

### Ensuring the efficiency and productivity of existing nest structures throughout the Prairie Pothole Region

Delta Waterfowl Foundation  
**\$63,828 Grant**

The primary goal of this project was to improve waterfowl reproductive success and recruitment, and to conserve important breeding habitats. Hen Houses were installed, which provide a safer location for hens to nest, and also have higher reproductive success than traditional nesting habitat, producing more incremental ducks.

#### MANAGEMENT

- Maintenance completed on 2,595 Hen Houses, resulting in the enhancement of 3,893 acres of wetland habitat.

#### HABITAT RETENTION

- Easement contract finalized, protecting 101 acres of wetland habitat and 102 acres of upland habitat.



Low wetland water levels are evident near Colonsay, SK, as this Hen House is at eye level with Delivery Specialist, Travis Quirk. Photo credit: Delta Waterfowl Foundation.

### Protecting and Managing Waterfowl Populations in southwestern Quebec

Canadian Park and Wilderness Society –  
Ottawa Valley Chapter  
**\$10,000 Grant**



White-tailed deer at the edge of the hardwood road in Mansfield and Pontefract. Photo credit: Helena Kreuzberg.

#### CONSERVATION PLANNING

- A questionnaire was developed and distributed to stakeholders. The returned data was entered into a database to inform ongoing development of a protected area proposal.
- A new map was created showing conservation opportunities in the region.

#### SCIENCE

- Volunteers monitored nests and were involved in brood evolution.

#### MANAGEMENT

- 40 nest boxes and 8 bat boxes were built.

#### LAND AND WATER POLICY

- A report on the conservation values of the Noire and Coulonge River watersheds was prepared and shared with decision-makers in the region.