



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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To: Colleen Callahan, Director

From: Mike Wefer Chairman State Pheasant Committee

Date: November 29, 2022

Subject: IL State Pheasant Committee Action

## Not-For-Profit Applications

### Summary of Not-for-Profit Recommendations

Grants for Pheasant projects	\$ 116,222.11
Set aside for DNR Land Acquisition	\$ 83,777.89

**Total October FY2023 Committee Recommended Grant Funding** **\$ 200,000.00**

The Committee recommended funding two grant applications.

\$ 74,559.77 Pheasants Forever – Farm Bill biologists program to assist landowners with planning habitat friendly stewardship practices.

\$ 41,662.34 Pheasants Forever – Northern Illinois Prescribed Burn Coordinator program to assist landowners with planning habitat friendly stewardship practices.

The Committee did not recommend the funding of this application as its main focus was to plant oak seedlings. Tree seedlings do not enhance grassland game bird habitat.

\$ 30,000 Kendall County Forest Preserve – a project at Fox River Oak Ecosystem to reforest with oak seedlings.

A sharepoint server file is available of all grant application materials at:

<https://dnr.portal.illinois.gov/teams/orc/SpecialFunds/PheasantFund/default.aspx?RootFolder=%2Fteams%2Forc%2FSpecialFunds%2FPheasantFund%2FShared%20Documents%2F2023%20Pheasant%20Fund%20Grant%20Apps&FolderCTID=0x012000CD5806A60930A64FA0EA0928BEC58DB6&View={5B2E9217-AEFB-40A9-9C2F-2239FBC71FD6}>

For any review of the materials considered by the Committee as well as the grant proposals themselves.

**IDNR Request**

Summary of IDNR Recommendations

Pheasant habitat projects on DNR sites	\$ 170,000
Set aside for DNR Land Acquisition	\$ 30,000

**Total FY2023 Committee Recommended IDNR Project Funding** **\$ 200,000.00**

By statute, the Department is allotted 50% of available Pheasant Funds for the conservation of wild pheasants. Don Kahl presented the list of habitat projects to be completed on IDNR sites including Mackinaw River, Banner Marsh, Big Bend, Coffen, Buffalo Prairie, Sparks Pond/Rollo, Willow Creek, Closson, Hindsboro, and Argyle Lake.

Please indicate approval of the Office of Resource Conservation funding recommendations by signing below. Funds are currently available to award the recommended projects. Upon your decision staff of the Special Funds Section of the Office of Grant Management and Assistance will inform the State Pheasant Fund Advisory Committee, grantees and IDNR staff of the intent on the use of FY2023 Habitat Funds.

**Office Recommendation**

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Chris, Young Director Date  
Office of Resource Conservation

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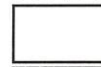
**Pheasant Chair Recommendation**

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Mike Wefer Date  
Office of Resource Conservation  
Chair of the State Pheasant Fund Committee

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**AGENCY DIRECTOR SIGN-OFF**

*Colleen Callahan* 12-5-22  
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Colleen Callahan Date  
Director of Illinois Natural Resources

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