Habitat Stamp Report – FY23

Government Operations and Audit Committee – August, 25 2023

Habitat Stamp

41-6-85 Habitat Stamp-Fee-Requirements-Promulgation of rules

- $10 –Resident
- $25 – Nonresident
- Only required to purchase one per license period
- Exemptions: Under 18, 1-day licenses, youth licenses, Private Shooting Preserves, Landowner

41-6-86 Habitat Stamp Revenue-Use and Purpose-Annual Report

- Hunting/Trapping Licenses – terrestrial habitat and public access
- Fishing Licenses – aquatic habitat and public access in public waters
- Combination Licenses – split evenly between terrestrial/aquatic projects
- No fee title land acquisition purchases
- Annual itemized report to Government Operations and Audit Committee

Revenues & Expenditures

Habitat Stamp Certification Fund

- In response to Legislation the new GFP fund source: **3122-696 Habitat Stamp Certification** was created starting in FY21.
- All revenues and expenditures of habitat stamp fees are tracked and reported through the subfund.

Year 1 Financial Summary	
Habitat Stamp Revenue FY2021	$2,831,813
Habitat Stamp Expenses FY2021	$1,061,262
Net Habitat Stamp Funds FY2021	**$1,770,551**
Year 2 Financial Summary	
Habitat Stamp Revenue FY2022	$5,425,000
Habitat Stamp Expenses FY2022	$2,706,605
Net Habitat Stamp Funds FY2022	**$2,718,395**
Year 3 Financial Summary	
Habitat Stamp Revenue FY2023	$5,318,720
Habitat Stamp Expenses FY2023	$6,167,924
Net Habitat Stamp Funds FY2023	**($849,704)**

Terrestrial Habitat & Access Projects on Game Production Areas

Grassland & Pollinator Plantings

Food Plots

Woody Habitat Plantings

Woody/Invasive Mgmt.

Access Roads & Trails

Waterfowl Access Trails and Ramp

Grassland Mgmt. – Grazing

Aquatic Habitat & Access Projects

Dam Repairs/Engineering

Docks/Piers

Access Roads & Trails

Access Improvements

Boat Ramps/Engineering

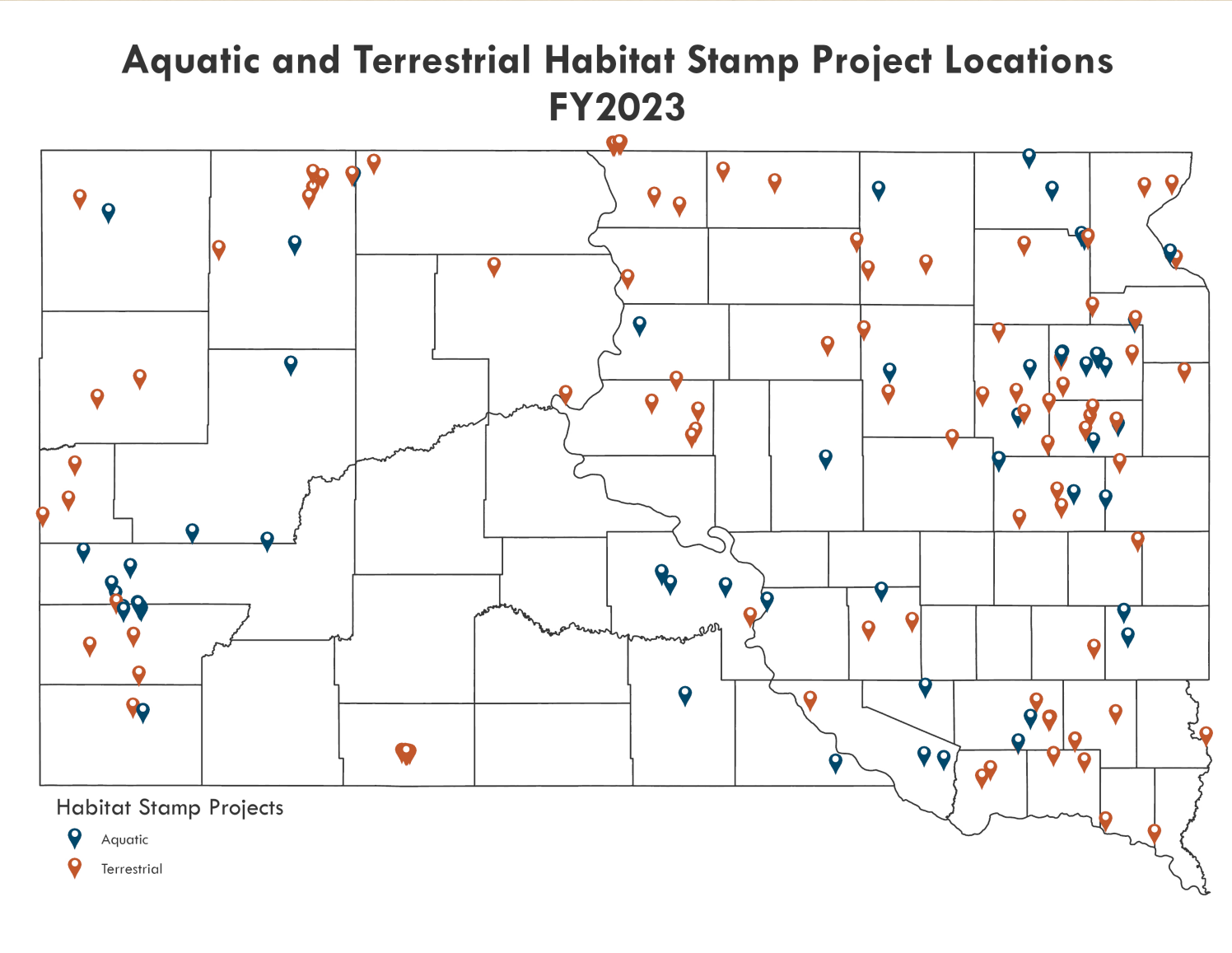
Habitat Structures

Habitat Improvements

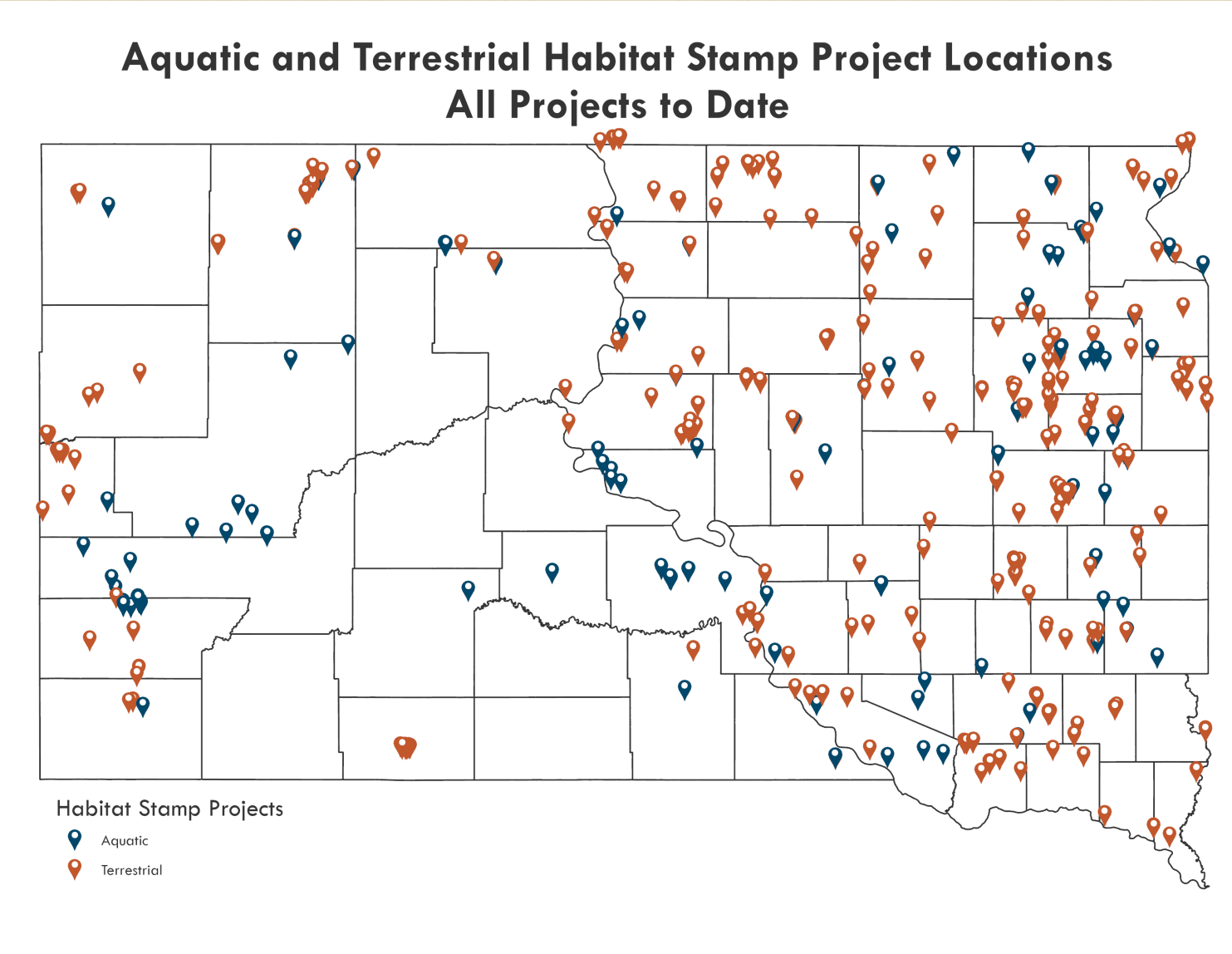
Sheridan Lake

American Creek ADA Ramp

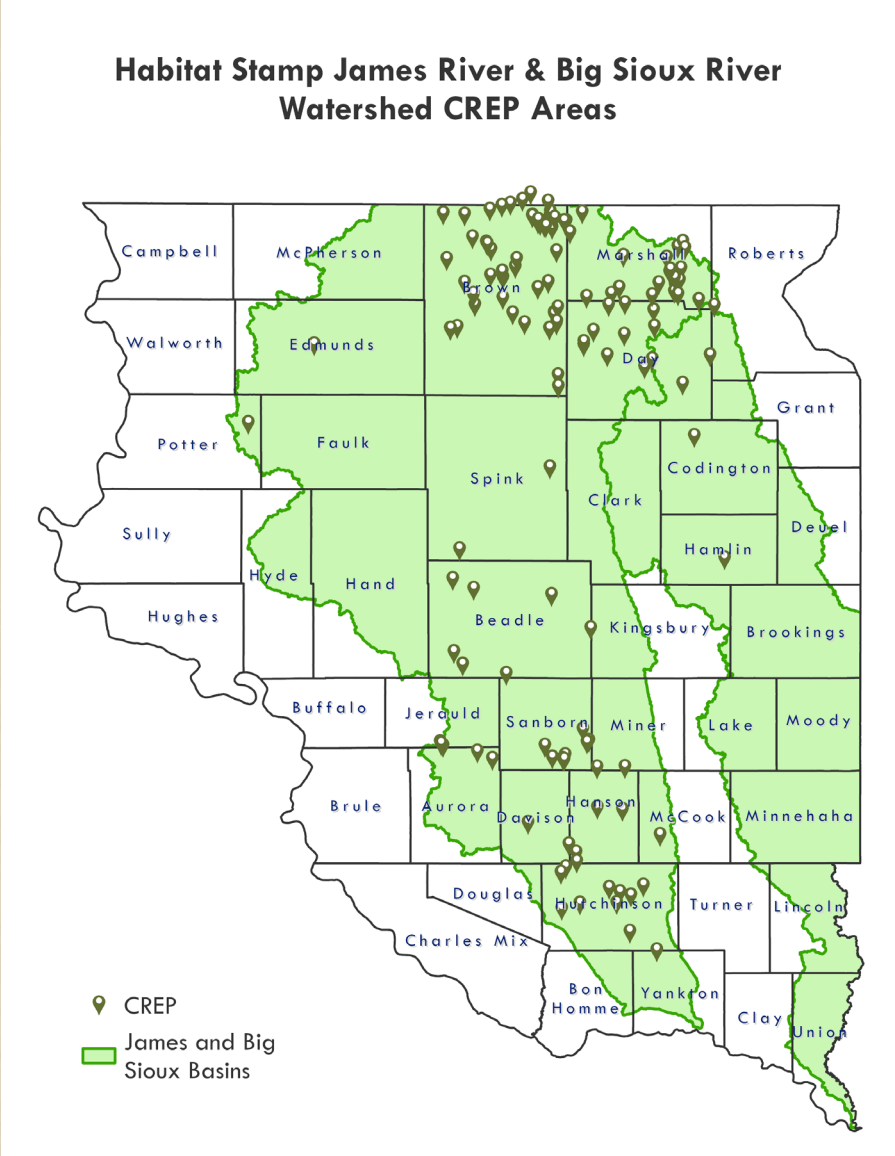
Aquatic and Terrestrial Habitat Stamp Projects Completed



Terrestrial and Aquatic Habitat Stamp Projects Completed To Date



Habitat Stamp Funded James River & Big Sioux River CREP Contracts



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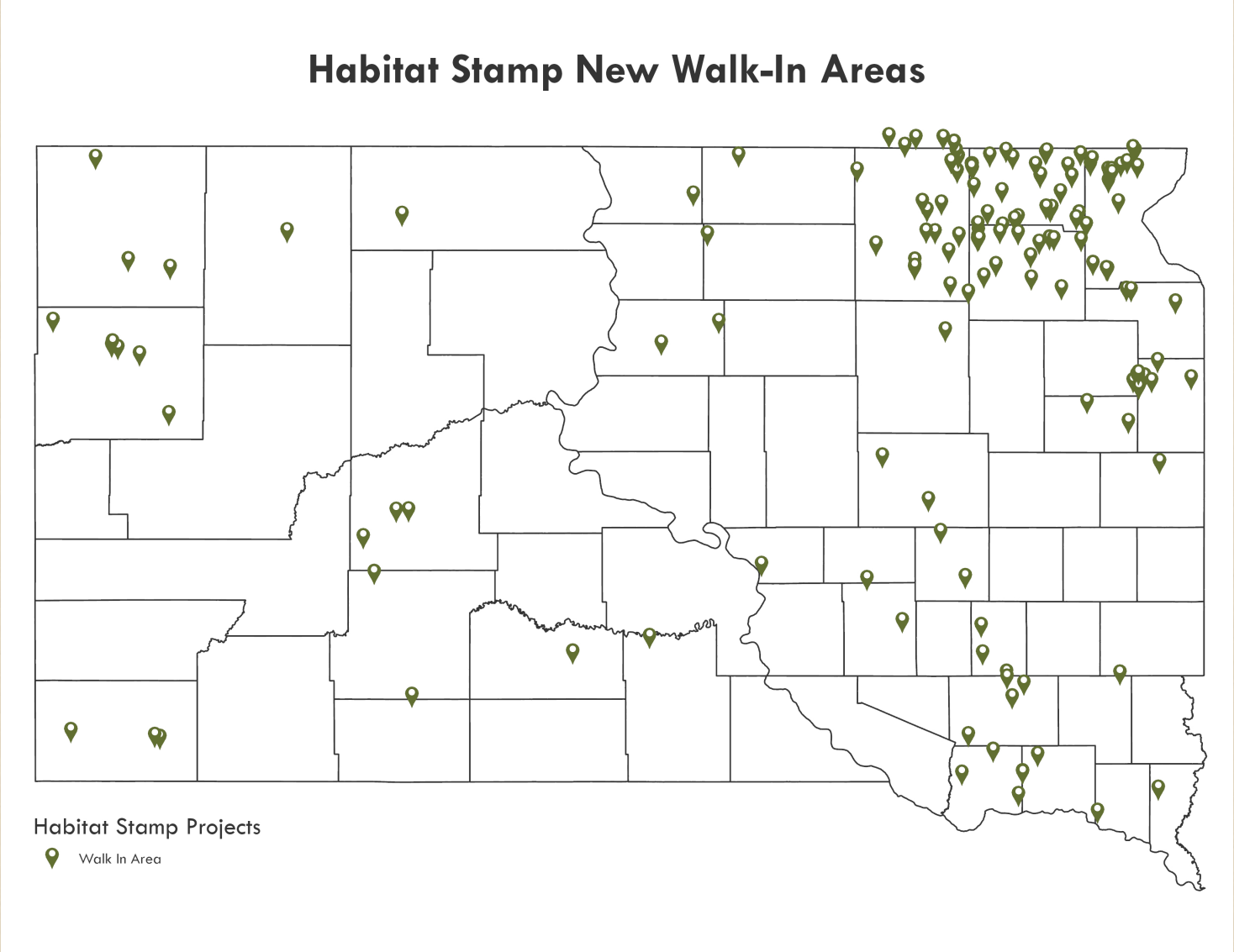
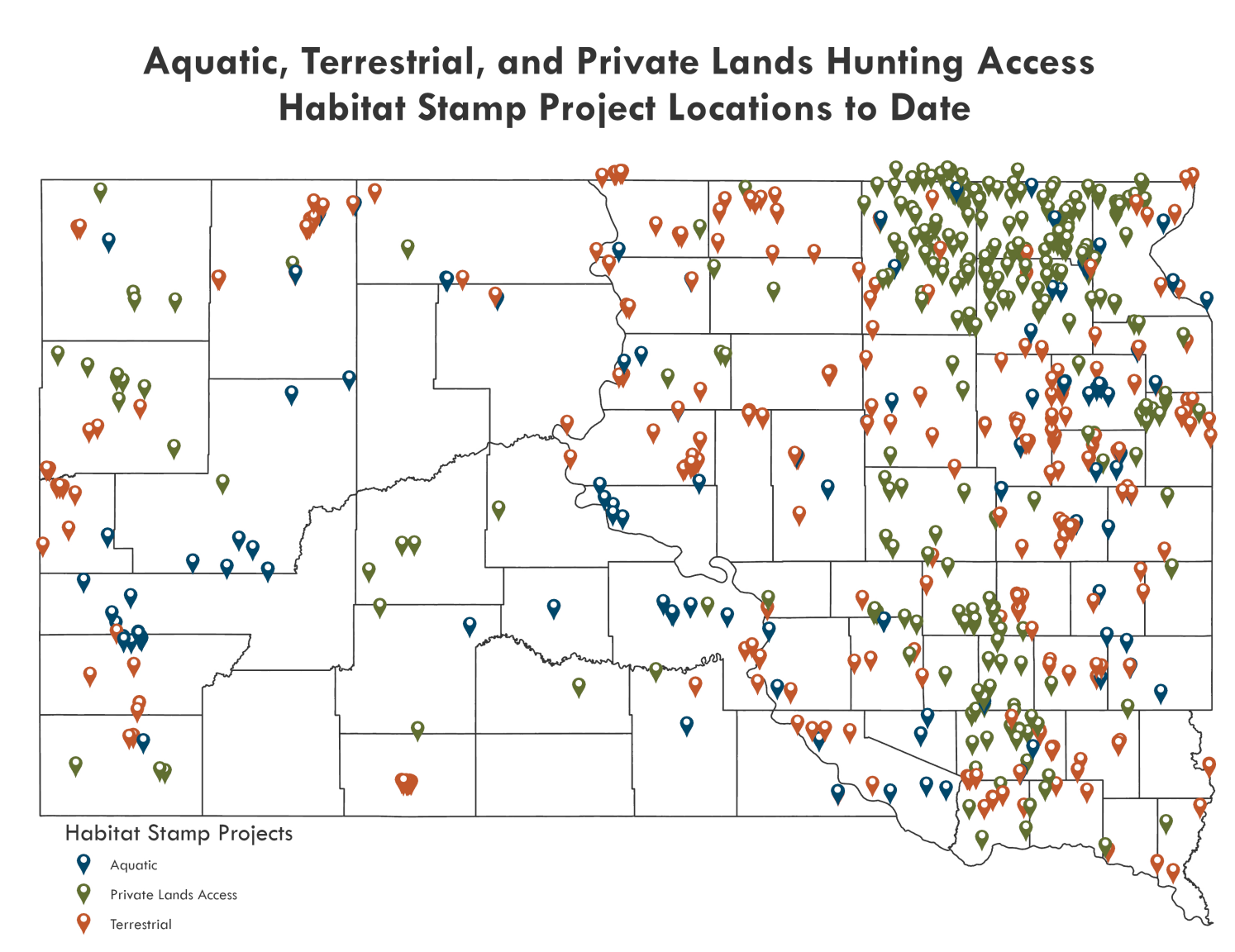


All Habitat Stamp Projects Completed to Date



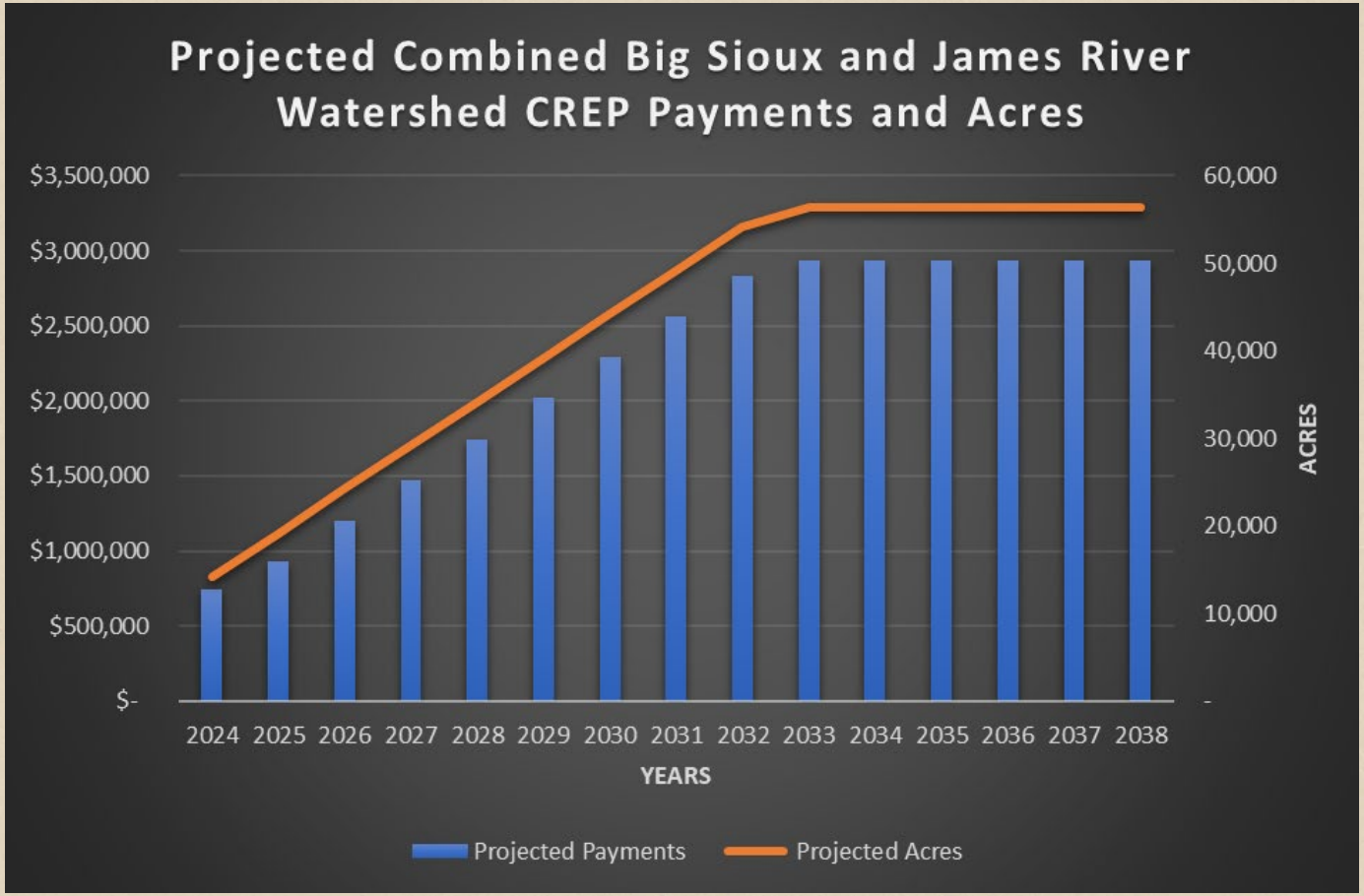
GPA Accomplishments: Prior & Post Habitat Stamp

(numbers based on calendar year)

Project Type	2018-2020 Average	2021	2021 Change from 3 Yr. Average Pre-Habitat Stamp	2022	2022 Change from 3 Yr. Average Pre-Habitat Stamp
Public Use Facility Maintenance (Number)	819	1157	41%	1162	42%
Roads and Trails Maintenance (Miles)	320	437	37%	455	42%
Native Grass & Forb Plantings (Acres)	814	1402	72%	1373	69%
Food Plot Planting (Acres)	3962	4772	20%	4016	1%
Tree Planting (Acres)	37	79	116%	113	211%
Woody Species Management (Acres)	283	1050	271%	698	146%
Wildlife Friendly Fence Installation (Miles)	5	17	220%	7	21%

- Public Use Facilities – Annual maintenance of parking Lots, waterfowl ramps, decoy drop points, etc.
- Roads and Trails – Annual maintenance of access roads and trails, waterfowl access trails. Includes mowing township roadsides at all GPAs
- Woody Species Management – Clearing invasive woody wood species in grasslands, forest thinning and enhancement, etc.
- Wildlife Friendly Fence – Replacing old fence or installing new fence that is wildlife friendly and will be used for grazing and grassland management

Projected Combined Big Sioux & James River CREP Expenditures



Projected combined financial commitments adding a 5,000 acres of CREP annually between the Big Sioux and James River watersheds.

Looking Forward

Habitat & Access = Terrestrial and Aquatic Priorities

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