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The mission of the **United States Fish & Wildlife Service** is “working with others to *conserve, protect, and enhance* fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people”



# Introduction

## *U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The vast majority of fish and wildlife habitat is on non-federal lands. Partnerships with Native American tribes, state and local governments, nongovernmental organizations and private citizens are a critical part of our mission. Programs such as Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Partners in Flight, and individual partnership activities are the primary mechanisms for assisting voluntary habitat development on non-Service lands and fostering conservation practices throughout the Region.

The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System of 540 National Wildlife Refuges and thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. The Service also manages 78 ecological services field stations, 69 National Fish Hatcheries and 64 fishery resource offices.

The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts.

The Service also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes federal excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state wildlife agencies. This program is a cornerstone of the nation's wildlife management efforts, funding fish and wildlife restoration, boating access, hunter education, shooting ranges and related projects across America.

The Service employs approximately 7,500 people at facilities across the United States. The Service is a decentralized organization with a headquarters office in Washington, D.C., seven geographic regional offices, and nearly 700 field units.

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# Regional Highlights

## *Great Lakes - Big Rivers*

*Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin*

### ***Regional Vision Statement***

***“We will work shoulder to shoulder with states, tribes and our many other partners to achieve our goal of making the Region a better place for fish and wildlife and the people who enjoy them.”***

### ***2002 Regional Facts***

- Employment: 1,088 people
- Managed Acres: 1.29 million
- The Fiscal Year 2002 Budget for Regional Service activities totals \$75.7 million
- More than 126,000 school children participated in Service educational programs
- More than 7.5 million people visited Refuges throughout Region 3 to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs, and view wildlife
- Region 3 is the national lead coordinator for recovery efforts of the bald eagle and gray wolf

### ***Refuge Program Facts***

- 52 National Wildlife Refuges
- 15 Wetland Management Districts
- More than 280,000 acres in waterfowl production areas
- The Refuge System will celebrate “***A Century of Conservation***” on March 14, 2003

### ***Other Regional Programs and Offices***

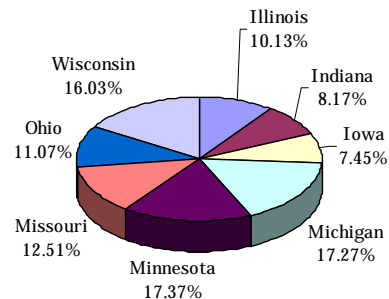
- 6 National Fish Hatcheries
- 10 Fisheries stations
- 10 Ecological Services offices
- 22 Law Enforcement offices

### ***Federal Aid Program***

In Fiscal Year 2002, the Region’s Federal Aid Office managed \$96.7 million to help strengthen sport fish and wildlife restoration programs throughout the states within Region 3.

### ***Federal Aid Apportionments FY2002***

Region 3 States’ Share of \$96.7 Million:



### ***The Region is Committed to:***

- Expanded partnerships, which offer innovative opportunities to enhance the Region’s fish and wildlife resources
- Healthy fish and wildlife trust species (migratory birds, endangered species and interjurisdictional fish) populations, and habitats that support them
- Providing the public with quality hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on Service lands
- A clearly defined U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service organization dedicated to employee excellence, reflecting the nation’s rich diversity and providing quality service and decision-making to the resources in our trust



# Illinois

## *State Highlights*

### ***2002 Illinois State Facts***

- The Service employs more than 100 people in Illinois
- The Fiscal Year 2002 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Illinois totals \$8.3 million

### ***National Wildlife Refuge Facts***

- Ten National Wildlife Refuges in Illinois total 111,347 acres
- In 2002, more than 1 million people visited refuges in Illinois to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs and view wildlife
- In 2002, over 18,000 Illinois school children participated in Service educational programs

### ***Federal Aid to State Fish and Wildlife Programs***

Wildlife Restoration Act fund helps with the management of forests and grasslands which result in improved recreational opportunities for hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts. Overall funds have helped the state purchase six waterfowl management areas improving over 72,500 acres of wildlife habitat.

### ***Bald Eagle Recovery Efforts***

The Rock Island Ecological Services Office coordinates nationwide efforts to recover the federally-threatened bald eagle

### ***Cache River Basin***

At Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge, home of the oldest living plants east of the Mississippi River, a partnership including the Service, Ducks Unlimited, the State of Illinois and The Nature Conservancy is preserving and restoring the Cache River Basin, recognized as one of the country's most unique natural areas and designated a Wetland of International Importance.

### ***Aquatic Nuisance Species***

A partnership of state, federal and private groups is working together to control the invasion of aquatic nuisance species in Illinois' waterways. Recognized as threats to native fish, wildlife, and plants, as well as to the economy, non-native species such as Asian carp, round goby, and zebra mussels threaten the character of the state's waterways as well as the Great Lakes. Efforts to stop the advance of Asian carp toward Lake Michigan and to halt the downstream movement of round goby to major rivers systems — notably the Mississippi River — include intensive monitoring and installation of an electronic barrier on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.



# Illinois

## *Celebrating a Century of Conservation*

March 14, 2003 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Established in 1903 when President Teddy Roosevelt set aside tiny Pelican Island in Florida as a refuge for birds, the National Wildlife Refuge System has evolved to encompass more than 95 million acres in 540 refuges.

There are 53 refuges in Region 3, and ten in Illinois. Our nation's most-visited refuge, the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, runs through Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa.

The refuge system also includes Wetland Management Districts in Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in the Dakotas and Montana. These districts are home to numerous waterfowl production areas that help sustain our nation's waterfowl populations.

Beginning March 14 and continuing through the Centennial year, refuges and wetland management districts in the region will celebrate with special events, including time capsule dedications, open houses, refuge tours, new exhibits and film festivals. More than 150 events are planned in the region.

National Wildlife Refuges are unique in the public lands system in that they are the only parcels of land managed primarily for wildlife. This approach has enabled the refuge system to grow into a network of land and water that provides homes for threatened and endangered species such as whooping cranes, bald eagles and gray

wolves. The refuge system also provides breeding, nesting and feeding grounds for a wide variety of migratory birds.

Refuges are also fantastic resources for educators. During the school year, thousands of students of all ages visit refuges. Rangers and outdoor educators provide on-the-ground education for students from all walks of life.

While refuges are places where wildlife comes first, they offer unparalleled wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities. Many offer hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation.

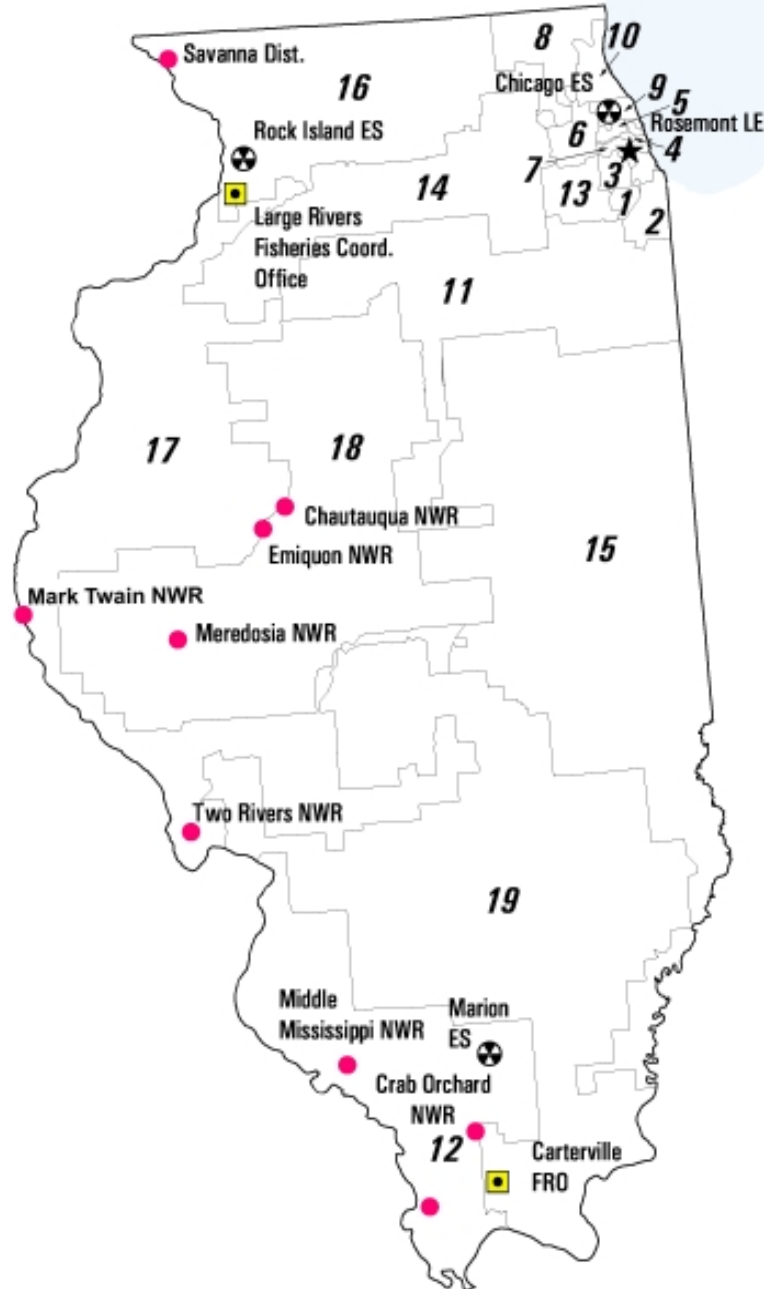
Centennial events in 2003 will be great opportunities to visit your local refuges. Each state in Region 3 has at least one major Centennial event scheduled. For information on attending a refuge event, contact your local refuge manager.





# Illinois

## *Congressional Delegation*



### *Illinois Senators and Representatives*

Sen. Peter Fitzgerald (R)	IL-6 Henry Hyde (R)	IL-14 Dennis Hastert (R)
Sen. Richard Durbin (D)	IL-7 Danny Davis (D)	IL-15 Tim Johnson (R)
Representatives by District:	IL-8 Philip Crane (R)	IL-16 Donald Manzullo (R)
IL-1 Bobby Rush (D)	IL-9 Janice Schakowsky (D)	IL-17 Lane Evans (D)
IL-2 Jesse L. Jackson Jr. (D)	IL-10 Mark Kirk (R)	IL-18 Ray LaHood (R)
IL-3 William Lipinshi (D)	IL-11 Jerry Weller (R)	IL-19 John Shimkus (R)
IL-4 Luis Gutierrez (D)	IL-12 Jerry Costello (D)	
IL-5 Rahm Emanuel (D)	IL-13 Judy Biggert (R)	



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# Crab Orchard

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

Contacting the refuge:

8588 Route 148  
Marion, IL 62959  
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TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Rick Frietsche  
e-mail: [rick\\_frietsche@fws.gov](mailto:rick_frietsche@fws.gov)

*Located on State Highway 148  
just west of Marion, Illinois, on the  
northern edge of the Ozark foothills*



### *Refuge Facts*

- Established: August 5, 1947
- Acres: 43,878 (4,050 in wilderness)
- Maintains resident youth camps

### *Natural History*

- Topography varies from gently rolling slopes to grades of 24 percent
- Contains three lakes covering a total of 8,700 acres
- 4,800 acres of cropland
- 21,000 acres of forest
- 1,800 acres of grazing/haying

### *Financial Impact of Refuge*

- 28 person staff
- 1,200,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$2,006,625
- Concession operated campgrounds and marinas provide for public use opportunities
- Industrial program on refuge generates \$54 million annually to the local economy
- Refuge contributes substantially to the \$25 million local tourist economy

### *Refuge Objectives*

- Protect, enhance, and manage natural resources and the refuge landscape
- Provide opportunities for agricultural uses that help attain wildlife conservation goals
- Manage an industrial complex fully utilized by compatible tenants who conform to prescribed safety, health, environmental, and maintenance standards
- Provide interpretation, environmental education and other recreation opportunities

### *Management Tools*

- Cooperative farming
- Prescribed burning
- Water management
- Permittee grazing and haying
- Timber harvesting

### *Public Use Opportunities*

- Auto tour route
- Visitor center
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Boating, swimming, camping and picnicking
- Bicycling and hiking



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# Cypress Creek *National Wildlife Refuge*

Contacting the refuge:

0137 Rustic Campus Drive  
Ullin, IL 62992

Phone: 618/634 2231

Fax: 618/634 9656

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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Marguerite Hills

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*Located between the Mississippi  
and Ohio rivers, approximately  
40 miles south of Marion, Illinois*



## *Refuge Facts*

- Established: 1990
- Acres: 14,000
- Planning to expand to 35,509 acres
- Part of Cache River Wetlands Joint Venture Project with Illinois Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, and Ducks Unlimited

## *Natural History*

- Designated as a "Wetland of International Importance"
- Cache River Basin is located at the junction of four prominent physiographic regions
- Refuge contains the oldest living plants east of the Mississippi River - bald cypress trees aged at 1,000-1,500 years old
- Fed by the winding Cache River - a French word meaning "Hidden Place"
- Provides a safe haven for over 50 state threatened and endangered plants and animals
- Largest remaining wetlands resource in Illinois

## *Financial Impact of Refuge*

- Seven person staff
- 60,000 visitors annually to the area
- FY 2001 Budget: \$654,000

## *Refuge Objectives*

- Improve public access and provide a variety of wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities
- Provide environmental education
- Restore forest and wetland habitat for waterfowl, other migratory birds, endangered species and resident wildlife
- Control erosion and sedimentation, maintain efficient hydrologic flow and improve flood control and general water quality
- Protect unique natural areas and maintain biodiversity
- Protect and improve the fishery resource

## *Management Tools*

- Reforestation
- Outreach and education
- Water management
- Wetland restoration
- Cooperative farming

## *Public Use Opportunities*

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education and interpretation programs
- Wildlife observation





# Illinois River

## *National Wildlife and Fish Refuges*

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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Ross Adams  
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Located eight miles north of  
Havana, Illinois, on the Illinois River

### *Refuge Facts*

- The refuge is composed of four areas located within the Illinois River floodplain: Chautauqua NWR, established in 1936, consisting of 4,488 acres; Meredosia NWR, established in 1973, consisting of 3,852 acres; Emiquon NWR, established in 1993, consisting of 1,305 acres; and Cameron/Billsbach Unit, established in 1958, consisting of 1,709 acres
- The refuge extends 124 river miles between the north and south boundaries
- Refuge is planning to protect, restore and/or acquire a total of 32,000 acres of fish and wildlife habitat

### *Natural History*

- Each refuge area is a mix of backwater lakes, bottomland forests, floodplain wetlands and a small amount of upland forest
- The refuge has been designated as an "Important Bird Area" and accepted into the "Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network"
- Refuge provides habitat for 60-70 percent of the waterfowl that migrate along the Illinois River
- The backwater lakes of the refuge serve as spawning and nursery habitat for a highly productive river fishery

### *Financial Impact of Refuge*

- Six person staff
- 50,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$513,000

### *Refuge Objectives*

- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for wildlife-dependent recreation and environmental education
- Provide habitat for fish and resident wildlife

### *Management Tools*

- Wetland restoration
- Water management
- Outreach and education
- Forest restoration
- Prairie restoration
- Private lands habitat restoration

### *Public Use Opportunities*

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Wildlife photography



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# Mark Twain

## *National Wildlife Refuge Complex*

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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Complex Manager: Dick Steinbach  
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*Refuge complex headquarters is  
located in Quincy, Illinois*

### *Refuge Facts*

- Established: 1958
- Acres: approximately 44,000 acres are directly managed by the Service, the Refuge Manger also oversees agreements for lands managed cooperatively with the states of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- The complex spans 343 river miles of Mississippi River bottoms
- The complex administers five refuges: Great River, Middle Mississippi River, Port Louisa, Two Rivers, and Clarence Cannon NWRs
- The complex also includes the 10,000-acre Iowa River Corridor Project (Port Louisa)
- The complex conducts an urban outreach program in the St. Louis metro area through a joint program with the Army Corps of Engineers

### *Natural History*

- The Mississippi River is internationally significant as a corridor for the movement of migratory birds, people and cargo
- In the 1930's and 40's, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed 27 locks and dams on the Mississippi River to facilitate shipping and control of water levels; resource management is the responsibility of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

### *Financial Impact of Complex*

- Six person staff
- FY 2001 Budget: \$400,000

### *Refuge/Complex Objectives*

- Provide food, water and protection for migrating and wintering waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for fish and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for wood duck and neotropical bird production
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

### *Management Tools*

- Water management
- Wetland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Law enforcement
- Reforestation
- Cooperative farming
- Prairie restoration

### *Public Use Opportunities*

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation and photography



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# Middle Mississippi River *National Wildlife Refuge*

Contacting the refuge:

8588 Route 148  
Marion, IL, 62959  
Phone: 618/997 3344 x 342  
Fax: 618/997 8961  
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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: John Magera  
Complex Manager: Dick Steinbach  
e-mail: [john\\_magera@fws.gov](mailto:john_magera@fws.gov)



## *Refuge Facts*

- Established: 2000
- Acres: 4,000
- The refuge began as a separate division of the Mark Twain NWR
- In 2000, the division was separated to create a new refuge in the complex
- Division was established following severe flooding in 1993
- Most land acquisition was completed in partnership with the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service and Wetland Reserve Program easements

## *Natural History*

- The Mississippi River is internationally significant as a corridor for the movement of migratory birds, people and cargo
- The “Middle Miss” is the only free-flowing portion of the Upper Mississippi River system managed for navigation. Endangered palid sturgeon are a major management concern in this river reach.

## *Financial Impact of Complex*

- One-person staff
- FY 2001 Budget: \$80,000
- Refuge Headquarters temporarily co-located at Crab Orchard NWR

## *Refuge Objectives*

- Provide food, water and protection for migrating and wintering waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for fish and resident wildlife
- Refuge area will restore natural floodplain functions by allowing floodwater connections
- Reforestation will provide habitat for neotropical bird migration
- Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan is currently under development

## *Management Tools*

- Wetland restoration
- Reforestation

## *Public Use Opportunities*

- Hunting and fishing
- Wildlife observation and photography



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# Two Rivers *National Wildlife Refuge*

Contacting the refuge:

HCR 82  
Brussels, IL 62013  
Phone: 618/883 2524  
Fax: 618/883 2201  
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: John Mabery  
e-mail: [john\\_mabery@fws.gov](mailto:john_mabery@fws.gov)

Located 17 miles west of Alton, Illinois, on  
Highway 100, then across the river on the  
Brussels Ferry another 4.5 miles



## *Refuge Facts*

- Established: 2000
- Acres: 8,498
- Formerly known as Brussels District of the Mark Twain NWR
- Refuge lies near the confluence of the Mississippi and Illinois rivers outlying the St. Louis/Alton metro area
- In Illinois, the refuge includes Calhoun, Batchtown, Gilbert Lake and the Apple Creek Divisions
- In Missouri, the refuge includes the Portage Island Division
- Many lands were originally purchased by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as part of the nine-foot navigation channel project with management of natural resources transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## *Natural History*

- Refuge located in a major migration corridor for waterfowl, bald eagles and other birds
- Habitat consists of bottomland forests, grasslands, lakes, sloughs, cropland and moist soil units
- Riverbend Area of the refuge includes one of the largest overwintering bald eagle populations in the Nation

## *Financial Impact of Refuge*

- Staff consists of four full-time positions
- 30,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$346,000

## *Refuge Objectives*

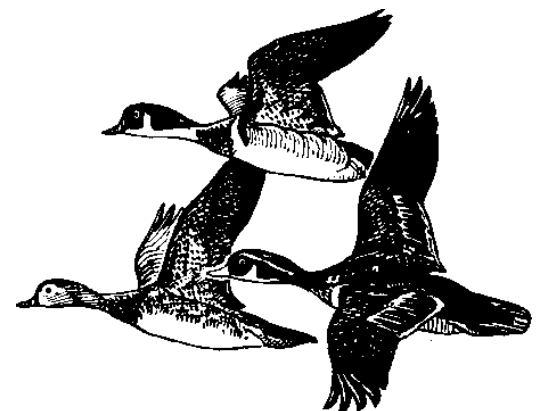
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide habitat and protection for migrating and wintering waterfowl and other birds
- Protect and enhance habitat for wood duck and neotropical bird production
- Provide environmental education and outdoor recreation opportunities

## *Management Tools*

- Water management
- Restoration of forests and grasslands
- Cooperative farming
- Prescribed burning
- Law enforcement
- Combat invasive species

## *Public Use Opportunities*

- Fishing
- Hunting
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation and photography





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# Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge *Savanna District*

Contacting the district:

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Thomson, IL 61285  
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District Manager: Ed Britton  
e-mail: [ed\\_britton@fws.gov](mailto:ed_britton@fws.gov)



Located on Highway 84  
south of Savanna, Illinois

## *Refuge Facts*

- Established: 1924
- Acres: 53,000
- District covers Navigation Pools 12, 13 and 14
- Stretches 90 river miles along the Mississippi River from Dubuque, Iowa, to Rock Island, Illinois

## *Natural History*

- Scenic river area with broad pools, braided channels, islands and bluffs rising several hundred feet
- Critical migratory bird area with stunning concentrations of waterfowl, eagles and songbirds
- District includes 34,000 acres of bottomland forest
- Important winter-use area for bald eagles with populations over 600 in recent years

## *Financial Impact of Refuge*

- Eight person staff
- 3,000,000 visitors annually (refuge-wide)
- FY 2002 Budget: \$548,000
- Mississippi River annually contributes an estimated \$1 billion in recreational benefits to the region
- Commercial fishing industry

## *Refuge Objectives*

- Protect and preserve one of America's premier fish and wildlife areas
- Provide habitat for migratory birds, fish, plants and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for endangered species
- Provide interpretation, environmental education and wildlife-dependent recreational public use opportunities

## *Management Tools*

- Resource monitoring and protection
- Outreach and education
- Water management (including moist soils)
- Environmental Management Program
- Federal and state partnerships

## *Public Use Opportunities*

- Hiking
- Hunting, trapping and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Boating



# Chicago

## *Ecological Services Field Office*

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Barrington, IL 60010

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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Field Supervisor: John Rogner

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### *Office Facts*

- Established: 1991
- FY 2002 Budget: \$1,589,879
- Staff: Nine

### *Office Goals*

- Preserve, protect, enhance, and restore terrestrial and aquatic habitats
- Promote environmental education in the Chicago area and throughout Illinois

### *Services Provided To*

- Private citizens
- Federal, state and local agencies

### *Activity Highlights*

- Provide leadership and direction for Chicago Wilderness, a collaboration of conservation, scientific and educational organizations to preserve, manage and restore the biodiversity of the Chicago area
- Participated with Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA in advanced wetland studies in McHenry and Kane counties. These studies identify wetland areas that are important for a wetland to function (e.g., buffering a waterway, stormwater storage, etc) or important for biological value (e.g., support a rare plant community or species)
- Provide assistance to local ecosystem partnerships and watershed planning efforts

### *Activity Highlights (continued)*

- Developed agreements with the Conservation Fund and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for northeastern Illinois Wetlands Conservation accounts to fund wetland restorations in the Chicago region
- Implemented a program of teacher training workshops and outreach activities that provide accurate, quality information about fish and wildlife resources and habitats
- Negotiated mitigation plans with local industries, corporations and developers to ensure wetland and endangered species impacts are minimized
- Worked with the Army Corps of Engineers and Illinois DNR to protect and restore Lake Michigan beach habitat for the endangered piping plover, rare plant communities and public recreational use
- Participated in negotiations with various corporations in the hope of reaching a settlement agreement for Natural Resource Damage Assessments (e.g., Yeoman Creek, Amoco), to be transferred to the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie
- Participate in workshops to identify cleanup goals for lands held by Joliet Army Ammunition Plant
- Responsible for administering grants and technical assistance for natural resource projects sponsored by citizen groups, educational institutions and local agencies



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# Marion

## *Ecological Services Sub-Office*

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Marion, IL 62959-4565  
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### *Office Facts*

- Established: 1980
- FY 2000 Budget: \$135,000
- Staff: One
- Administered by Rock Island Field Office
- Work Area: Southern half of Illinois and the Mississippi River from Saverton, Missouri, to Cairo, Illinois

### *Office Goals*

- Provide expert leadership in the conservation of fish and wildlife affected by federally funded or licensed land and water development actions in Illinois, the Upper Mississippi and Lower Ohio rivers
- Help promote a healthy environment for people, fish and wildlife in Illinois, the Upper Mississippi and Lower Ohio rivers
- Help the citizens of Illinois conserve and enjoy the outdoors

### *Services Provided To*

- Private citizens
- Federal and state agencies
- Local governments and organizations
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices

### *Activity Highlights*

- Provide leadership in fish and wildlife conservation efforts relative to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' activities along the Upper Mississippi and Lower Ohio rivers, including commercial navigation, flood control and Environmental Management Program projects with emphasis on restoration of habitats for federal trust resources
- Work cooperatively with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the states of Illinois and Missouri to restore and enhance side channels in the Mississippi River and manage water levels for federal trust resources
- Provide technical assistance to the U.S. Forest Service to conserve and protect federal trust resources on the Shawnee National Forest
- Administers the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in central and southern Illinois to restore and enhance habitats for migratory birds, endangered species and aquatic species of concern
- Promote an ecosystem view of flood control projects in the American Bottoms



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# Rock Island

## *Ecological Services Field Office*

Contacting the office:

4469 48th Avenue Court  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Field Supervisor: Richard Nelson  
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### *Office Facts*

- Established: 1962
- FY 2000 Budget: \$905,000
- Staff: 10

### *Office Goals*

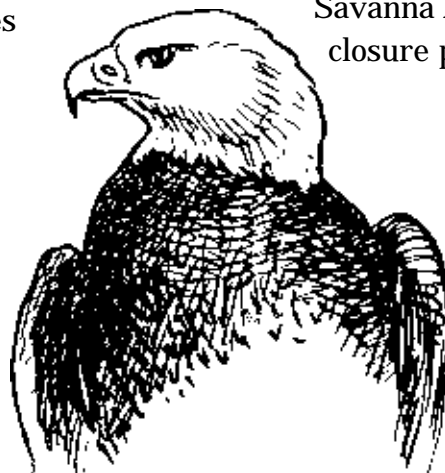
- Provide expert leadership in the conservation of fish and wildlife affected by federally funded or licensed land development actions in Illinois, Iowa and the Upper Mississippi River
- Help protect a healthy environment for people, fish and wildlife in Illinois, Iowa and the Upper Mississippi River
- Help the citizens of Illinois and Iowa conserve and enjoy the outdoors
- Rock Island Field Office also administers the Marion Sub-Office

### *Services Provided To*

- Private citizens
- Federal, state and local agencies
- Other U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service offices

### *Activity Highlights*

- Coordinating nationwide efforts to recover the federally threatened bald eagle
- Provide expert leadership on fish and wildlife conservation efforts relative to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Upper Mississippi River navigation mission
- Work cooperatively with the state of Illinois to offset fish and wildlife losses from release of hazardous substances
- Provide technical assistance for over 10,000-acres of fish and wildlife habitat restoration on private lands via the Wetland Reserve and Partners for Fish and Wildlife programs
- Provide a coordinator to the Upper Mississippi River Conservation Committee which is dedicated to cooperative fish and wildlife management among the five border state of the Mississippi River
- Developed a wildlife management plan for Savanna Army Depot as part of base closure plan







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# Carterville

## *Fishery Resources Office*

Contacting the office:

9053 Route 148

Marion, IL 62959

Phone: 618/997 3344

Fax: 618/997 8961

TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)

<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Project Leader: Chuck Surprenant  
e-mail: [chuck\\_surprenant@fws.gov](mailto:chuck_surprenant@fws.gov)



### *Office Facts*

- Established: 1981
- FY 2002 Budget: \$195,000
- Staff: Three

### *Geographic Area Served*

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Ohio
- Missouri
- Mississippi River - from Rock Island, Illinois, to Cairo, Illinois; including Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge complex
- Ohio River - bordering the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois
- Wabash River - bordering the states of Indiana and Illinois
- Illinois River

### *Services Provided To*

- Federal and state agencies
- Military bases
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices

### *Office Goals*

- Recover fish and mussel populations protected under the Endangered Species Act and restore declining populations before they require listing
- Maintain diverse, self-sustaining fish and other aquatic resource populations and habitats
- Prevent new introductions and minimize range expansion of aquatic nuisance species
- Enhance recreational fishing opportunities on Service and Department of Defense lands

### *Activity Highlights*

- Conduct status reviews for pallid sturgeon and other aquatic resource populations and implement actions identified in the Pallid Sturgeon Recovery Plan
- Work with states and other partners to eliminate or reduce the threats causing declines to native fish and mussel populations
- Work with states and other federal agencies to monitor the status of paddlefish and shovelnose lake sturgeon
- Facilitate the prevention and control of aquatic nuisance species and conduct outreach and education activities to raise public awareness of aquatic nuisance species problems



# Barrington

## *Law Enforcement Field Office*

Contacting the office:

1250 S. Grove Ave., Ste. 103  
Barrington, IL 60010  
Phone: 847/381 2253 ext. 233  
Fax: 847/381 4504  
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>



### *Office Facts*

- Established: 2001
- Staff: one Special Agent
- The Barrington Field Office is administered by the Springfield, IL Field Office

### *Law Enforcement Objectives*

- To protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws
- To promote and encourage voluntary compliance with federal wildlife laws through public education and the creation of a deterrent effect

### *Law Enforcement Priorities*

- To investigate violations that have a significant impact on wild populations of federally protected species, such as those violations involving commercial exploitation and/or habitat destruction and modification
- To investigate violations that involve wild populations of species protected by state or foreign laws, with emphasis on interstate and foreign commercial exploitation
- To provide support and assistance to enforcement activities on Service lands, such as National Wildlife Refuges, and to other federal agencies on lands they manage
- To promote awareness of, and support for, federal wildlife laws and the role of law enforcement in protecting our wildlife resources and heritage



### Laws Enforced

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Duck Stamp Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- National Wildlife Refuge Act
- Lacey Act
- Airborne Hunting Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act



# Chicago

## *Wildlife Inspection Program*

Contacting the office:

P.O. Box 66726  
Chicago, IL 60666-0726  
Phone: 773/894 2910  
Fax: 773/894 2916  
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Supervisory Wildlife Inspector:  
SWI Tamesha Wouldard  
email: [tamesha\\_wouldard@fws.gov](mailto:tamesha_wouldard@fws.gov)



### *Office Facts*

- Established: 1976
- Staff: six Wildlife Inspectors  
one Evidence Custodian
- The Chicago Wildlife Inspection Program Field Office also administers the following Wildlife Inspection Offices:  
Detroit, Mich.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

### *Law Enforcement Objectives*

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### *Law Enforcement Briefs*

- Chicago is one of 13 designated ports in the United States for the importation/exportation of wildlife
- Approximately \$25 million in wildlife trade is processed annually through the port
- Approximately four million arriving international passengers are processed annually through the port
- Over 100 educational presentations are made annually by the wildlife inspection staff

### *Laws Enforced*

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- Lacey Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)



# Peoria

## *Law Enforcement Field Office*

Contacting the office:

2914 Willow Knolls Road, Suite B

Peoria, IL 61614

Phone: 309/693 0819

Fax: 309/693 0820

TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)

<http://midwest.fws.gov>



### *Office Facts*

- Established: 1983
- Staff: one Special Agent
- The Peoria Field Office is administered by the Springfield, IL Field Office

### *Law Enforcement Objectives*

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- Wild Bird Conservation Act



# Rosemont

## *Law Enforcement Field Office*

Contacting the office:

10600 Higgins Road, Suite 200

Rosemont, IL 60018

Phone: 847/298 3250

Fax: 847/298 2642

TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)

<http://midwest.fws.gov>



### *Office Facts*

- Established: 1972
- Staff: one Special Agent
- Administered by the Springfield, IL LE Field Office

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# Springfield

## *Law Enforcement Field Office*

Contacting the office:

1499 Bradfordton Road  
Springfield, IL 62707

Phone: 217/793 9554

Fax: 217/793 2835

TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)

<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Resident Agent in Charge: Tim Santel

email: [tim\\_santel@fws.gov](mailto:tim_santel@fws.gov)



### *Office Facts*

- Established: 1996
- Staff: two Special Agents  
one LE support technician
- The Springfield Field Office also administers the following LE offices in Illinois and Indiana:

Barrington, IL

Peoria, IL

Rosemont, IL

Indianapolis, IN

### *Law Enforcement Objectives*

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# Illinois

## *North American Waterfowl Management Plan*

Contacting the program:

BHW Federal Building  
1 Federal Drive  
Ft. Snelling, MN 55111-4056  
Phone: 612/713 5480  
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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Joint Venture Coordinator: Barbara Pardo  
e-mail: [barbara\\_pardo@fws.gov](mailto:barbara_pardo@fws.gov)



### *State Contact*

Tim Hickmann  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
Lincoln Tower Plaza  
524 South Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Phone: 217/524 9113  
FAX: 217/785 6040  
Email: [thickman@drnmail.state.il.us](mailto:thickman@drnmail.state.il.us)

### *About the Plan*

- An international agreement signed in 1986
- Goal: return waterfowl populations to levels of the mid 1970's
- Achieve goal by restoring and protecting wetland and grassland habitat
- Includes 13 habitat joint ventures and three species joint ventures in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico

### *Partner Involvement*

- Private Landowners
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Corporations
- Tribal, local, state and federal government agencies

### *Habitat Accomplishments*

- Over 36,000 acres of habitat protected, restored and enhanced
- Seeded retired cropland to native grasses
- Protected floodplain and stream habitat
- Protected and restored bottomland hardwood forests

### *Illinois Projects*

Wetland and grassland restorations within:

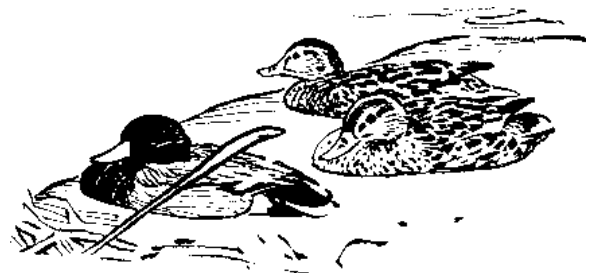
- Cache River watershed, phase III
- Nygren Riparian Wetland Restoration
- Illinois River watershed
- Federal, state and county lands
- Private lands statewide through voluntary participation

### *Financial Assistance*

- Matching dollars from partners totaling over \$22.4 million
- North American Wetland Conservation Act grants; 12 grants totaling over \$4.9 million

### *Public Benefits*

- Increased recreational opportunities
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved community relations
- Enhanced floodwater storage
- Improved water quality
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting voluntary wetland preservation





# Illinois

## Federal Aid

### Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration

Contacting the program:

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 1 Federal Drive  
 Ft. Snelling, MN 55111-4056  
 Phone: 612/713 5131  
 Fax: 612/713 5290  
 TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Chief : Bradley Johnson  
 e-mail: [bradley\\_v\\_johnson@fws.gov](mailto:bradley_v_johnson@fws.gov)



#### Where the money comes from

Federal excise taxes paid by hunters, anglers, and boaters on hunting and fishing equipment, a portion of the federal fuel tax, and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

#### What the money can be used for

Fish and wildlife research, habitat enhancement, technical assistance to private landowners, environmental review of public projects, land acquisition, operation and maintenance of areas and facilities, boating and angler access improvements, comprehensive planning for fish and wildlife resources, and hunter and aquatic education.

#### Number of participants and economic benefits to Illinois

- Fishing  
 Number of anglers..... 1.2 million  
 Fishing expenditures..... \$5.95 million
- Hunting  
 Number of hunters..... 310,000  
 Hunting expenditures..... \$451 million

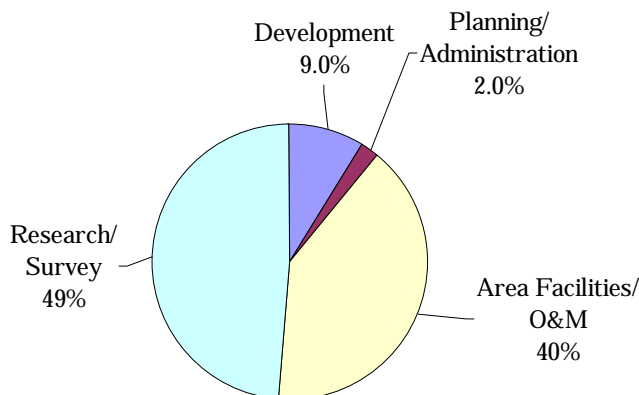
#### How much money is involved (2002 apportionments)

Sport Fish Restoration..... \$5.9 million  
 Wildlife Restoration..... \$3.9 million

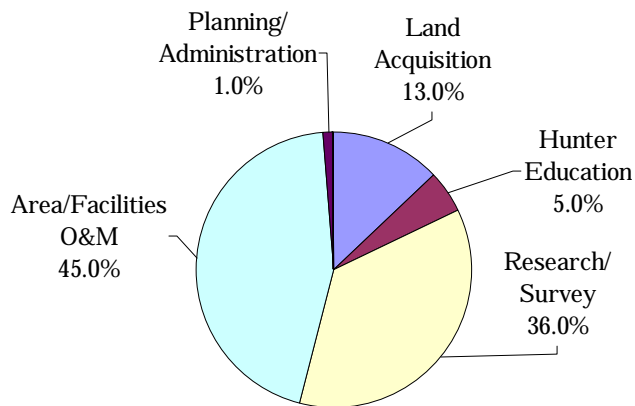


#### Federal dollars at work in Illinois

Use of Sport Fish Restoration Funds



Use of Wildlife Restoration Funds







# Illinois

## *Migratory Bird Conservation*

Contacting the program:

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Fax: 612/713 5393  
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov/midwestbird>

Chief: Steve Wilds  
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### *Inventory and Monitoring*

- Woodcock Singing Ground Survey
- Mourning Dove Call Count Survey
- Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey
- Waterfowl banding program
- Nongame bird inventories on National Wildlife Refuge System lands
- Resident Canada goose breeding population survey

### *Research*

- Study of the effects of hydrology and floodplain restoration on the breeding success of songbirds in the Cache River Wetlands Area
- Study of grassland bird productivity at Lost Mound National Wildlife Refuge
- Study of red-headed woodpecker ecology

### *Management*

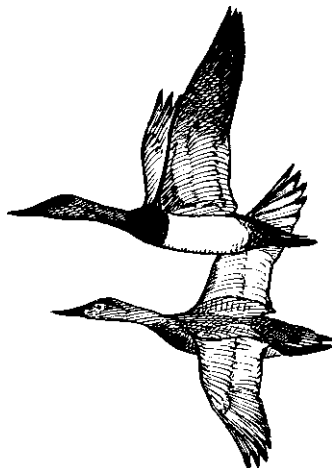
- Wetland and grassland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Bottomland hardwood restoration
- Hunting regulations development
- Issuance of migratory bird permits
- Integrated bird conservation planning at state and Bird Conservation Region levels

### *Partnerships*

- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Illinois Natural History Survey
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S.G.S.
- Partners in Flight
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan
- North American Waterbird Conservation Plan

### *Outreach*

- International Migratory Bird Day
- Junior Duck Stamp Contest
- Cache River Birding Blitz





# Illinois

## Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Contacting the Program:

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4469 48th Avenue Court  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
Phone: 309/793 5800  
Fax: 309/793 5804  
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

State Coordinator: Wayne A. Fischer  
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### Local Coordinators

Chicago	Christie Deloria-Sheffield	708/381 2253
South	Joyce Collins	618/997 3344
North	Joe Slater	309/793 5800
Central	Gwen Kolb	309/535 2290

### Partnerships

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Ducks Unlimited
- Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Private conservation organizations

### Opportunities on Private Lands

#### Habitat Restoration

- Wetland and associated uplands
- Migratory bird habitat
- Watersheds of National Wildlife Refuges
- Voluntary participation

#### Technical Assistance

- Wetland and Conservation Reserve Programs
- Wetlands Conservation Provisions
- Farm Service Agency
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
- Environmental Quality Incentive Programs
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program/Illinois River Watershed

### Wetland Restorations (1987-2002)

- 358 sites
- 6,336 acres

### Upland Restorations (1987 - 2002)

- 39 sites
- 502 acres





# Illinois

## *Division of Realty*



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Ft. Snelling, MN 55111-4056  
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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Chief: Pat Carroll  
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### *Ascertainment and Planning*

- Before a new refuge is established, or the boundary of an existing refuge is significantly revised, the Service completes a detailed planning process to consider the effects of the proposed actions. A team of biologists and planners identify potential new lands to be acquired or preserved in some other way. The team works with local communities, landowners, state agencies, private conservation groups, and other interested parties to carefully plan where new lands and waters should be protected or restored for endangered species, migratory birds or other nationally important fish and wildlife conservation purposes.
- The Service is also required to prepare management plans for existing refuges. These Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCP) detail management direction on refuges for a 15 year period. The Planning staff ensures that all planning efforts comply with National Environmental Policy Act requirements.
- Public involvement is an important component of all these planning processes.

### *Realty Management*

- Once properties are acquired, the Realty Management staff is responsible for managing real estate records for over one million acres of Service owned lands throughout Region 3.

The Realty Management staff also:

- Works to assure that counties receive revenue sharing payments
- Processes non-funded land acquisition such as exchanges, donations, transfers and withdrawals
- Processes right-of-way permits across Service owned land
- Provides surveying capabilities for land acquisition and boundary retracement
- Produces cartographic products for Service use

### *Land Acquisition*

- The Realty Division's staff of appraisers and realty specialists works with landowners who have indicated an interest in selling their property, or property interests, to the Service. The appraisers determine fair market value and the realty specialists make the fee-title or easement purchases from these willing landowners. Lands are acquired by using funds from:
  - The Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (received from the sale of Federal Duck Stamps)
  - The Congressionally appropriated Land and Water Conservation Fund
  - Natural Resource Damage Assessments

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