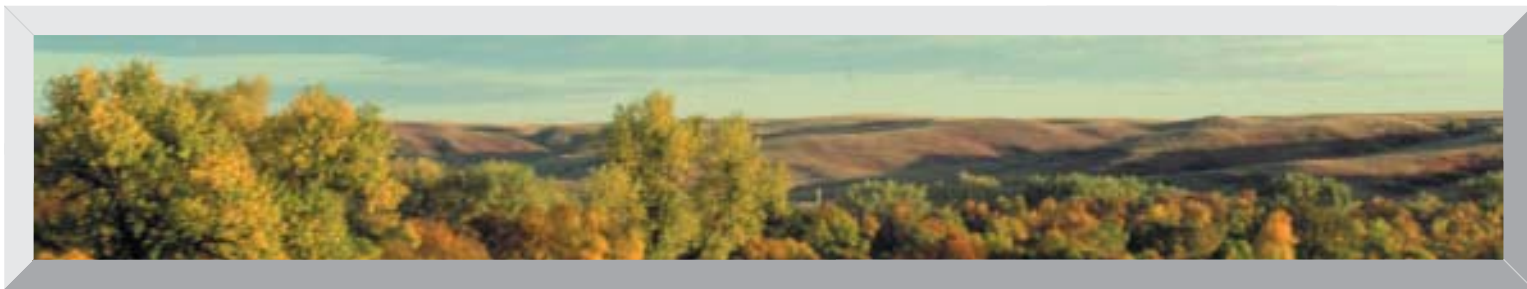


Legacy

The South Dakota Parks & Wildlife Foundation



Preserving Our State's Lands, Waters and Wildlife

Defining a Legacy:

The South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation

The South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation, established in 1985, offers donors a tax-efficient opportunity for making gifts, grants and bequests for the preservation of our state's lands, waters and wildlife. The foundation, working in concert with donors and the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP), turns charitable contributions into projects that include new or improved parks, expanded wildlife habitat and increased hunting and fishing opportunities.





Designed to offer donors a variety of programs to fit their needs, a wide range of flexibility in giving, and maximum tax advantages, the foundation performs four principal functions:

1. Asset Expansion
 - Land acquisitions, leases and partnerships
 - Solicitation and management of gifts, contributions and bequests
 - Fund-raising support for special projects
2. Donor Fund Management and Administration
3. Development of Conservation Easements
4. Private Land Wildlife Management

Because these functions are combined with the foundation's status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency, the foundation is an ideal partner for donors seeking to leave a legacy that will expand opportunities for outdoor experiences in South Dakota for generations to come.



Asset Expansion

Fundamental to the foundation's work is the accumulation of assets to be used in the preservation and expansion of South Dakota's exceptional outdoor opportunities. Over the past decade, donors have taken advantage of tax-efficient options such as bequests, outright gifts, gift annuity agreements and life estate agreements to move the foundation down this crucial path. Donors have also used gifts of land, purchase/lease-back agreements and bargain sales to shape this legacy. The list at right illustrates the variety of gifts now in place because donors have had the vision to see into the future.



Recent Land Acquisitions

- *Light Property, 160-acre life estate in Edmunds County*
- *Williams Ranch, 1,400-acre purchase/lease-back agreement in Jackson County*
- *Sattler Property, 640-acre gift and life estate in Charles Mix County*
- *Knodel Property, 541-acre gift in Hutchinson County*
- *Horsted Property, 240-acre purchase in Minnehaha County*
- *Utesch Property, 40-acre life estate in Clark County*
- *Mary and Maud Adams Trust, 1,500-acre farm and grassland, 7-acre homestead site and buildings, and 21 lakeshore lots in Union County*
- *Rollings Property, 40-acre gift in Lincoln County*
- *Sattler Property, 160-acre gift in Bon Homme County*
- *Helgeson Property, 240-acre gift in Clark County*

Partnered Projects

- *Putney Slough, 2,702 acres in Brown County*
- *Quaal Ranch, 11,000 acres in Perkins County, with School and Public Lands*
- *Park residence and farm buildings in Union County*
- *Lambrecht Property, 160-acre gift/purchase in Sully County, with GFP*
- *Lake Thompson Area, Kingsbury County*
 - *Pollock Property (game production area)*
 - *Palmlund Property (Lake Thompson park development)*
- *Buchholz Property, 160-acre purchase in Bon Homme County, with GFP*
- *McKenna Ranch, 4,500-acre land exchange in Perkins County, with The Nature Conservancy and School and Public Lands*
- *Peacock Ranch, 1,800 acres in Mellette County, with School and Public Lands*
- *Todd Family Ranch in Bennett County*

In addition to these lands (most of which are transferred to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks), the foundation has partnered with other organizations like Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to set aside other tracts of land for public use, such as those shown in the list at left.

For many donors, the best way to establish a legacy is through gifts of cash, stocks, bonds, insurance policies or other bequests. These planned gifts are often confidential, and the following two serve as examples:

- A confidential gift by will of 640 acres of land in Edmunds County
- Proceeds from a charitable remainder unitrust in Union County with a value of up to \$250,000

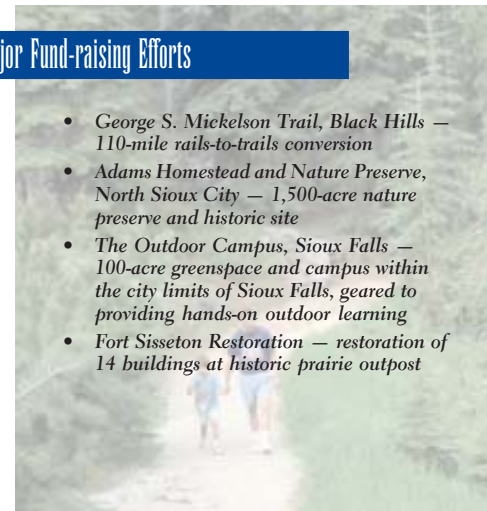


The foundation also lends its administrative and technical expertise to special fund-raising efforts. This support is often directed toward Game, Fish and Parks development projects. To date, the foundation has committed its resources to four major fund-raising efforts, shown at right.



Major Fund-raising Efforts

- *George S. Mickelson Trail, Black Hills – 110-mile rails-to-trails conversion*
- *Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve, North Sioux City – 1,500-acre nature preserve and historic site*
- *The Outdoor Campus, Sioux Falls – 100-acre greenspace and campus within the city limits of Sioux Falls, geared to providing hands-on outdoor learning*
- *Fort Sisseton Restoration – restoration of 14 buildings at historic prairie outpost*



Donor Fund Management and Administration

- *George S. Mickelson/Burlington-Sante Fe Trail Fund*
- *Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve Fund*
- *Adams Education Fund*
- *The Outdoor Campus Fund*
- *Fort Sisseton ISTE A Fund*
- *The Land Exchange Fund*
- *Spirit Mound Fund*
- *Gordon Stockade Fund*
- *Becoming An Outdoors Woman Workshops Fund*

Donor Fund Management and Administration

Donors who make a financial commitment to shaping the course of South Dakota beyond their lifetime want to be certain their contributions are wisely managed. The foundation, with the assistance of investment experts, manages numerous restricted fund accounts, providing services that range from account investment to grant disbursement.



Private Land Wildlife Management

The foundation is currently involved in the management of parcels of land for which landowner partners have made special stipulations or for which planned gifts have been established. When agreements fall outside the traditional mission of Game, Fish and Parks, the foundation provides direction in the development of a management plan that serves both the foundation's partner and the habitat preservation needs of the state.





Development of Conservation Easements

Donors who want to make a gift for the future without losing ownership or use of their property may do so through a conservation easement. A conservation easement does not prevent a landowner from continuing to farm, ranch or sell a property. It does, however, limit the type of development that may occur on the property. When that restriction serves the purposes of conservation or open space, a gift of the easement may qualify for a substantial tax credit.



To Prospective Donors:

Those of us at the foundation understand that there are difficult issues involved in shaping a plan for giving that meets your objectives as a donor. Whether you are “just giving the idea some thought” or have detailed, technical questions, we would be pleased if you would give us a call. We have the resources available to address your needs.



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