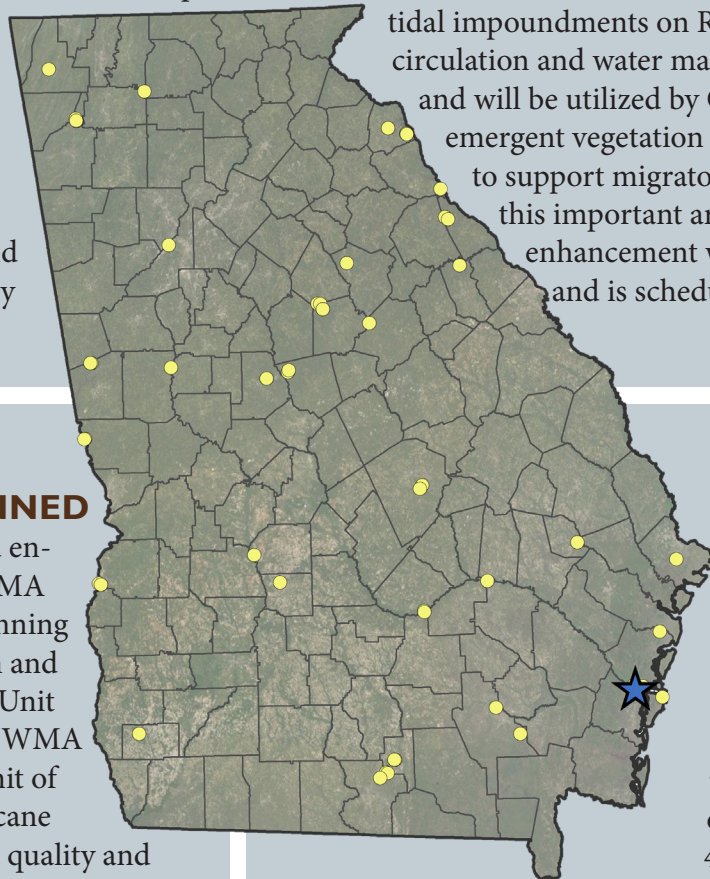


ALTAMAHA WMA: RHETTS ISLAND PHASE I COMPLETE

Ducks Unlimited (DU) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GADNR) have partnered on a multi-phase, \$8.7-million restoration and enhancement project on Altamaha Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in McIntosh County. Altamaha WMA is a priority conservation area in Georgia for waterfowl, shorebirds and wading birds, and is highly utilized by the public for waterfowl hunting, fishing, birding and other outdoor recreational pursuits. DU recently completed the first of two planned phases of wetland restoration and enhancement work on the Rhett's Island Unit of Altamaha WMA. This first phase of construction included the installation of 12 water control structures across three managed tidal impoundments on Rhett's Island. These water circulation and water management capabilities and will be utilized by GADNR WMA staff to emergent vegetation and submerged aquatic to support migratory waterfowl, wading this important area on the Georgia coast. enhancement work is currently in the and is scheduled to go to construction in late summer/early fall of 2020.



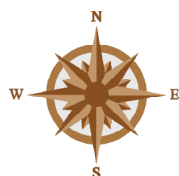
ALTAMAHA WMA AND SAPELO ISLAND WMA FUTURE PROJECTS PLANNED

As part of the larger restoration and enhancement project on Altamaha WMA and Sapelo Island WMA, DU is planning future phases of wetland restoration and enhance work on the Rhett's Island Unit and Butler Island Unit of Altamaha WMA and on the Reynolds Duck Pond Unit of Sapelo Island WMA to repair hurricane damages and enhancement wetland quality and function. DU's engineering team has completed initial survey work on these wetland units and is in the process of securing permits and finalizing engineering design plans. These projects will be delivered over the next three years and will add to ongoing efforts to increase the quality of wetland habitat within this complex of managed coastal wetlands.

ALTAMAHA WMA: CHAMPNEY ISLAND PROJECT UNDERWAY

DU is currently in the process of completing the construction phase of a wetlands restoration and enhancement project on the Champney Island Unit of Altamaha WMA. This 447-acre project is part of

the greater \$8.7-million restoration and enhancement project at Altamaha WMA that DU has worked with GADNR to secure Federal Emergency Management Agency and North American Wetlands Conservation Act funding to deliver. The Champney Island project includes the installation of water control structures, embankment and berm enhancement, and canal restoration which will give GADNR wetland managers improved ability to promote the growth of food resources for waterfowl and other migratory birds and provide quality wetland habitat for other target wildlife species on Altamaha WMA. Construction on this project is expected to be completed by summer 2020.



Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

★ Featured Projects

● Completed Projects

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

Lake Seminole Ducks Unlimited has been the highlight of Georgia Ducks Unlimited for 2020. Just 4 banquets ago a group of duck hunting conservationist came together to begin this chapter. In the last 3 years the chapter has increased its net/net over \$36,000 and recorded a whopping \$47,697 in February 2020 with just shy of 300 attendees. It is very difficult to continue growing year after year, but this chapter finds a way to conquer the challenge.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Volunteer fundraisers are the heartbeat of Ducks Unlimited, and Georgia has some of the best. Georgia boasts more than 18,800 members, including more than 1,380 volunteers who hosted 106 events and raised more than \$2.5 million to support DU's conservation mission in 2019.

Georgia's Campaign Committee secured 4 new Major Sponsors, 2 new Life Sponsors and 2 new Diamond Sponsors. These sponsorships will benefit wetland conservation across the Peach State.



Surveying on Sapelo Island Wildlife Management Area



Rhett's Island Phase 1



Field day with GA Coastal Waterfowl Shareholder Group and GADNR at Rehfts Island.

GEORGIA BY THE NUMBERS

2019

- \$2.5 million raised
- 106 events

CUMULATIVE

- 27,310 acres conserved
- \$2,478,355 invested

GADNRs cumulative contributions to DU for habitat conservation in Canada: **\$103,000**

(Information through 1/1/20)

Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.



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