Migratory Bird Joint Ventures are voluntary, cooperative, regional partnerships of private industry and private landowners working alongside federal, state, and provincial agencies, non-profit organizations, tribes, academia, and other partners. Joint Venture partners work together to build and sustain a healthy world for birds, other wildlife, and people.

Three-decade record of success - Established by the North American Waterfowl Management Plan in 1986, twenty-four Joint Ventures in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico now address the needs of all North American birds.

Non-regulatory solutions - Through voluntary and proactive conservation, Joint Ventures reduce the need for additional regulations by getting ahead of actions such as Endangered Species Act listings.

Economically sound business approach - The Joint Ventures' strategic business model approach makes conservation investments more efficient. In fact, the Joint Venture program has one of the highest returns on investment in the conservation world, leveraging every federally appropriated dollar with $31 in non-federal funding.

Working lands conservation - Joint Ventures support conservation that works not only for wildlife, but also for the people who depend on those landscapes. From collaborative conservation on private lands to active management of public lands, this approach helps sustain the economic vitality of rural communities.

Sporting and outdoor traditions - Joint Venture habitat conservation provides hunting and fishing opportunities, as well as places to hike, camp, and enjoy nature, ensuring future generations of hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy their natural heritage.

Resilient urban and rural communities - Joint Venture projects contribute to clean and sustainable water supplies; flood and wildfire prevention; storm surge protection; pollution control; sustainable agriculture through pollinators; and improved forage production for ranching.

Cost-effective Conservation

Over the course of our history, Joint Ventures have:

Engaged with over 5,700 partners.

Helped enhance, conserve, and restore nearly 27 million acres of essential habitat across North America for people and wildlife.

Leveraged 31 non-federal partner dollars for every federally appropriated dollar.