



Ohio 2025 Accomplishments

1,962 Positively Impacted Acres in Ohio



37 Outreach Events



8,859 Adult Members



752 JAKES Members



State Achievements

NWTF conserved more than 1,000 acres on the **Wayne National Forest** under an ongoing stewardship agreement with the USDA Forest Service. Work includes early successional forest wildlife openings enhancements, forest stand improvement and vernal pool creation.

R3 Outreach

The **River Valley Longbeards Chapter** hosted the 19th annual JAKES Day event, with more than 60 youths participating in archery, fishing and kayaking. The **Ohio NWTF State Chapter** continues to facilitate the next generation of outdoor advocates; for over five years, the state chapter has supported the young adults who attend Camp Canopy to learn about forestry, natural resource conservation, hunting and shooting.



The NWTF state chapter continues to support the ongoing Ohio State University and **Ohio Division of Wildlife hen study** by providing funding totaling \$50,000. Support has funded bands, trapping supplies and other equipment needed by the graduate students.



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NWTF Initiatives Impacting Our State

The Roots to Roost Initiative

The Roots to Roost Initiative will help address range-wide declines in many plant and wildlife species, while managing concerns of water quality and forest health and resilience. The initiative will

accomplish this by providing needed resources for education, outreach, research, political advocacy and by supporting active habitat management through strengthened conservation partnerships.

A Nation United by the Life-Changing Power of the Outdoors.

Accomplishing conservation delivery on a scale necessary to turn the tide of diminishing wild turkey populations is accomplished only through partnerships with a focus on common goals. The NWTF helps unite these partners to fight the threats to our ecosystem, including: invasive species, catastrophic wildfire, overcrowded and unhealthy forests, habitat loss due to development, conversion to other uses or successional change. These threats may affect turkey nesting, brood-rearing or roosting habitat, watershed health and winter forage. The NWTF and its allies also continue to advocate for the hunter by searching for more hunter access and monitoring policy discussions across the country. We are committed to conservation and the pursuit of the great outdoors.

NWTF Initiatives

FORESTS AND FLOCKS INITIATIVE

Improving critical nesting habitat in the spring, brood-rearing habitat in the summer, and practices that benefit hard and soft mast-bearing trees and shrubs that help wild turkeys make it through the winter in good condition. Forests and Flocks will improve 100,000 acres by the end of 2034 in Northeastern states through habitat management and support of critical research. [CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV]

HABITAT FOR THE HATCH INITIATIVE

Improving forest and field health and resiliency at a landscape scale through active management, specifically enhancing more than 1 million acres of nesting and brooding habitat by 2033. Acres included in Habitat for the Hatch's 1-million-acre goal are those that specifically establish nesting habitats with quality brood range in close proximity. [AL, AR, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MS, MO, NC, OH, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA]

WATERWAYS FOR WILDLIFE INITIATIVE

A comprehensive, landscape-level effort to address critically urgent conservation needs in riparian ecosystems along rivers and streams in the Great Plains of the United States. The NWTF will improve 75,000 acres of wildlife habitat along 1,500 linear miles of waterways by the end of 2032. [CO, KS, MT, ND, NE, NM, OK, SD, TX, WY]

ROOTS TO ROOST INITIATIVE

A groundbreaking, cross-boundary conservation effort aimed at restoring and enhancing critical wildlife habitat across the Midwest, expanding the organization's conservation, policy and education efforts to bolster wild turkey populations and safeguard the diverse ecosystems they depend on. The total acreage impact will result in at least 1.2 million acres treated by the end of 2035. [MI, IL, IN, IA, KY, MN, MO, OH, WI]

Partner Initiatives

THE SHORTLEAF PINE INITIATIVE

Improving wild turkey habitat and forest health, and the creation and long-term management of pine/oak savannas. [AL, AR, FL, GA, IL, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, NJ, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA]

THE WHITE OAK INITIATIVE

Ensuring the long-term sustainability of America's white oak forests and the economic, social and conservation benefits they create. [AL, AR, CT, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OK, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WI, WV]

THE LONGLEAF RESTORATION INITIATIVE

Working with federal and state agencies, nonprofit organizations, forest industry and private landowners to restore longleaf pine forests. [AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TX, VA]

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESTORATION INITIATIVE

Co-convened by the NWTF and the USDA Forest Service to increase the pace and scale of forest restoration in Colorado. [CO]

THE NATIONAL FORESTRY INITIATIVE

A national partnership initiative with Natural Resources Conservation Service focused on improving forest health and forest ecosystems on private lands and managing the forestry-related opportunity derived from the Farm Bill. [AL, AR, CO, FL, IA, ID, IN, KY, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NC, NH, NY, OH, SC, TN, TX, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY]



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