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Regulated Drain Assessments	Information available at <a href="http://www.co.hamilton.in.us">http://www.co.hamilton.in.us</a>	Contact Hamilton County Drainage Board at (317) 776-9627
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land. Through WHIP USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service provides both technical assistance and up to 75 percent cost-share assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. WHIP agreements between NRCS and the participant generally last from 5 to 10 years from the date the agreement is signed. More information is available at <a href="http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/whip.html">http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/whip.html</a> .	Contact local NRCS office
Bring Back the Natives Grant Program	This National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) program provides funds to restore damaged or degraded riverine habitats and their native aquatic species through watershed restoration and improved land management. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nfwf.org/programs/bbn.cfm">www.nfwf.org/programs/bbn.cfm</a>	Not available
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	EPA awards grants to states to capitalize their Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRFs). The states, through the CWSRF, make loans for high-priority water quality activities. As loan recipients make payments back into the fund, money is available for new loans to be issued to other recipients. More information available at: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/">www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/</a>	\$5 billion
Community Development Block Grant Program	The Department of Housing and Urban Development sponsors this program, intended to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. Specific activities may provision of public facilities and improvements, such as new or improved water and sewer facilities. More information available at: <a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/index.cfm">www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/index.cfm</a>	\$3.75
Community-based Restoration Program	The NOAA Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) provides funds for small-scale, locally driven habitat restoration projects that foster natural resource stewardship within communities. Partnerships are sought at the national and local level to contribute funding, land, technical assistance, workforce support, or other in-kind services. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/funding_opportunities/funding.html">http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/funding_opportunities/funding.html</a>	\$3 million
Conservation Reserve Program	CRP is a voluntary program that offers long-term rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving cover on environmentally sensitive cropland or, in some cases, marginal pastureland. The protective cover reduces soil erosion, improves water quality, and enhances or establishes wildlife habitat. Increased rental payments are available on certain land areas (e.g., land within a wellhead protection area may receive an additional 10 percent payment). More information available at: <a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm">http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm</a>	\$1.9 billion

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Conservation Security Program	The Conservation Security Program (CSP) is a voluntary conservation program that supports ongoing stewardship of private lands by providing payment for maintaining and enhancing natural resources. CSP identifies and rewards those farmers and ranchers who are meeting the highest standards of conservation and environmental management on their operations. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp">www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp</a>	\$259 million
Environmental Education Grants	EPA awards grants to states to capitalize their Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) programs. States use a portion of their capitalization grants to set up a revolving fund from which loans are provided to eligible public water utilities (publicly- and privately-owned) to finance the costs of infrastructure projects. States may also use up to 31 percent of their capitalization grants to fund set-aside activities that help to prevent contamination problems of surface and ground water drinking water supplies, as well as enhance water system management through source water protection, capacity development, and operator certification programs. More information available at: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwsrf.html">www.epa.gov/safewater/dwsrf.html</a>	\$837.5 million
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program helps protect lives and property threatened by natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts, and wildfires. EWP provides funding for such work as clearing debris from clogged waterways, restoring vegetation, and stabilizing river banks. The measures that are taken must be environmentally and economically sound and generally benefit more than one property owner. EWP can provide up to 90 percent cost share in limited resource areas as determined by the US Census. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/">www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/</a>	\$300 million
Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)	This program provides funding for the following educational priorities: (1) Capacity Building for developing and delivering coordinated environmental education programs (2) Education Reform by utilizing environmental education as a catalyst to advance state, local, or tribal education reform goals; (3) Community Issues such as designing and implementing model projects to educate the public about environmental issues and/or health issues (4) Health Issues such as educating	\$3 million
Five-Star Restoration Program	The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was established to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource needs and objectives. Nationally, it provides technical, financial, and educational assistance, sixty percent of it is targeted to livestock-related natural resource concerns and the rest to more general conservation priorities. EQIP is available primarily in nationwide where there are significant natural resource concerns and objectives. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip">www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip</a>	\$695 million

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Forest Land Enhancement Program	The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Farmland Protection Program (FPP) is a voluntary program that helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture and prevents conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses. The program provides matching funds to organizations with existing farmland protection programs that enable them to purchase conservation easements. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp">www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp</a>	\$72 million
Forest Legacy Program	The EPA supports the Five-Star Restoration Program by providing funds to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and its partners, the National Association of Counties, NOAA's Community-based Restoration Program and the Wildlife Habitat Council. These groups then make subgrants to support community-based wetland and riparian restoration projects. More information available at: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/">www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/</a>	\$500,000
Freshwater Mussel Fund	The Forest Service's Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP) replaces the Forestry Incentives Program and Steward Incentives Program. The program provides financial, technical, educational, and related assistance to State Foresters or equivalent agencies to assist private landowners in sustainable forest management to enhance production of timber, fish and wildlife habitat, soil and water quality, wetland, recreational resources, and aesthetic values. More information available at: <a href="http://www.stateforesters.org/SFlist.html">www.stateforesters.org/SFlist.html</a>	\$5 million
Grassland Reserve Program	Through its Forest Legacy Program (FLP), the USDA Forest Service supports state efforts to protect environmentally sensitive forest lands from the conversion to non-forest uses through the use of conservation easements and fee-simple purchase. More information available at: <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml">http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml</a>	\$56.5 million
Land and Water Conservation Fund	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are administering a fund to enhance and protect freshwater mussel resources. Funds are available for the enhancement and protection of the mussel resource and for the restoration and cultivation of mussel shell populations allegedly affected by illegal acts. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nfwf.org/">http://www.nfwf.org/</a>	Not available
Landowner Incentive Program (Non-Tribal)	The 2002 Farm Bill established the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) for the purpose of restoring and conserving two million acres of grassland, rangeland, and pastureland. GRP will do this through the use of up to 30-year rental agreements and 30-year or permanent easements. Total funding through 2007 is authorized at \$254 million in easements, rental agreements, and cost-share payments for enrolling up to 2 million acres. The current value of unfunded backlog is \$898 million. More information at: <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/GRP/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/GRP/</a>	none
Learn and Serve America Program	LWCF uses offshore oil leasing revenues to support grants to States, and through States, local units of government for the acquisition and development of state and local park and recreation areas that guarantee public use in perpetuity. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nps.gov/lwcf">http://www.nps.gov/lwcf</a>	\$28 million

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Migratory Bird Conservancy	The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) grant program provides competitive matching grants to states, territories, and the District of Columbia to establish or supplement landowner incentive programs. These programs provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners for projects that protect and restore habitats of listed species or species determined to be at-risk. More information available at: <a href="http://offices.fws.gov/statelinks.html">http://offices.fws.gov/statelinks.html</a>	\$21,660,902 million
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation General Matching Grants	Learn and Serve America provides students and youth with opportunities to serve America by connecting community service with academic learning, personal growth, and civic responsibility. Typical projects address local needs in the areas of education, public safety, the environment, and other human needs. More information available at: <a href="http://www.learnandserve.org/">http://www.learnandserve.org/</a>	\$37 million
National Wildlife Refuge Friends Group Grant Program	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) Migratory Bird Conservancy (MBC) program is a bird conservation grant fund supported by donations from birding businesses and their customers, and matched by NFWF. The MBC will fund projects that directly address conservation of priority bird habitats in the Western Hemisphere. Acquisition, restoration, and improved management of habitats are program priorities. Education, research, and monitoring will be considered only as components of actual habitat conservation projects. More information available at: <a href="http://www.conservebirds.org">www.conservebirds.org</a>	\$63,500
Native Plant Conservation Initiative	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation operates a conservation grants program that awards challenge grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible grant recipients. Grants are awarded to projects that: (1) address priority actions promoting fish and wildlife conservation and the habitats on which they depend; (2) work proactively to involve other conservation and community interests; (3) leverage available funding; and (4) evaluate project outcomes. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nfwf.org/guidelines.cfm">www.nfwf.org/guidelines.cfm</a>	Not available
Natural Resources Conservation Service: Conservation on Private Lands	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation provides grants for projects that help organizations to be effective co-stewards of our Nation's important natural resources within the National Wildlife Refuge System. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nfwf.org/programs/nwrgp.cfm">www.nfwf.org/programs/nwrgp.cfm</a>	\$200,000
Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants (319 Program)	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Native Plant Conservation Initiative (NPCI) supports on-the-ground conservation projects that protect, enhance, and/or restore native plant communities on public and private land. This program is funded by the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nfwf.org/programs/npci.cfm">http://www.nfwf.org/programs/npci.cfm</a>	Not available

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North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants Program	The goal of the partnership is to support high quality projects that engage private landowners, primarily farmers and ranchers, in the conservation and enhancement of wildlife and natural resources on their lands. Successful projects will address conservation practices in ongoing agriculture, ranching, and forestry operations (at the watershed or landscape scale); offer value for fish and wildlife; include partnerships; and have a strong "on-the-ground" component. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nfwf.org/programs/nrcsnacd.cfm">http://www.nfwf.org/programs/nrcsnacd.cfm</a>	Not available
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	Through its 319 program, EPA provides formula grants to the states and tribes to implement nonpoint source projects and programs in accordance with section 319 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Nonpoint source pollution reduction projects can be used to protect source water areas and the general quality of water resources in a watershed. Examples of previously funded projects include installation of best management practices (BMPs) for animal waste; design and implementation of BMP systems for stream, lake, and estuary watersheds; basinwide landowner education programs; and lake projects previously funded under the CWA section 314 Clean Lakes Program. More information available at: <a href="http://www.cfda.gov">www.cfda.gov</a> (search on program 66.460)	\$206 million
Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Grants	The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Bird Habitat Conservation administers this matching grants program to carry out wetlands and associated uplands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Grant requests must be matched by a partnership with nonfederal funds at a minimum 1:1 ratio. Conservation activities supported by the Act in the United States and Canada include habitat protection, restoration, and enhancement. Mexican partnerships may also develop training, educational, and management programs and conduct sustainable-use studies. Project proposals must meet certain biological criteria established under the Act. Visit the program web site for more information. (Click on the hyperlinked program name to see the listing for "Primary Internet".) More information available at: <a href="http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/index.shtm">http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/index.shtm</a>	\$71.6 million
Presidents Environmental Youth Award	The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore fish and wildlife habitats on their lands. More information available at: <a href="http://ecos.fws.gov/partners/viewContent.do?viewPage=home">http://ecos.fws.gov/partners/viewContent.do?viewPage=home</a>	\$50 million
Private Stewardship Grants Program	EPA's Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) offers grants to support the reduction of risks from pesticides in agricultural and non-agricultural settings, and to implement pollution prevention measures. More information available at: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/oppbppd1/PESP/">http://www.epa.gov/oppbppd1/PESP/</a>	\$470,000

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Science to Achieve Results	The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Private Stewardship Grants Program (PSGP) provides grants and other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in private conservation efforts that benefit species listed or proposed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, candidate species, or other at-risk species on private lands within the United States. More information available at: <a href="http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/private_stewardship/">http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/private_stewardship/</a>	\$7.3 million
Small Watershed Rehabilitation Program	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Pulling Together Initiative (PTI) provides a means for federal agencies to partner with state and local agencies, private landowners, and other interested parties to develop long-term weed management projects within the scope of an integrated pest management strategy. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nfwf.org/programs/pti.cfm">http://www.nfwf.org/programs/pti.cfm</a>	\$1.6 million
State Wildlife Grant Program (Non-Tribal)	The Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program is designed to improve the quality of science used in EPA's decision-making process. STAR funds are provided for research in the following six areas: (1) Safe Drinking Water (includes source water protection), (2) High Priority Air Pollutants, (3) Research to Improve Human Health Risk Assessment, (4) Research to Improve Ecological Risk Assessment, (5) Emerging Issues, and (6) Pollution Prevention and New Technologies. More information available at: <a href="http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/">http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/</a>	\$60,300,000
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	This program provides essential funding for the rehabilitation of aging small watershed impoundments that have been constructed over the past 50 years. This funding program helps communities rehabilitate dams to address critical public health and safety issues. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/WSRehab/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/WSRehab/</a>	\$31.5 million
Targeted Watershed Grants Program	The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) State Wildlife Grant (SWG) program provides grants to states, territories, and the District of Columbia for wildlife conservation. The SWG program provides funds to help develop and implement programs that benefit wildlife and their habitat, including species that are not hunted or fished. More information available at: <a href="http://www.fws.gov/offices/statelinks.html">http://www.fws.gov/offices/statelinks.html</a>	\$60,335
Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century Funding Programs	SARE funds scientific investigation and education to reduce the use of chemical pesticides, fertilizers, and toxic materials in agricultural production; to improve management of on-farm resources to enhance productivity, profitability, and competitiveness; to promote crop, livestock, and enterprise diversification and to facilitate the research of agricultural production systems in areas that possess various soil, climatic, and physical characteristics; to study farms that have are managed using farm practices that optimize on-farm resources and conservation practices; and to promote partnerships among farmers, nonprofit organizations, agribusiness, and public and private research and extension institutions. More information available at: <a href="http://www.sare.org">www.sare.org</a>	\$12.3 million

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Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grants	EPA is asking the nation's Governors, Tribal Leaders, and leading watershed organizations to apply for the next round of funding to support collaborative partnerships to protect and restore the nation's water resources. More information available at: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative/">http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative/</a>	\$16.6 million
Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities	The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) funds numerous transportation programs (Surface Transportation Program (STP), National Highway System, etc.) to improve the nation's transportation infrastructure, enhance economic growth, and protect the environment. States may spend up to 20 percent of the STP dollars used on certain projects to rehabilitate existing transportation facilities for environmental restoration and pollution abatement projects, including the construction of stormwater treatment systems. Additionally, each state sets aside 10 percent of STP funds for transportation enhancement projects, which can include acquisition of conservation and scenic easements and the mitigation of highway stormwater runoff water quality, as well as scenic beautification, pedestrian and bicycle trails, archaeological planning, and historic preservation. These varied project types can be used to protect source water areas during construction of transportation corridors. More information available at: <a href="http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/">www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/</a>	Not available
Watershed Processes and Water Resources Program	The U.S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program seeks to establish sustainable urban and community forests by encouraging communities to manage and protect their natural resources. More information available at: <a href="http://www.treelink.org/nucfac/">www.treelink.org/nucfac/</a>	\$1 million
Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program	This USDA Rural Utilities Service program provides monies to provide basic human amenities, alleviate health hazards, and promote the orderly growth of the rural areas of the nation by meeting the need for new and improved rural water and waste disposal facilities. Funds may be used for the installation, repair, improvement, or expansion of a rural water facility including costs of distribution lines and well pumping facilities. Funds also support the installation, repair, improvement, or expansion of a rural waste disposal facility, including the collection and treatment of sanitary waste stream, stormwater, and solid wastes. More information available at: <a href="http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/programs.htm">www.usda.gov/rus/water/programs.htm</a>	Grants: \$380.5 million; Loans: \$1 billion; Guaranteed Loans: \$75 million

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Wetlands Program Development Grants	The Watershed Processes program sponsors basic and mission-linked research that address two areas: (1) Understanding fundamental processes controlling a) source areas and flow pathways of water, b) the transport and fate of water, sediment, nutrients, dissolved matter, and organisms (including water-borne pathogens), within forest, rangeland, and agricultural environments as influenced by watershed characteristics and contaminant origin, and c) water quality. (2) Developing appropriate technology and management practices for improving the effective use of water (consumptive and non-consumptive) and protecting or improving water quality for agricultural and forestry production, including the evaluation of management policies that affect the quantity and quality of water resources. More information available at: <a href="http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/nri_rfa.html">www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/nri_rfa.html</a>	\$4.3 million
Wetlands Reserve Program	Also known as the 'Watershed Program' or the 'PL 566 Program,' this program provides technical and financial assistance to address water resource and related economic problems on a watershed basis. Projects related to watershed protection, flood mitigation, water supply, water quality, erosion and sediment control, wetland creation and restoration, fish and wildlife habitat enhancement, agricultural water conservation, and public recreation are eligible for assistance. Technical and financial assistance is also available for planning new watershed surveys. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/</a>	Not available
	The EPA's Wetland Program Development Grants are intended to encourage comprehensive wetlands program development by promoting the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution. More information available at: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/grantguidelines/">http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/grantguidelines/</a>	\$19.5 million
	Through this voluntary program, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides landowners with financial incentives to restore and protect wetlands in exchange for retiring marginal agricultural land. To participate in the program landowners may sell a conservation easement or enter into a cost-share restoration agreement (landowners voluntarily limit future use of the land, but retain private ownership). Landowners and the NRCS jointly develop a plan for the restoration and maintenance of the wetland. More information available at: <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov">www.nrcs.usda.gov</a>	The national budget is sufficient to enroll 150,000 acres nationwide.