

Manitoba **Waterfowl Breeding** Habitat Project

Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation

\$ 99,750 Grant

With more than 50% of North America's waterfowl populations breeding in the Canadian Prairie Pothole Region (PPR), this vast landscape is crucial to waterfowl populations across the continent. Located in south-western Manitoba, the PPR of Manitoba is a highly productive landscape for waterfowl but is challenged by high levels of wetland drainage, resulting in loss or degradation of breeding habitat. Further, this area is largely located within the Prairie-Parkland transition zone, which has been shown to support increased levels of waterfowl predators. Addressing this two-pronged threat, the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation has continued its work to attain perpetual protection of waterfowl breeding habitat through conservation easements and the enhancement of these habitats – and breeding success – through the maintenance of Hen Houses.

HABITAT RETENTION

- 4 conservation easements completed on 1,403 acres
- 1 fee simple acquisition on 143 acres
- 1 agreement completed, protecting 94.3 acres of wetlands for a period of 10 years.

WETLAND RESTORATION

- Maintenance of 2,050 Hen Houses



New Habitat Conservation Contract signed for the Holmberg property (June 2016).

