Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Eastern Habitat Joint Venture (NS-EHJV) Wetland Stewardship Program

Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources - Wildlife Division **\$50,000 Grant**

Traditional land use practices in Nova Scotia have historically resulted in the loss of wetland habitat. To address this issue, the NS-EHJV program works to facilitate partnerships with farmers, agricultural extension workers, community groups, educational institutions, governments and non-government organizations to improve the conservation, restoration and enhancement of wetland habitats in the agricultural landscape.

HABITAT RETENTION

• 29 farms were visited, resulting in the completion of 15 new Agricultural Biodiversity Conservation (ABC) Plans.

COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

- Continued development of the BioLOG Website to encourage biodiversity conservation and wetland stewardship on farmlands, including: website re-design with improved navigation; more information and improved Best Management Practices for wood turtles; and, new information on several nuisance wildlife species that occur on farmland.
- More than 1,500 people were engaged at 13 events promoting ABC Plans and the BioLOG.
- The NSDNR participated in the formation of 2 new habitat conservation associations.
- "Becoming an Outdoor Woman" event was held, with over 55 attendees.

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