

# North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)



## National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)

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# What is NAWCA?

## North American Wetlands Conservation Act

- Competitive grant program
- Voluntary
- Non-regulatory
- Public-private funding



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Upper Cook Inlet: Potter Marsh Watershed, Alaska

# NAWCA Accomplishments

- 3,300 projects
- 7,000 partners
- 32.6 million acres
- \$2.28 billion Grant
- \$4.53 billion Match



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California Central Valley Coastal Wetlands Project II, California



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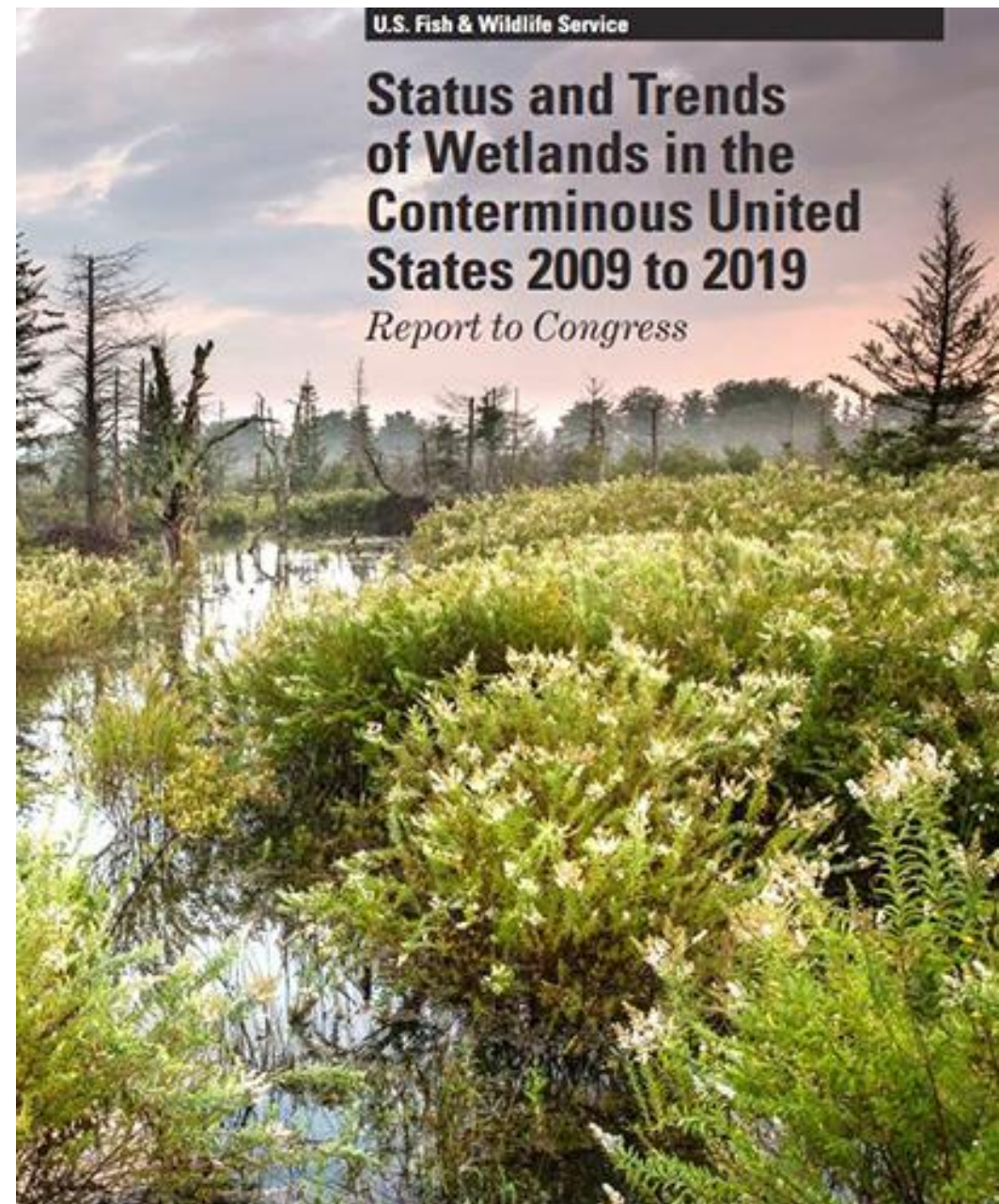
# NAWCA & NWI

- **NWI & Status & Trends data are used for every US NAWCA project!**
- **Technical Assessment Question (TAQ):**
  - **TAQ #4 – How does the proposal relate to the national status and trends of wetlands types?**
  - **Worth up to 10 points out of 100**
- **NAWCA applicants are encouraged to use:**
  - **NWI Wetlands Mapper**
  - **Downloads of the wetlands data**
  - **Wetlands Web Mapping Services for ArcGIS**



# Status & Trends Report

- Consultation with NWI staff after S&T is published
- TAQ #4 revisions



# Updated TAQ #4

## A: Palustrine scrub-shrub (PSS) moved from increasing to decreasing

- 2009–2019: Decreased by 96,500 ac
- Causes: Net loss to upland (e.g., human alteration) and change to palustrine forested wetland (e.g., natural succession)

## B: Estuarine sub-tidal (E1) moved from stable to increasing

- 2009–2019: Increased by 56,000 ac
- Causes: Net gain from intertidal vegetated, i.e., mainly saltmarsh but also shrub (mangroves)
- Changes consistent with sea level rise

STATUS, TYPES, AND ACRES OF WETLANDS													
Note: Types subsidiary to types listed below have the same status.													
ACTIVITY AND TRACTS IN THE PROPOSAL	DECREASING				STABLE		INCREASING				NO TREND DATA	UPLANDS	TOTAL
	PEM	PFO	PSS	E2Veg	L	R	M2	PUB	E1	E2US	PML		

Moved from increasing to decreasing **A**

Moved from stable to increasing **B**

PRB and E2AB removed from "No Trend" column **C**

## C: Palustrine rock bottom (PRB) and estuarine intertidal aquatic bed (E2AB) removed from table

- Types are relatively rare and not differentiated in Status and Trends study.
  - PRB is included in the PUB type.
  - E2AB is included in the E2US type.





# Thank you!

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Lake Erie Coastal Wetlands IV, Ohio



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