

2021

AT A GLANCE



TENNESSEE
WILDLIFE
FEDERATION



Friends,

This year the natural world and outdoor recreation continued to be a welcome respite from uncertainty that permeated other aspects of our lives. So many people experienced the importance of investing in our wildlife and wild places.

Despite the challenges of the past two years, the Federation demonstrated resilience and strength. We expanded and pivoted programming, including our new Virtual Series through our Hunting and Fishing Academy. We took on large-scale restoration projects, continued to advocate for policy that will support at-risk wildlife and habitats, and lent science-backed expertise to the biggest challenges, such as chronic wasting disease, facing conservation in our state.

Our passion for the outdoors drives everything we do, but none of this would have been possible without you. On behalf of each of us at the Federation, we thank you. This report only skims the surface of what you made possible for our great state.

As we enter 2022, we look forward to your enduring partnership and passion. **We hope you will continue to support us** in our mission to conserve Tennessee's wildlife, waters, and wild places today and for generations to come.



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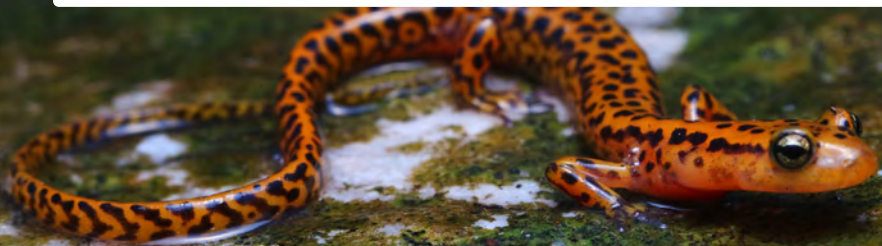
OUR WORK

Building Momentum for Recovering America's Wildlife

Tennessee now has strong support for the most important piece of wildlife legislation in the past fifty years. This is especially important to our state since it is ranked in the top ten for species extinctions, and we have nearly 1,500 species close to becoming threatened or endangered, including cerulean warblers, eastern hellbender salamanders, and bobwhite quail.

The Federation's policy team is hard at work garnering the support of our Tennessee delegation for the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA). **Senator Bill Hagerty is the most recent to sign onto the bipartisan wildlife conservation bill.** Republicans David Kustoff and Chuck Fleischmann and Democrats Jim Cooper and Steve Cohen are among the bipartisan supporters of the House version of the bill.

If passed, Tennessee will receive \$25 million annually for its wildlife action plan. RAWA follows the old adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." With the cost to taxpayers averaging \$19 million to develop a single recovery plan for any species listed as threatened or endangered, and the cost to private businesses running 4–5 times this amount, it makes strong financial sense that these funds be made available to prevent and stop the decline of these critical species.



A scenic view of a forested landscape. In the foreground, there is a large, dark, textured rock formation. Behind it, a dense forest of green trees covers a hillside. The sky above is blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and natural.

OUR WORK

A Boon for Birds and Other Wildlife

Long-term, effective wildlife conservation begins with habitat. This year, the Federation began work with Ruffed Grouse Society, American Woodcock Society, and others to enhance more than 6,800 acres of wildlife habitat in Tennessee and Kentucky.

An expansive undertaking, the project will identify three **large restoration areas totaling more than 60,000 acres** on the Cumberland Plateau—two in Kentucky and one in Tennessee—to improve forest structure and health to benefit a suite of wildlife species that require mixed-aged forests.

Restoration efforts in Tennessee will primarily take place in the North Cumberland region and include a mix of responsible timber management, prescribed burning, and tree plantings on public and private lands. The project will employ dynamic forest restoration blocks to closely monitor and measure the performance of forest management techniques in designated areas. This approach will help achieve the desired forest conditions more quickly and effectively to improve wildlife populations.



CONSERVATION POLICY

Secured critically-needed federal funds for invasive carp control

Engaged the sporting community on important issues like chronic wasting disease

Promoted the balanced recreational use of Tennessee rivers

Helped pass landmark federal legislation for habitat and public lands, like the Great American Outdoors Act

Elevated awareness about threats to the state's healthy and abundant waters for wildlife and people

1,500+ advocacy actions taken



HUNTING AND FISHING ACADEMY

130+

volunteer mentors
trained

2,000+ participants

- are confident about hunting and fishing
- have more outdoor skills
- will go hunting and fishing on their own



SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM

1,600+

athletes

280

competed in nationals

17

first place finishers



HABITAT CONSERVATION

**2,275
acres**

of habitat restored

**2+
miles**

of streams restored

**70,000
trees**

planted



HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY

**142,000+
pounds**

of venison donated

**563,000+
servings**

provided through food banks
and soup kitchens

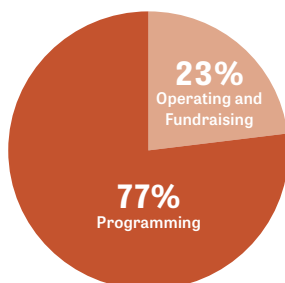
Conservationists like you make all the difference.

Tennessee Wildlife Federation was founded by people like you, sportsmen and outdoor enthusiasts, more than 75 years ago. For decades our work has conserved our waters, wildlife, and wild places.

Support from individuals, families, foundations, and state agencies allow us to manage wildlife populations and restore habitats for a more vibrant Tennessee. This financial support also gets the next generation outdoors so they are inspired to fight for our wildlife.

Tennessee Wildlife Federation is honored by the trust and faith of our supporters. We don't take any gift for granted and are committed to transparency in both our work and our financial reporting.

For every dollar we receive to conserve Tennessee's wildlife, \$0.77 goes to support our mission-driven programs and \$0.23 covers administration and fundraising expenses.



Fiscal Year 2021 Financials

Total Income	\$4,384,643
Total Expenses	\$3,820,004
Programming Expenses	\$2,933,023
Operating and Fundraising Expenses	\$ 886,981
Total Net Income	\$ 564,639

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