

Pennsylvania State NWTF Wild Turkey Super Fund Projects



Since 1985 more than \$4,882,413 has been raised and spent by Pennsylvania chapters on projects within the state.

A sampling of these projects follows:

Habitat Enhancement

Spent \$2,680,995 on habitat improvement projects.

- maintenance and development of brood habitat
- wildlife openings
- prescribed burning
- tree planting
- riparian restoration
- water development projects
- control of invasive plant species
- support for seed subsidy and conservation seed programs

Habitat enhancement projects have impacted more than 275,068 acres within the state.

- 12,068 acres of wildlife openings created
- 5 acres of prescribed burning

Projects were completed on Allegheny National Forest, PA Game Lands, DCNR State Forests and Parks, and other public hunting grounds

Education

Spent \$369,544 on educational programs and literature including scholarships, education boxes, 4-H and teacher workshops.

- Awarded 285 scholarships.
- Donated more than 981 education boxes to area schools

Spent \$85,545 on educational projects for volunteers and professionals including:

- Volunteer leadership workshops
- Wild Turkey Woodlands field days
- Purchased 90 educational CD-ROMs
- State newsletter: *Pennsylvania Turkey Talk*
- State website: www.panwtf.org

Hunter Safety

Spent \$258,705 to support hunter safety classes and initiatives within the state. Purchased hunter safety materials and equipment, including interactive shooting systems.

Mentored Youth Hunting Program

The Pennsylvania State Chapter has long supported initiatives to attract more young hunters and preserve the tradition of turkey hunting.

We helped to create the special youth spring gobbler hunting season and our members are dedicated to "taking a kid hunting". The NWTF has been a major player in the Families Afield Program, a coalition of organizations encouraging states to become more "hunter friendly". Families Afield legislation was passed in 2006 creating a Mentored Youth Hunting Program in the Commonwealth so that youngsters below the age of 12 can hunt under the close direction of a mentor. Members of our chapter served on the committee that helped to assure the success of that legislation. Now our local chapters are expanding their participation in youth hunting initiatives by encouraging members to become mentors and supporting regulations to make sure spring gobbler hunting was included as a mentored youth hunting activity.



JAKES

Spent \$333,954 to introduce youth to outdoor activities, conservation and hunting. Sponsored 412 JAKES Conservation Field Days throughout the state.

Women in the Outdoors

Spent \$110,499 on programs, materials and equipment to introduce women to the outdoors, hunting and conservation. Conducted 255 Women in the Outdoors events throughout the state.

Wheelin Sportsmen

Spent \$21,750 to provide opportunities for the disabled to participate in outdoor activities and learn about wildlife conservation. Conducted 19 Wheelin' Sportsmen events.

Hunting Heritage

Spent \$228,390 to protect and promote the hunting tradition including contributions to the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Land Purchase

Spent \$318,150 to purchase 27,594 acres of land or conservation easements to preserve wildlife habitat and provide additional hunting areas.

Research

Spent \$98,474 on wild turkey research. Purchased equipment related to research such as radio telemetry equipment.

- supported the current statewide gobbler banding project, designed to provide more reliable data on gobbler harvest rates and survival
- purchased turkey bait, trapping supplies, rocket nets and rocket charges for the Game Commission trapping teams to use
- supplied telemetry transmitters and helped cover payment of the field staff for a study of hen survival and productivity in Michaux State Forest and surrounding areas (WMU 5A) between 1999 and 2001

Management

Spent \$23,960 on wild turkey management.

- hunter success and satisfaction surveys
- completion of wild turkey management plans
- support of law enforcement activities

Rewards

Spent \$9,587 to protect wild turkeys and other wildlife through support of state sponsored reward programs, the printing of reward signs and reward payments.

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