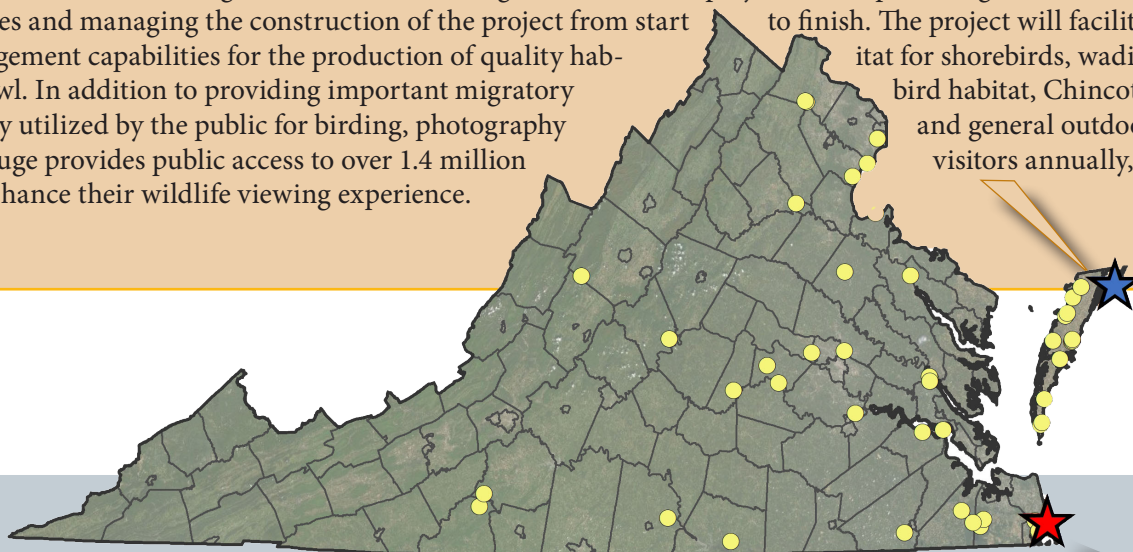


CHINCOTEAGUE NWR WETLAND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Construction is currently underway to enhance 993 acres of managed wetland units on Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in Accomack County. Ducks Unlimited partnered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge to secure a NAWCA grant to fund the project. DU is providing all engineering services and managing the construction of the project from start to finish. The project will facilitate better water management capabilities for the production of quality habitat for shorebirds, wading birds, and waterfowl. In addition to providing important migratory bird habitat, Chincoteague NWR is also highly utilized by the public for birding, photography and general outdoor recreation. The refuge provides public access to over 1.4 million visitors annually, and this project will enhance their wildlife viewing experience.



BACK BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WETLAND ENHANCEMENT

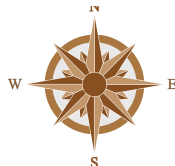
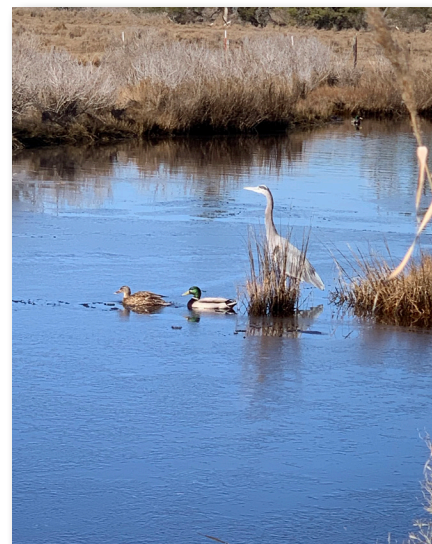
In partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Ducks Unlimited recently enhanced 609 acres of wetlands within managed impoundments on the refuge in Virginia Beach. This project included the installation of a pump station and water control structures and canal enhancement to increase habitat management capabilities and improve water delivery throughout the wetland system. DU staff delivered this project from start to finish, providing engineering survey and design, biological expertise and construction oversight and management. Now that the project is complete, refuge managers are able to independently manage impoundments to provide critical breeding, migrating, and wintering habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds and wading birds that utilize the refuge. This project leveraged funding provided by Ducks Unlimited and the Virginia Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp Fund to secure additional grant funding through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA).

2019 VIRGINIA OUTDOORS FOUNDATION PARTNER- CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROJECTS

“Shands” tract: mature forested wetlands with 9,500 linear feet of frontage on the Nottoway River in Southampton, VA. Conservation of this property builds an active, successful private-public conservation effort in the State Scenic Waterway.

“Livesay” tract along the Blackwater River in Southampton County, VA will offer perpetual protection of 132 acres along the Black Water River close to the Blackwater Ecological Preserve.

“Phillips” is a 1,090-acre tract of primarily old growth bald cypress-tupelo swamp forest along the Nottoway River.



Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

- ★ Featured Projects
- Completed Projects

VADU DISTRICT CHAIR OF THE YEAR

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Ducks Unlimited. One of those dedicated volunteers is Abel Brand. Abel Brand earned the 2019 Virginia District Chair of the Year Award for solid growth over prior year in Volunteers, Event Income, Event Attendance, Total Income and All Members. Abel has been a DU volunteer for more than 12 years, including time as the Area Chair for the Richmond chapter. He grew up as a Greenwing member attending events with his dad in Pennsylvania. Abel and his wife Heather reside in Richmond with their five children, William, Colton, Rynn, Madison, and Emily and Nellie their 2 year old black lab. Abel is a Randolph-Macon College Alumni and works at Virginia Acoustical, he enjoys hunting and fishing in his free time.



VADU AREA CHAIR OF THE YEAR

Bo Bundrick is the 2019 Virginia Area Chair of the Year. Bo is the Area Chair for the Louisa Chapter and his accomplishment was earned through solid growth across the board in all five (5) Excellence Award Criteria including; Volunteers, Event Income, Event Attendance, All Members and All Income. He has been a DU volunteer for 10 years and has previously served as the Area Chair for the Shenandoah River Chapter. Bo and his wife Christie recently moved to the Louisa area. Bo also served as an educator, coach, and administrator the past 25 years in both private and public school sectors.

FUNDRAISING AND STATE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Ducks Unlimited relies on volunteer support in order to be successful. Virginia has some of the very best! Virginia boasts more than 17,428 members who hosted 128 events in 2019, raising \$1.8 million to support DU's conservation mission. Those dollars ensure DU's continued work in Virginia and on the breeding grounds that produce Virginia's waterfowl.

Virginia's Campaign Committee secured 11 new Life Sponsors and 25 upgrades in 2019, securing more than \$440,000 in new commitments. The people of Virginia understand just how much of an impact their support can have on the future of wetlands, waterfowl and waterfowl hunting.

MAJOR DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Max and Katie Finazzo are currently finalizing their Diamond Life Sponsor commitment. Max has been a DU member for over 30 years, a volunteer for nearly 20 years, an Area chairman, state committee member and will become the State Chair of Virginia in 2021. Katie grew up on the banks of the Chesapeake Bay and Max on the ocean. "When our daughter Carolina came along it really pushed our drive to save the areas that we so cherished as children. The mid-Atlantic has such a rich history with the Chesapeake Bay, and in turn that bay provides habitat for fowl and fish that stretch the entire Atlantic coast. We want our daughter to enjoy more than what we have now."

Believing in a sense of leave the world better than you found it the, Max and Katie are proud to be leaders in DU's mission and look forward to their daughter carrying forth a passion for the outdoors.



VIRGINIA BY THE NUMBERS

2019

- \$1.8 million raised
- 128 events

CUMULATIVE

- 71,060 acres conserved
- \$15,291,360 invested

VDGIF's cumulative contributions to DU for habitat conservation in Canada: **\$241,500**

(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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