

HEALTHY WATERSHEDS CONSORTIUM GRANT PROGRAM

The [Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program](#) (HWC) was conceived by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), managed by the Endowment, and funded by these two and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

HWC, launched in 2015 and completed in 2022, promotes the protection and stewardship of high-quality watersheds in support of the EPA's Clean Water Act 303(d) Vision to prevent future impairments in healthy waters. The watersheds covered by the HWC have many of their services and systems intact; however, protecting them from degradation lessens the need for state or local future regulation and costly restoration expenses.

A total of 56 grants enabled local partners across approximately 30 states and 9 EPA regions to implement watershed protection plans, build the organizational and social infrastructure needed for long-term protection efforts, and advance watershed practices. The average grant size was approximately \$180K.

FUNDERS

\$3.75 MILLION

EPA Office of Wetlands,
Oceans, and Watersheds

\$3.5 MILLION

USDA Natural Resources
Conservation Service

\$3.75 MILLION

U.S. Endowment for
Forestry and Communities

BENEFITS OF HEALTHY, WELL-MANAGED WATERSHEDS

**CLEAN AIR
AND DRINKING
WATER**



**LESS
NEED FOR
REGULATION**



**RECREATION
AND WILDLIFE
HABITAT**



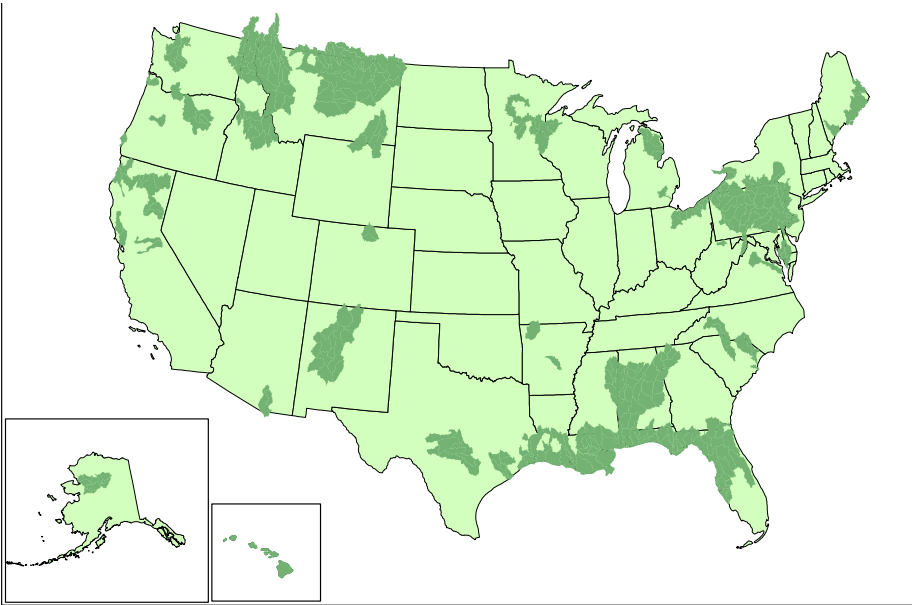
**CARBON
CAPTURE AND
STORAGE**



**FLOOD
CONTROL**



HUC 8 Watersheds with HWC Grants



HWC PROJECTS HELPED PROTECT
FROM DEVELOPMENT:

1.1 MILLION ACRES
= 1.4x the state of Rhode Island

5,200 STREAM MILES
= the distance from NYC to Las Vegas

HWC BENEFITS TO THE FOREST SECTOR

REVENUE
to forest owners



forest
RETENTION
and supply



jobs in **RURAL**
COMMUNITIES



RECOGNITION of the value of well-managed forests for **DRINKING WATER**



NOTABLE ACHIEVERS

PARTNERED WITH WEYERHAEUSER TO
CONSERVE PRIORITY FORESTS



Trust for Public Land

100,000 ACRES
OF ACTIVELY MANAGED FOREST PROTECTED



PA Dept. of Conservation
and Natural Resources

FOREST RESILIENCE BOND TO
REDUCE WILDFIRE RISKS



Blue Forest Conservation

1ST WATER UTILITY
TO SECURE SFI CERTIFICATION OF THEIR FORESTLANDS



Central Arkansas Water