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Wildlife Incentives for Non-game and Game Species

A GRANT PROGRAM THAT CREATES
WILDLIFE HABITAT ON RIGHTS-OF-WAY

What is Project WINGS?

Project WINGS (“Wildlife Incentives for Non-game and Game Species”) is a rights-of-way management campaign designed to create new wildlife lands along gas and electrical transmission lines. It offers cash grants and professional wildlife management advice to groups and individuals committed to rights-of-way brush control and habitat improvement. WINGS is a Georgia success story for both residents and wildlife. Versions of Project WINGS can now be found in several other states.

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Why is it important?



Project WINGS will create shelter and forage for many non-game species of birds and mammals.

Electric and gas utilities are essential to our economy and standard of living. Utilities power our homes, businesses and factories through a vast network of transmission corridors or “rights-of-ways”. These corridors vary from 50 to 500 feet in width, cover thousands of acres, and

must be managed to prevent undesirable growth that could interfere with the normal delivery of power. Project WINGS is important since it helps people transform rights-of-ways into productive wildlife habitat, ensuring healthier wildlife populations, while providing the safe and efficient delivery of energy to more than 7.5 million Georgians.



Who can receive a grant?

Landowners, leaseholders, hunting clubs, wildlife organizations, and others committed to the conversion and management of electrical transmission rights-of-way may apply for a grant. Applications are accepted **May 15 through July 15** of each year at all Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

What type of commitment is involved?

Grant recipients have a three-year obligation to follow accepted wildlife practices **and prevent the growth of tall brush.**

CREATING HABITAT

for wildlife

How are grant dollars awarded?

Grant awards are based on the amount of rights-of-way to be managed. Monies are paid over three years at a flat rate of \$75 per acre per year. Acceptable management practices include: mowing with fallow disking, annual plantings and permanent plantings. The maximum total payment for the three-year contract cannot exceed \$2,250 per contract. Grants are paid within 60 days of work completion, as reported by the local NRCS office.



Can I do the work myself?

Yes, as long as the practice is included in your wildlife management plan prepared by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, it doesn't matter who performs the labor.

Do I need proof of management expenses?

As long as the practice has been completed and then verified by NRCS, receipts are not necessary.

Can I re-enroll the same acres in the future?

Former WINGS acreage may be re-enrolled provided the original contract was completed and three years have passed since the first contract expired. This renewed eligibility is referred to as the "In three years, out three years rule."

Who develops the wildlife management plan?

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) develops the plan once participants select from a menu of typical wildlife management practices.

The plan might include: mowing with fallow disking, permanent wildlife plantings or annual wildlife plantings. Participants choose their own plan by selecting management practices from the menu.



NRCS staff accepts grant applications and develop management plans.

How do I get started?

Grants are offered **May 15 through July 15** of each year. To apply, contact your local NRCS office listed below:

Appling	(912)367-6684	Evans	(912)871-2600	Newton	(706)342-1315
Atkinson	(912)422-3363	Fannin	(706)745-2012	Oconee	(706)769-3987
Bacon	(912)632-4611	Fayette	(770)957-5705	Oglethorpe	(706)678-2630
Baker	(229)734-5823	Floyd	(706)291-5651	Paulding	(770)792-0594
Baldwin	(706)485-2341	Forsyth	(770)536-0549	Peach	(478)827-0016
Banks	(706)335-8111	Franklin	(706)376-5451	Pickens	(706)629-2582
Barrow	(706)769-3987	Fulton	(770)792-0594	Pierce	(912)449-5303
Bartow	(706)629-2582	Gilmer	(706)745-2012	Pike	(770)358-0787
Ben Hill	(229)468-7491	Glascocok	(478)625-7771	Polk	(706)291-5651
Berrien	(229)686-5557	Glynn	(912)427-2502	Pulaski	(478)783-1391
Bibb	(478)827-0016	Gordon	(706)629-2582	Putnam	(706)485-2341
Bleckley	(478)934-6571	Grady	(229)377-6282	Quitman	(229)732-6211
Brantley	(912)427-2502	Greene	(706)453-7021	Rabun	(706)745-2012
Brooks	(229)263-4909	Gwinnett	(770)963-9288	Randolph	(229)732-3621
Bryan	(912)459-2350	Habersham	(706)754-6239	Richmond	(706)360-2414
Bulloch	(912)871-2600	Hall	(770)536-0549	Rockdale	(770)963-9288
Burke	(706)554-2109	Hancock	(706)453-7021	Schley	(229)924-4056
Butts	(770)957-5705	Haralson	(770)832-8942	Screven	(912)564-7101
Calhoun	(229)849-2415	Harris	(229)649-3131	Seminole	(229)524-5450
Camden	(912)427-2502	Hart	(706)376-5451	Spalding	(770)957-5705
Candler	(912)871-2600	Heard	(770)832-8942	Stephens	(706)779-2134
Carroll	(770)832-8942	Henry	(770)957-5705	Stewart	(229)924-4056
Catoosa	(706)638-2207	Houston	(478)987-2280	Sumter	(229)924-4056
Charlton	(912)422-3363	Irwin	(229)382-4776	Talbot	(229)649-3131
Chatham	(912)459-2350	Jackson	(706)335-8111	Taliaferro	(706)453-7021
Chattahoochee	(229)649-3131	Jasper	(706)342-1315	Tattnall	(912)557-6706
Chattooga	(706)291-5651	Jeff Davis	(912)375-2015	Taylor	(478)862-3312
Cherokee	(706)629-2582	Jefferson	(478)625-7771	Telfair	(229)868-5696
Clarke	(706)769-3987	Jenkins	(478)982-4281	Terrell	(229)995-5811
Clay	(229)732-6211	Johnson	(478)552-6073	Thomas	(229)228-0459
Clayton	(770)957-5705	Jones	(706)342-1315	Tift	(229)382-4776
Clinch	(229)686-5557	Lamar	(770)358-0787	Toombs	(912)526-6154
Cobb	(770)792-0594	Lanier	(229)482-3440	Towns	(706)745-2012
Coffee	(912)384-4811	Laurens	(478)272-1757	Treutlen	(912)583-4541
Colquitt	(229)985-5399	Lee	(229)759-6035	Troup	(770)251-4283
Columbia	(706)360-2414	Liberty	(912)459-2350	Turner	(229)567-3994
Cook	(229)896-3206	Lincoln	(706)678-2630	Twiggs	(478)934-6571
Coweta	(770)251-4283	Long	(912)767-3289	Union	(706)745-2012
Crawford	(478)827-0016	Lowndes	(229)242-0841	Upson	(770)358-0787
Crisp	(229)273-4148	Lumpkin	(770)536-0549	Walker	(706)638-2207
Dade	(706)638-2207	Macon	(478)472-6561	Walton	(770)267-1359
Dawson	(770)536-0549	Madison	(706)335-8111	Ware	(912)449-5303
Decatur	(229)246-8282	Marion	(229)649-3131	Warren	(706)595-1339
Dekalb	(770)963-9288	McDuffie	(706)595-1339	Washington	(478)552-6073
Dodge	(478)374-2531	McIntosh	(912)459-2350	Wayne	(912)427-2502
Dooly	(229)268-9106	Meriwether	(770)251-4283	Webster	(229)828-2015
Dougherty	(229)430-8509	Miller	(229)758-2496	Wheeler	(912)568-7411
Douglas	(770)792-0594	Mitchell	(229)336-1451	White	(706)779-2134
Early	(229)723-3825	Monroe	(770)358-0787	Whitfield	(706)638-2207
Echols	(229)686-5557	Montgomery	(912)583-4541	Wilcox	(229)365-7926
Effingham	(912)-754-6664	Morgan	(706)342-1315	Wilkes	(706)678-2630
Elbert	(706)283-3021	Murray	(706)638-2207	Wilkinson	(478)272-1757
Emanuel	(478)237-8866	Muscogee	(229)649-3131	Worth	(229)776-4488