain after the current proposal is funded?

WORK PLAN

Work Plan is required to be in 11 Time Roman Font Size/Style.

TRACT #- Name

OVERALL ACRES AFFECTED:

CENTRAL LOCATION: (in decimal degrees)

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCIES HOLDING INTERESTS:

Acreage Summary of Grant/Match Activities on the Tract:

Acquisition	Restoration	Enhancement	Establishment
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Describe all grant/match activities occurring on the tract here:

Tract #-Name: Acquisition Financial Plan Justification - \$_____ and _____ acres
Grant - \$_____ Match - \$_____ Non-Match - \$_____ Completion:

LAND ACQUISITION DISCLOSURE

- Type of acquisition: (fee title, easement, lease, etc.)
- Holder of NAWCA conservation interest: (fee title, easement, lease, etc.)
- Grantor/Seller of conservation interest: (if Grantor/Seller is conservation organization, explain below how sale/transfer increases conservation value)
- Tenure of conservation interest: (10 years, perpetuity)
- All funding sources for acquisition: (include landowner if acquisition involved a donation or bargain sale)
- Are mineral rights severed or included? If severed, explain.
- Are water rights severed or included? If severed, explain.

EASEMENTS:

- What organization will monitor the easement?
- Should the easement holder cease to exist, to what organization will the easement revert?
- Has the easement holder adopted the "Land Trust Standards and Practices" developed by the Land Trust Alliance? If so, provide the date of that action. If not, describe the standards used to ensure adequate easement management and monitoring.
- Is there a stewardship endowment dedicated to maintaining and managing the easement? If so, what is the amount?
- Is subdivision of the easement property permitted? If so, with what limits?
- List all other allowed activities, allowed structures, or reserved rights not described above.

LEASES:

- What is the nature of the lease?
- What activities are allowed/prohibited?
- How does this contribute to long-term conservation of the property?

Item & Work	Units	\$/unit	Total \$	Schedule (month, year)	Funding Source (Grant or Partner name)
LAND COSTS					
Subtotal Land Costs					\$

APPRAISALS and OTHER ACQUISITION COSTS					
Subtotal Appraisals and Other Acquisition Costs					\$
NON-CONTRACT PERSONNEL and TRAVEL					
Subtotal Non-Contract Personnel and Travel					\$
TOTAL ACQUISITION DIRECT COSTS					\$

Tract #-Name: Restoration Financial Plan Justification - \$ _____ and _____ acres
Grant - \$ _____ Match - \$ _____ Non-Match - \$ _____ Completion:

Item & Work	Units	\$/unit	Total \$	Schedule (month, year)	Funding Source (Grant or Partner name)
CONTRACTS					
Subtotal Contracts					\$
MATERIALS and EQUIPMENT					
Subtotal Materials and Equipment					\$
NON-CONTRACT PERSONNEL and TRAVEL					
Subtotal Non-Contract Personnel					\$
TOTAL RESTORATION DIRECT COSTS					\$

Tract #-Name: Enhancement Financial Plan Justification - \$ _____ and _____ acres
Grant - \$ _____ Match - \$ _____ Non-Match - \$ _____ Completion:

Item & Work	Units	\$/unit	Total \$	Schedule (month, year)	Funding Source (Grant or Partner name)
CONTRACTS					
Subtotal Contracts					\$
MATERIALS and EQUIPMENT					
Subtotal Materials and Equipment					\$
NON-CONTRACT PERSONNEL and TRAVEL					
Subtotal Non-Contract Personnel					\$

TOTAL ENHANCEMENT DIRECT COSTS	\$
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Tract #-Name: Establishment Financial Plan Justification – \$ _____ and _____ acres
Grant - \$ _____ Match - \$ _____ Non-Match - \$ _____ Completion:

Item & Work	Units	\$/unit	Total \$	Schedule (month, year)	Funding Source (Grant or Partner name)
CONTRACTS					
Subtotal Contracts					\$
MATERIALS and EQUIPMENT					
Subtotal Materials and Equipment					\$
NON-CONTRACT PERSONNEL and TRAVEL					
Subtotal Non-Contract Personnel					\$
TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT DIRECT COSTS					\$

Tract #-Name: Indirect Costs Financial Table Justification - \$ _____
Grant \$ _____ Match \$ _____ Non-match \$ _____

Allowable Category from I.C Rate Agreement	Specific Financial Plan Line Items to Which Indirect Cost is Applied	Direct Cost Base Amount	Approved Rate (%)* / Agreement Date	Partner to which I.C. Rate Applies	I.C. Grant Amount	I.C. Match Amount	Total Indirect Cost
					\$	\$	\$
					\$	\$	\$
					\$	\$	\$

OTHER DIRECT GRANT/MATCH ACTIVITIES FINANCIAL TABLE JUSTIFICATION – \$ _____

Grant - \$ _____ Match - \$ _____ Non-Match - \$ _____

Describe in detail other activities associated with implementing the grant that cannot be assigned to one or more tracts. Include continuing Matching Contribution Plan information (if applicable). Costs under this section may be disallowed if such costs appear to be unnecessary, unreasonable, duplicative, or allocable to a particular tract.

Item & Work	Units	\$/unit	Total \$	Schedule (month, year)	Funding Source (Grant or Partner name)

TOTAL OTHER ACTIVITIES DIRECT COSTS					\$

OTHER ACTIVITIES INDIRECT COSTS FINANCIAL TABLE JUSTIFICATION \$ _____
Grant \$ _____ **Match \$** _____ **Non-match \$** _____

Allowable Category from I.C Rate Agreement	Specific Financial Plan Line Items to Which Indirect Cost is Applied	Direct Cost Base Amount	Approved Rate (%)* / Agreement Date	Partner to which I.C. Rate Applies	I.C. Grant Amount	I.C. Match Amount	Total Indirect Cost
					\$	\$	\$
					\$	\$	\$

Technical Assessment Question Section must be no more than 14 pages, including all text and tables. Margins must be 1 inch with Times New Roman size 11 font throughout (not including tables). To stay within the page limit, avoid adding links to lengthy documents, such as publications. These additional links will be considered in the 14-page maximum length.

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT QUESTION #1

How does the proposal contribute to the conservation of waterfowl habitat?

Under A, B, and C below, list species that will be affected by the **grant and match work** (do NOT include non-match). In the narratives that follow, succinctly explain how the proposal will impact waterfowl species. The responses in the narrative section should address the **grant and match activities only**. If the proposal is a phase of an ongoing project, address only the current phase activity/acreage.

A. High priority species: Tule Greater White-fronted Goose, Dusky Canada Goose, Southern James Bay Canada Goose, Northern Pintail, Mottled Duck, American Black Duck, Mallard, Lesser Scaup, Greater Scaup.

B. Other priority species: Pacific Greater White-fronted Goose, Wrangel Island Snow Goose, Atlantic Brant, Pacific Brant, Wood Duck, Redhead, Canvasback, Ring-necked Duck, Common Eider, American Wigeon, Cackling Goose.

C. Other waterfowl:

D. Narrative

1. Describe how the proposal activities will aid in meeting objectives of waterfowl conservation plans.
2. For the species listed above, and using the table format below (see TAQ # 1 example), describe how many individuals/pairs will use the grant and match tracts after the proposal is completed and for what life cycle stage(s).

Species	Numbers affected and life cycle stage (Breeding, Migration, Wintering)	Tract Importance <i>(highlight importance of specific tracts when unique differences exist)</i>
High Priority		
Species (under each category, add additional rows for each applicable species)		
Other Priority		
Species (under each category, add		

additional rows for each applicable species)		
Other		
Species (choose up to 5 species in this category, add additional rows for each applicable species)		

3. Describe how the proposal will benefit species listed and/or improve habitat quality. If waterfowl abundance on grant and match tracts is expected to increase due to grant and match activities, please describe how this will occur.

4. If tracts are not yet identified, briefly explain what procedure will be used to ensure that high quality habitat is targeted.

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT QUESTION #2

How does the proposal contribute to the conservation of other wetland-associated migratory birds?
 Using a table format, succinctly describe the impact of the grant and match work on each selected species. Do NOT include benefits from non-match work, and address only non-waterfowl species.

- Which species or population will benefit and in which plan(s) is it a priority?
- How many individuals/pairs are expected to use the grant and match tracts and, if the grant or match tracts are being restored or enhanced, what is the expected increase in population numbers?
- How will the proposal activities positively affect the species and improve habitat quality?
- What is the importance of each tract (or logical grouping of tracts) in the proposal to the species or population, and for what life cycle stage (If tracts are not yet identified, explain what procedure will be used to ensure that the high quality habitat is targeted)?

A. Priority bird species:

Identify up to ten priority bird species from the BCR lists (Attachment A) included at the end of the US Instructions document that best demonstrate the benefits of the proposal activities to non-waterfowl species. Use habitat and population objectives from the bird conservation plans listed below (with contact information for the plan coordinators), and the species in the Bird Conservation Regions (reference the BCR lists at the end of these instructions; for more information on BCRs, see <http://nabci-us.org/resources/bird-conservation-regions-map/>)

Species/Plan	Numbers Affected	Benefits of Project	Tract Importance

B. Other wetland-associated bird species:

Identify up to ten bird species not included in the priority species lists provided in Part A above that help demonstrate the benefits of the project activities to non-waterfowl species.

Species/Plan	Numbers Affected	Benefits of Project	Tract Importance

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TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT QUESTION #3

How does the proposal location relate to the geographic wetland priorities described by the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, Partners In Flight, the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan, and/or the North American Waterbird Conservation Plan, along with regional priorities?

A. National wetland conservation priorities:

National Bird Plan Priority Areas	In	Partially In	Out
NAWMP			
PIF			
Wading Birds			
Shorebirds			

B. Regional wetland conservation priorities:

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TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT QUESTION #4

How does the proposal relate to the national status and trends of wetlands types?

(Do not include non-additive acres in this table. Wetland code definitions can be found in the proposal instructions)

ACTIVITY AND TRACTS IN THE PROPOSAL	STATUS, TYPES, AND ACRES OF WETLANDS								UPLANDS	TOTAL
	Note: Types subsidiary to types listed below have the same status.									
	DECREASING			STABLE			INCREASING	NO TREND DATA		
PEM	PFO	E2Veg	E1	L	R	M2, PSS, PUB, E2US	PML, PRB, E2AB			
SECTION A										
Fee										
Easement										
Lease										
ACQUIRED TOTAL										
RESTORED										
ENHANCED										
ESTABLISHED										
TYPE TOTALS										
STATUS TOTALS										
GRAND TOTALS										
SECTION B										
Tract ID: (funding)										
Tract ID: (funding)										
Tract ID: (funding)										
Tract ID: (funding)										

Funding Categories: (G = Grant, OM = Old Match, NM = New Match, NO = Non-Match)

Provide a brief narrative to describe upland habitats (e.g., cropland, grassland, forest) and the relationship to wetlands and migratory bird conservation (i.e., reason for including in proposal).

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT QUESTION #5

How does the proposal contribute to long-term conservation of wetlands and associated uplands?

ACTIVITY	ACRES BY LONGEVITY OF BENEFITS				TOTAL ACRES
	* Includes water control structures made of material other than wood. ** Includes wood water control structures and pumps.				
	PERPETUITY	*26-99	**10-25	< 10	
SECTION A					
Fee					
Easement					
Lease					
TOTAL ACQUIRED					
RESTORED					
ENHANCED					
ESTABLISHED					
TOTAL					
SECTION B					
Tract ID: (funding)					
Tract ID: (funding)					
Tract ID: (funding)					
Tract ID: (funding)					

Funding Categories: (G = Grant, OM = Old Match, NM = New Match, NO = Non-Match)

Provide a brief narrative describing the significance of the proposal to:

- How the project area and tracts might be affected by climate change and other changing environmental conditions within the next 30-50 years,
- How the activities proposed will address, in a resilient and adaptive manner, any effects caused by climate change and other changing environmental conditions.

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT QUESTION #6

How does the proposal contribute to the conservation of habitat for wetland associated, Federally listed or proposed endangered species; wetland associated state-listed species; and other wetland-associated fish and wildlife that are specifically involved with the proposal?

A. Federally Threatened, Endangered, or Proposed candidate species:

How many individuals/pairs will use the proposal area and for what life cycle stage and whether this is an improvement in population numbers over the current situation:

How proposal will improve habitat quality (describe the before - and after - proposal environment):

Whether proposed actions and proposal area are identified in a recovery plan or other species plan:

Whether the completed proposal will contribute towards relieving the need for any special protective status for the species:

Importance of each tract or logical groupings of tracts in the proposal to the species (if tracts are not yet identified, explain what procedure will be used to ensure that high quality habitat is targeted):

Additional information:

B. Wetland-dependent species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) from the appropriate State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP):

List a **MAXIMUM OF 10 Species**: Do NOT list species listed in A, TAQ #1, or TAQ #2. *The SWAP for each State can be found here: <https://www1.usgs.gov/csas/swap/index.html>*

How many individuals/pairs will use the proposal area and for what life cycle stage and whether this is an improvement in population numbers over the current situation:

How does the species rely on wetland habitats and how does the proposal improve key habitat and community types essential to the conservation of those SGCN (describe the before- and after-proposal environment):

Do the proposed activities and/or proposal area identify factors that may assist in the restoration and improved conservation of the SGCN:

Whether the completed proposal will contribute toward reducing or eliminating the Conservation Need status for the species:

Importance of each tract or logical groupings of tracts in the proposal to the species (if tracts are not yet identified, explain what procedure will be used to ensure that high quality habitat is targeted):

Additional information:

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT QUESTION #7

How does the proposal satisfy the partnership purpose of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act?

A. Ratio of the Non-Federal Match to the Grant Request:

B. 10% Matching Partners: Private landowner(s) partner contribution letter(s) need to be separate and not lumped to achieve the 10% match.

C. Partner Categories (includes non-match)

State agencies:

Non-governmental conservation organizations:

Local governments, counties or municipalities:

Private landowners:

Profit-making corporations:

Native American governments or associations:

Federal agencies:

Other partner groups:

D. Important Partnership Aspects (new grant recipient, significant new partners, unique partners, large numbers of partners under any category in C above, non-financial contributions):

E. Public Access: (Please make sure to answer the following questions per tract: Please explain the nature of the public access per tract. How much acreage will be open to public access? Explain what public access activities will occur and on what acres. How much acreage will be closed to public access and why?)

ATTACHMENTS

Tract Table:

Tract ID	Activity Type	Wetland Acres	Upland Acres	Riparian Miles	Public Access	Funding Category	Funding Source	County and State	Central Tract Location in Decimal Degrees	Final Title Holder
Tract					# Open Acres					
Tract					# Open Acres					
Tract					# Open Acres					
Total Acres		Total # Wetland Acres	Total # Upland Acres		Total # Open Acres					

Funding Categories: (G = Grant, OM = Old Match, NM = New Match, NO = Non-Match)

FINAL TITLEHOLDER SUMMARY:

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Partner Contribution Letter Template:

Note: Begin each partner letter on a new page. Private landowner(s) partner contribution letter(s) need to be separate and not lumped to achieve the 10% match.

**NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT PROPOSAL
PARTNER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

What is the title of the proposal that you are contributing to?

What is the name of your organization (private landowners/individuals indicate “Private”)?

When will you make the contribution?

What is the value of your contribution and how did you determine the value? Does the contribution have a non-Federal origin? If this is based on a fund-raising event or other future action, if that future action fails, will you still provide the contribution amount?

What long-term migratory bird and wetlands conservation work will the contribution cover?

Does the proposal correctly describe your contribution, especially the amount?

If applicable to the proposal, is your organization competent to hold title to, and manage, land acquired with grant funds and are you willing to apply a Notice of Grant Agreement or other recordable document to the property?

Please confirm that your contribution has not been used to meet any other federal programs match or

cost share requirements.

Will the project benefit tribal hunting and fishing treaty rights and if so, how?
Do you have any additional comments?

Signature:

Name (printed), Title, and Affiliation:

Date Signed:

OPTIONAL MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN

What is the Match Plan Amount and Purpose?

What is the Match Plan Intent?

What is the Match Plan Need?

Is there a Match Plan Chart?

Where is the location of the MCP acquisition tract?

Match Plan Partner	Current Proposal	Proposal II	Proposal III	Total \$
Partner name	\$	\$	\$	\$
Current Proposal Total	\$			
MCP Future Total		\$	\$	\$

OPTIONAL PROGRAMMATIC PROJECT PROPOSAL REQUEST

- The existing grant agreement number and title (must be no more than 24 months old).
- The number of proposals previously added to the existing grant agreement, if any (a maximum of 3 awards can be combined into a programmatic project).
- The relationship between the existing and proposed project boundaries.
- How the new proposal is part of a long-term strategic planning and programmatic effort.
- How the additional project is related to warrant consideration as a continuation of the existing grant agreement.
- The evidenced progress that has been made on the original grant agreement.
- How the grantee organization and Project Officer have performed on prior and current NAWCA grants.
- The planned termination date of the revised grant agreement.

SF-424 APPLICATION, ASSURANCES, AND PROJECT ABSTRACT SUMMARY

Currently, SF-424 applications do not apply to all federal applicants. All other applicants, complete SF-424 forms and project abstract summary within GrantSolution’s application. See US Instructions page 40.

MAPS

Provide at least two maps. See Proposal Instructions for more details.

PROPOSAL EASEMENT, LEASES, AND INDIRECT COST RATE AGREEMENT

Have you included the following?

- **Copies of easements and leases**
- **Current approved negotiated indirect cost rate agreement**