

**Chehalis Basin Strategy
ASRP Symposium 2024**

**PROTECTING QUALITY HABITAT: EXISTING AND
EMERGING VOLUNTARY APPROACHES**



Ducks Unlimited

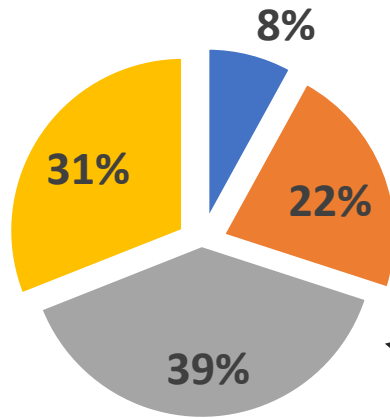


The Mission of Ducks Unlimited:

“Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.”

North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) Population Objectives – North Pacific Coast

Overall FALL Goal – 2.4 million ducks



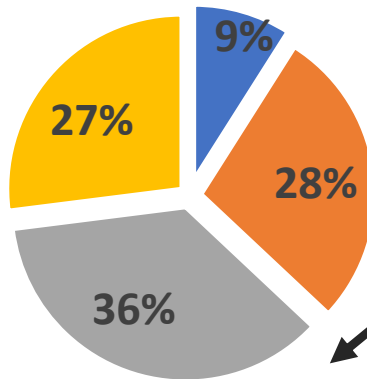
■ OR Coast ■ WV ■ Lower Columbia ■ Puget Sound

Lower Columbia Portion:

FALL = ~936,000 ducks

WINTER = ~888,888 ducks

Overall WINTER Goal – 3.2 million ducks



Ecosystem Services



Waterfowl and Birds Objectives Generally Align with Wider Regional Conservation Goals



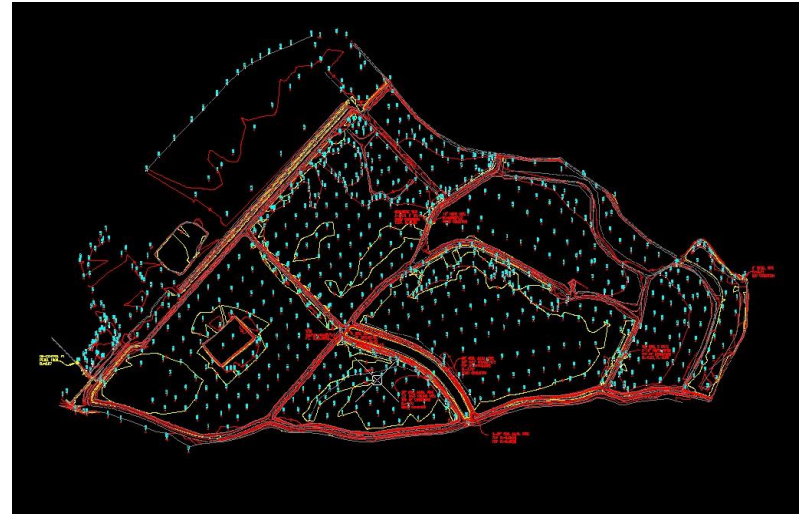


“Mountain tops to Mud flats”

*Landscape Components
Important for Waterfowl*

- Bays and Estuaries (Low Tidal)
- Coastal Wetlands (Vegetated tidal wetlands)
- Agriculture/Managed Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Streams and Beaver Ponds
- Barrier Corrections and Passage

Biologist / Engineer Teams Habitat Project Delivery



Land Protection



Wetlands America
Trust (WAT)



LTA
Accredited



~ 4th largest
land trust in
US



600,000-acre
portfolio
Goal



Revolving Land
Fund

- **DU Western Region**
39 Conservation Easements;
12 in WA = 1,238 acres
- **Fee-Simple 6 properties (*Temporary Owner*)**
2 in WA - Grayland/Tract W and Bridges

DU's Approach to Land Protection:

Facilitative – WAT Led and held

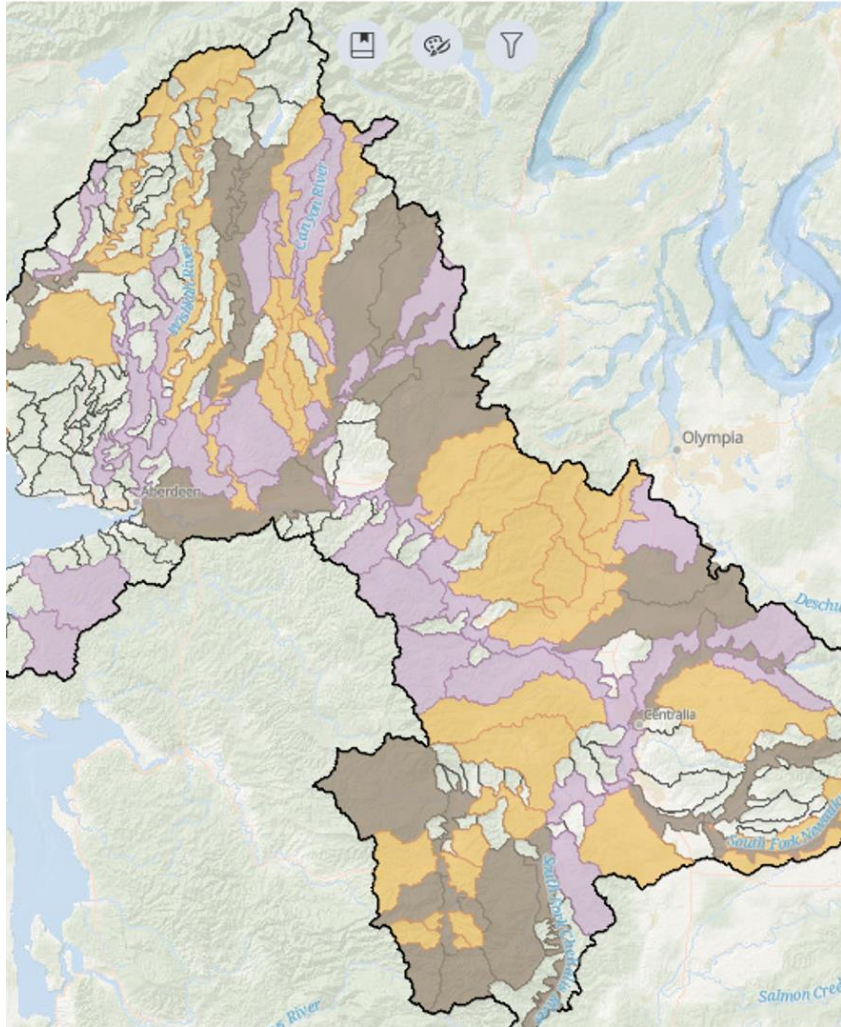
Collaborative – Pass-through funding in broader package

Complementary – Resources to other Land Trusts, Agencies, and Tribes



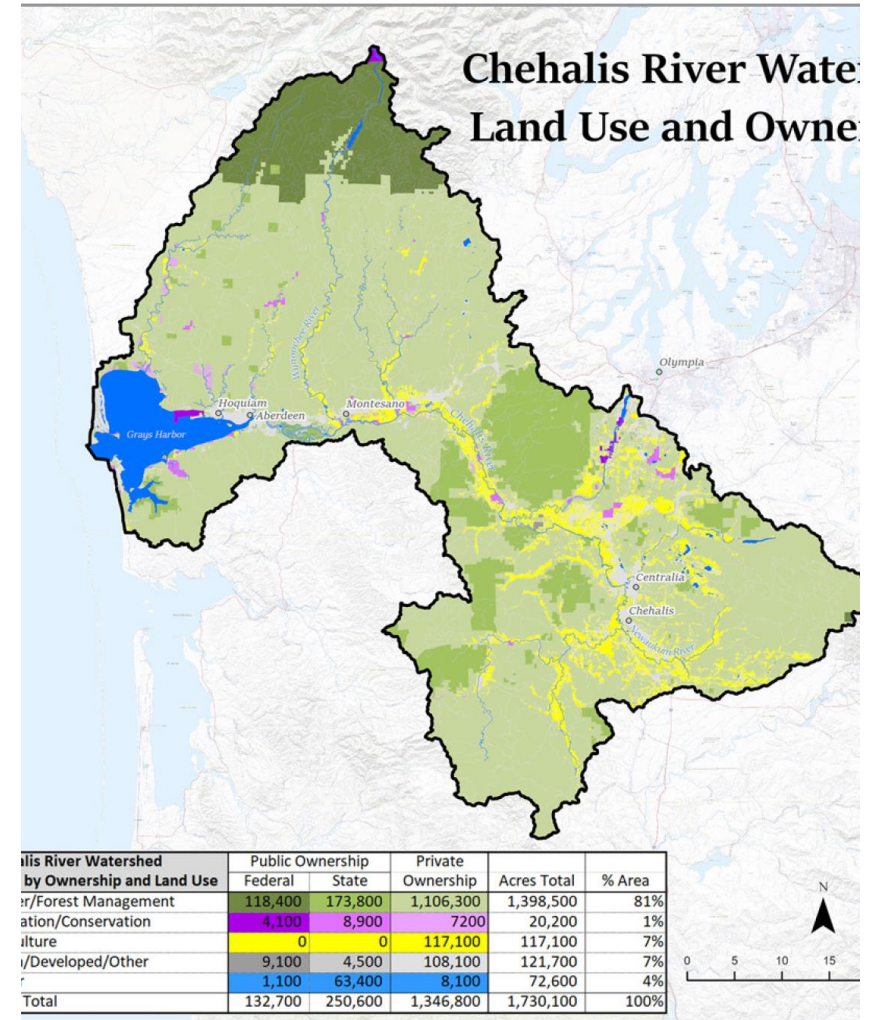
Elk River Unit (Grayland) - WDFW

Ownership Context:



GSU Prioritization Map

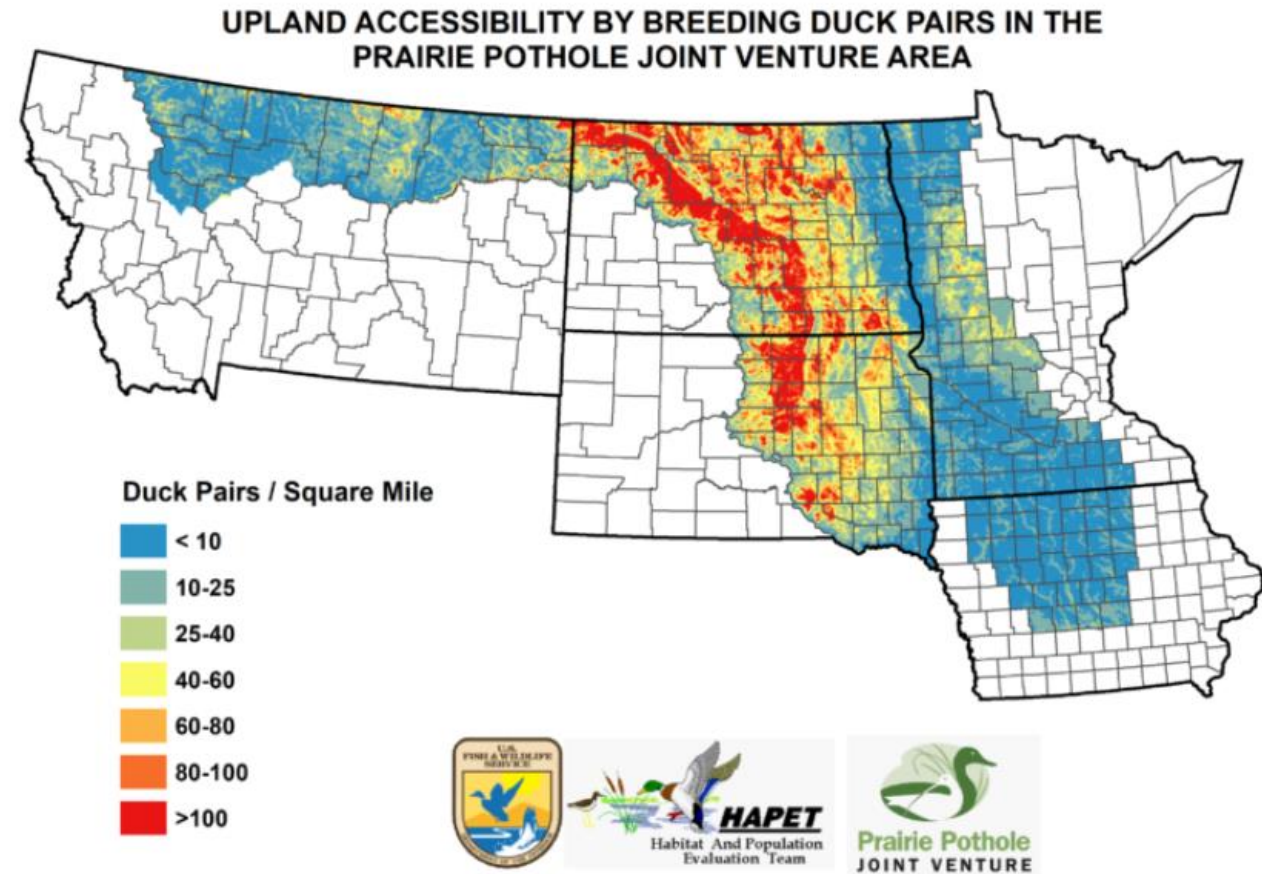
- 77% Private Owned
- 64% - Private Owned Forest
- 22% - Public Ownership
- 7% - Private Agriculture



Strategies for Protection Outcomes:

Land Trusts

- Integration and Guidance
- Proactive and Strategic
- Streamline Outreach and Due Diligence
- Incorporate Capacity, Monitoring and Stewardship Costs



Strategies for Protection Outcomes:

Landowners

- Engagement and Involvement
- Recognition
- Practical Incentives
- Ecosystem Services





The Missing Link - https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Missing_Link_Report_Digital_0622_vF.pdf