GGS Grasslands for Gamebirds and Songbirds



Office of Private Lands Division of Fish and Wildlife



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- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).
- Provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners hoping to establish and manage grassland habitats.
- Targeting Northern bobwhite, Henslow's sparrow, Loggerhead shrike and Ring-necked Pheasant.
- Targeting areas within our focal regions.
- Addition of 3 grassland biologists.
- Development of habitat teams to help establish and manage habitat.



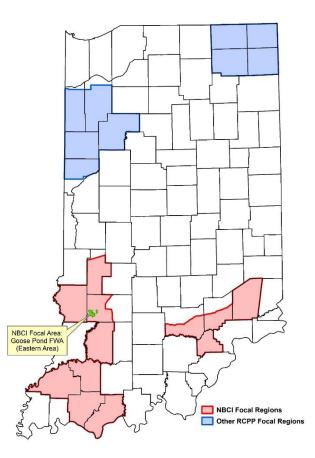
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- EQIP like land management contracts
- Payment schedule mirrors EQIP
- Offered addition financial incentives with state monies.



GGS 1.0

- 19 county focal region
- 31 partners
- Obligated \$1.9 million in funding
 - 104% goal
- 3835 acres of habitat developed
 - 118% of goal





APPLE

- Gateway to a public access hunting on private ground.
- They were limited draw hunts on private property.
- Gamebirds were the initial focus (Quail, Pheasant, Woodcock and Wild Turkey)
- The program has expanded and is using other funding streams today.





Habitat Teams

- Team in the north and south
- Aimed at aiding assistance in the field for landowners lacking knowledge and/or equipment.
- Used in the management of gamebird habitat on access properties.
- This continues and hopefully can expand in the future.





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- Expanded focal region
- 40 counties





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- \$2.6 million in funding
- 23 partners
- Goal of 3120 acres





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Next Step

- Route interested landowners to
 - F & W biologists
 - NRCS
- Parallel the EQIP sign-up





