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At a time when tackling the climate crisis could not be more critical, President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is a major investment in the conservation and stewardship of America's public lands that will lead to better outdoor spaces and habitats for people and wildlife for generations to come. This transformational law will build on proven, nature-based projects, programs, and partnerships to protect cherished wildlife and nature resources while creating good-paying union jobs to strengthen communities.

The law's **\$1.4 billion for Ecosystem Restoration and Resilience** is a significant down payment in protecting our shared natural heritage. With these resources, the Department of the Interior will collaborate with states, Tribes and local communities to invest millions of dollars annually to restore habitat connectivity for aquatic species around the country and advance habitat restoration, invasive species control, conservation of at-risk and listed species and benefits to several significant ecosystems, including:

- [Delaware River Basin conservation efforts](#)
- [Klamath Basin](#) restoration activities
- Aquatic invasive species control in Lake Tahoe
- Sagebrush steppe ecosystem restoration in western states
- Building the institutional architecture for a coordinated early detection and rapid response framework that will have a meaningful impact on invasive species management across the nation
- Removing barriers to fish and wildlife passage throughout the country via the National Fish Passage Program

Additionally, this funding will support the work of the Department and our conservation partners as we tackle the climate crisis while advancing environmental justice and boosting local economies. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also includes:

- \$400 million for states, Tribes and territories to participate in voluntary restoration efforts
- \$100 million to address invasive species
- \$250 million to the Bureau of Reclamation to establish a new aquatic ecosystem restoration program and protection projects to improve habitat
- \$100 million to improve watershed health
- \$70 million to implement a national revegetation effort
- \$50 million for ecological health restoration on federal lands

- \$50 million for Colorado River endangered species recovery and conservation programs
- \$45 million to improve resilience of recreation sites on federal lands

Resources:

- [White House Building a Better America Guidebook](#)
- [Department of the Interior Celebrates Passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law release](#)
- [Blueprints for Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#)
- [Interior Department Concludes Robust Klamath Basin Stakeholder Engagement Sessions](#)
- [Deputy Secretary Beaudreau Highlights Investments in Water Infrastructure](#)
- [Sec. 40804 Ecosystem Restoration Projects](#)

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The Service is working with a broad coalition of partners to ensure funding from the Delaware watershed. Photo by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Habitat Conservation

\$26 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding will provide competitive matching grants for local governments, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and other eligible entities in the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The Delaware River Watershed Conservation Collaborative and organizations. Since 2018, the fund has awarded \$26.6 million to 123 projects, which generate a conservation impact of \$72.6 million. The program will set priorities for advancing green infrastructure. The guide strategic investment of \$26 million (over five years) in infrastructure funding that will be available.

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