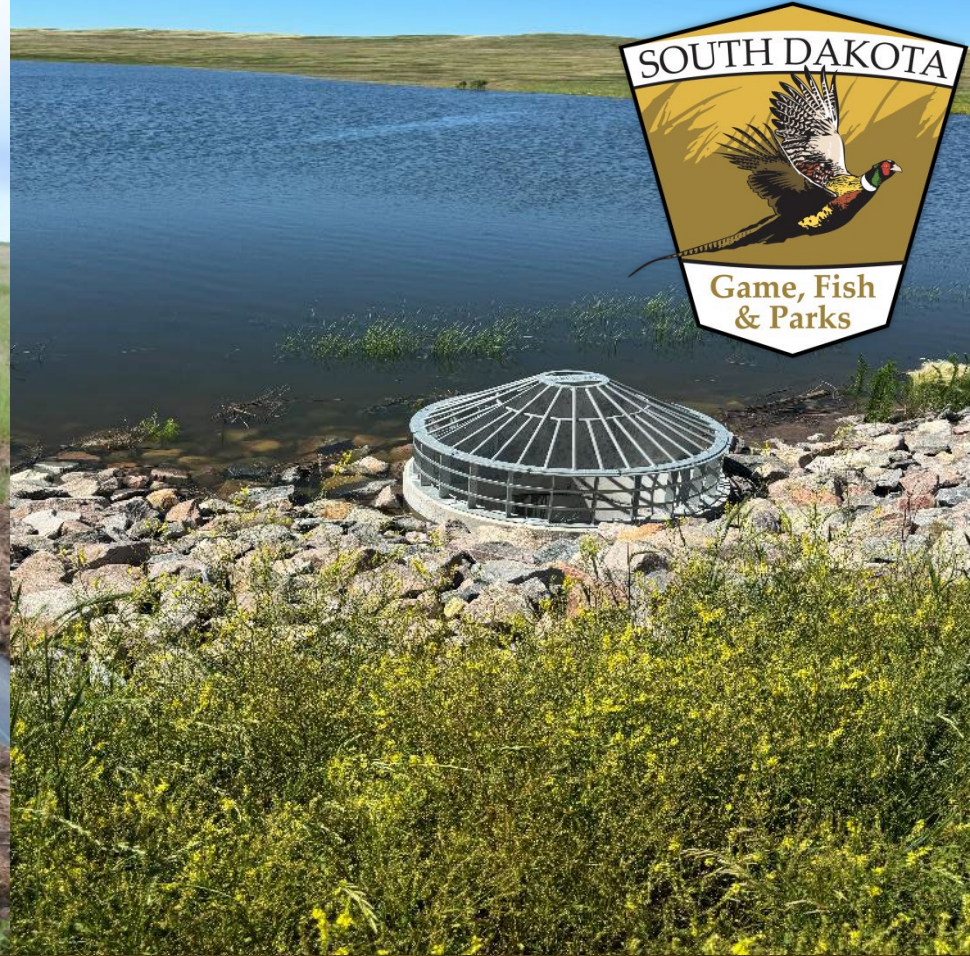




Habitat Stamp Report

Government Operations and Audit Committee – July 21st, 2026



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

Habitat and Access - Priority

GFP Strategic Plan Priorities

1. Operational Excellence
2. Customer Service
3. Asset Management

4. Habitat and Access



\$20M Annually
\$4-5M Habitat Stamp



Terrestrial Habitat & Access Projects on Game Production Areas



Grassland & Pollinator Plantings

Woody Habitat Plantings

Hardwood Release Projects

Grassland Enhancement Projects

Grazing Infrastructure (Fence/Water)

Food Plot Plantings

Access Roads, Trails, Parking Areas



Casanova GPA Parking Lot Improvement



Brakke Shrub Planting

Aquatic Habitat & Access Projects



Access Improvements

Aquatic Access Leases

Boat Ramps

Dam Repairs

Docks/Piers

Habitat Improvement

Fish Habitat Structures

Farm Island New Pods



Hazeldon New Ramp



Ravine Lake

Before

Custer SP Visitor Center Pond

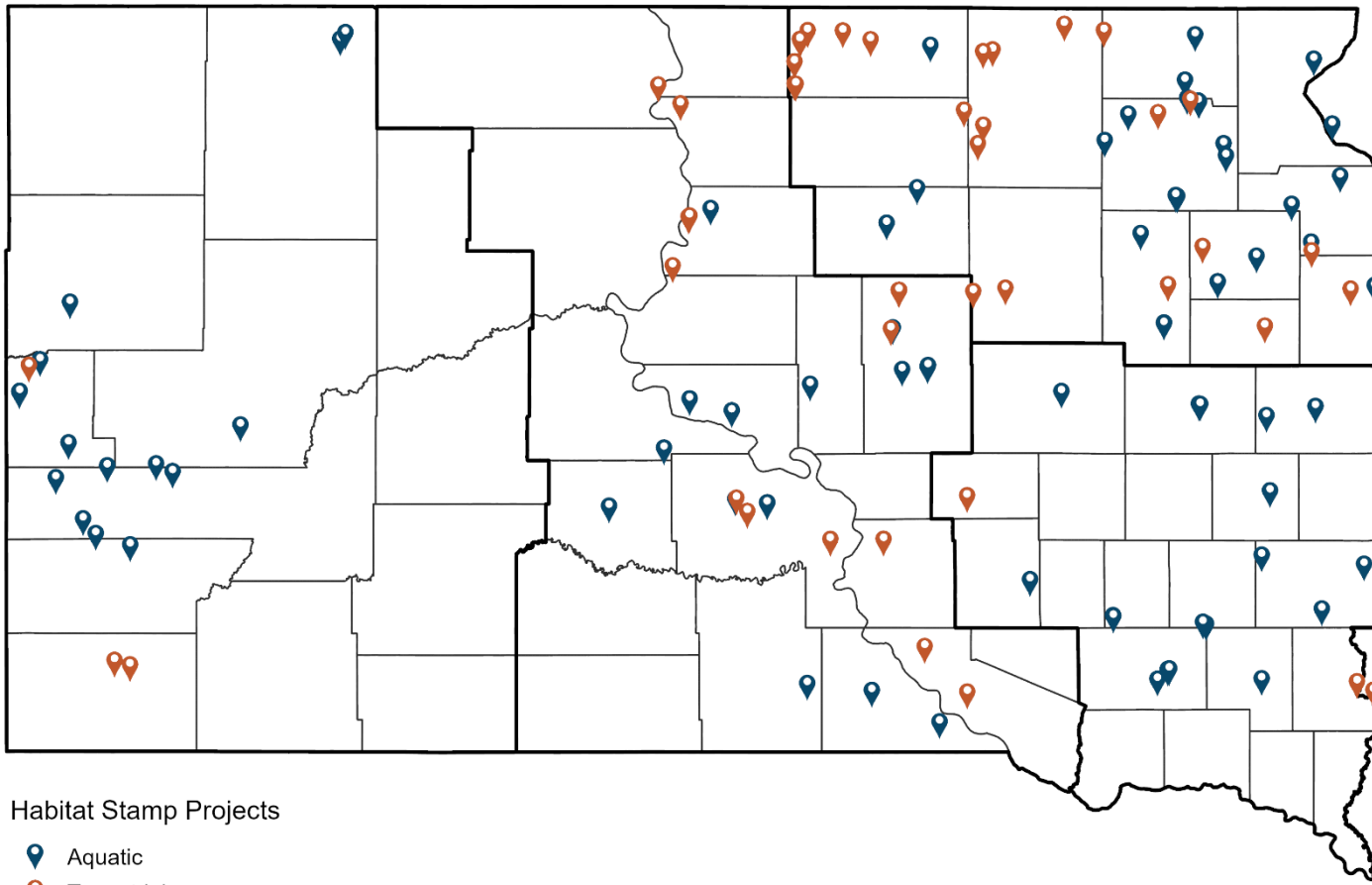
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Aquatic and Terrestrial Habitat Stamp Projects Completed 2026



Aquatic and Terrestrial Habitat Stamp Project Locations FY2026



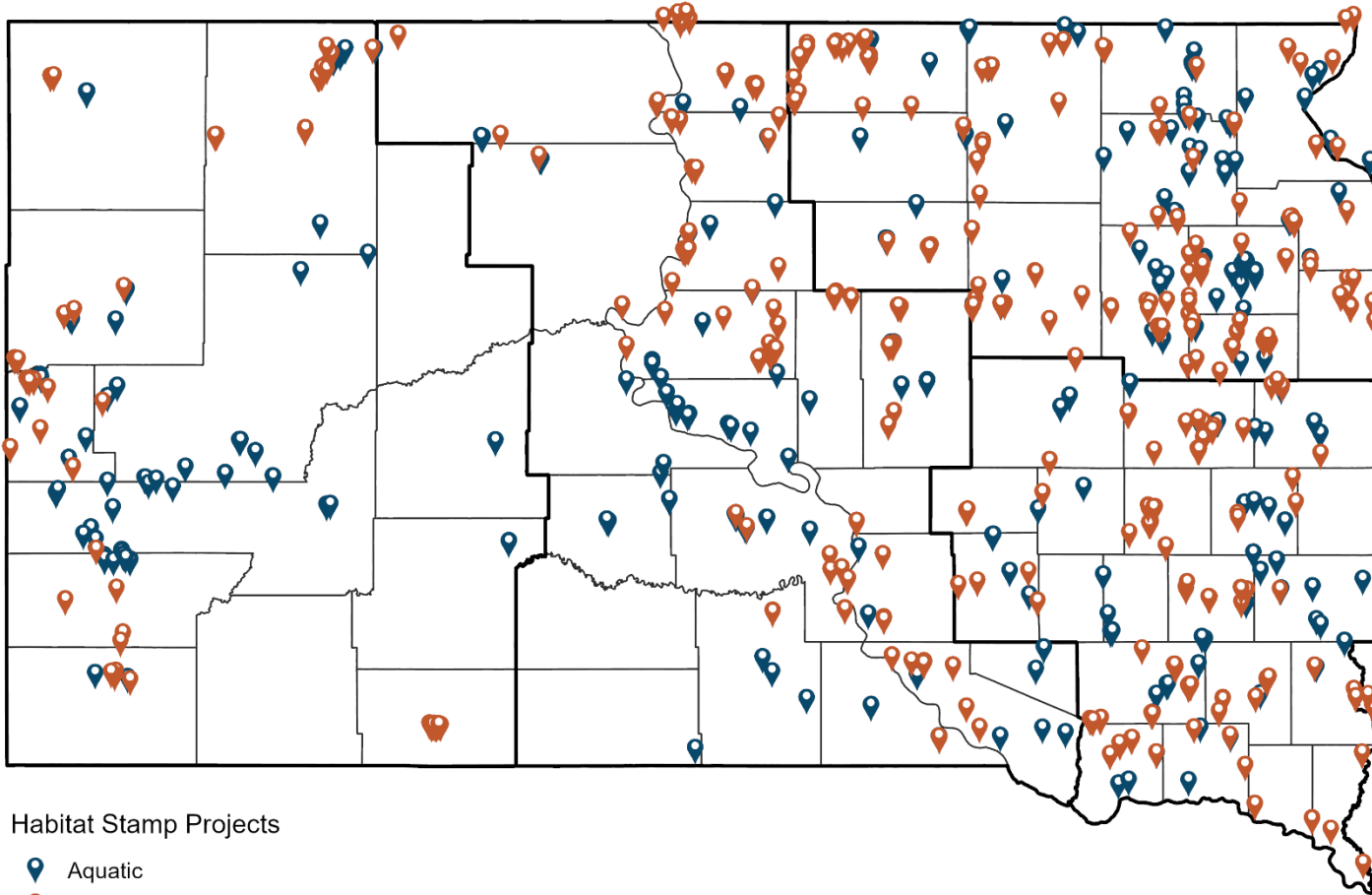
Habitat Stamp Projects

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Aquatic and Terrestrial Habitat Stamp Projects Completed Since 2021



**Aquatic and Terrestrial Habitat Stamp Project Locations
All Projects FY21-FY26**



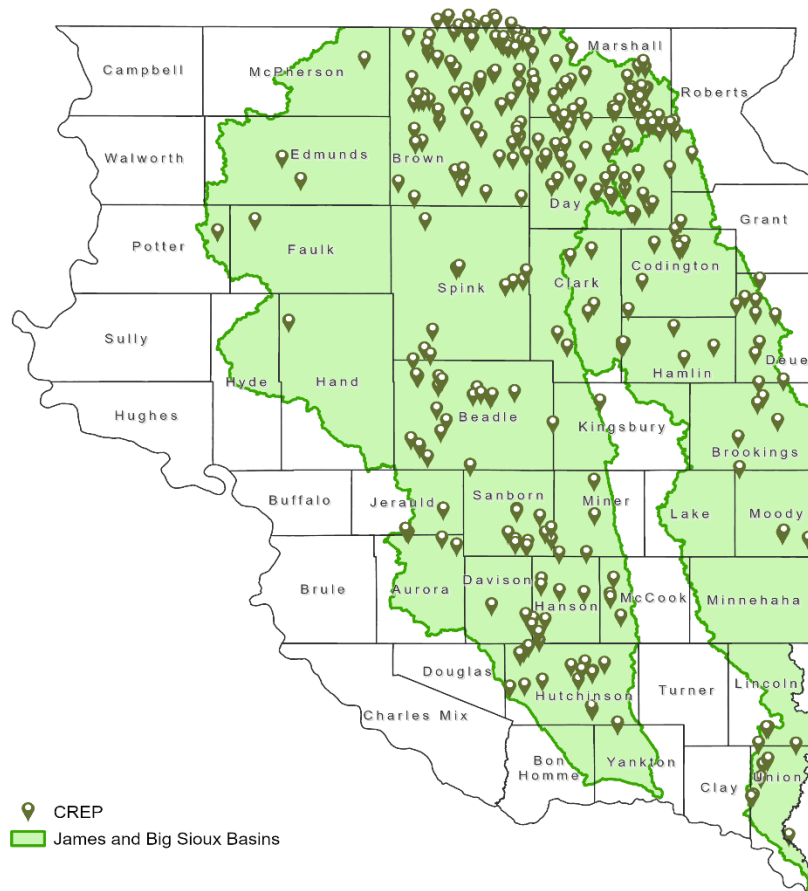
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Habitat Stamp Funded James River & Big Sioux River CREP Contracts



**Habitat Stamp James River & Big Sioux River
Watershed CREP Areas**



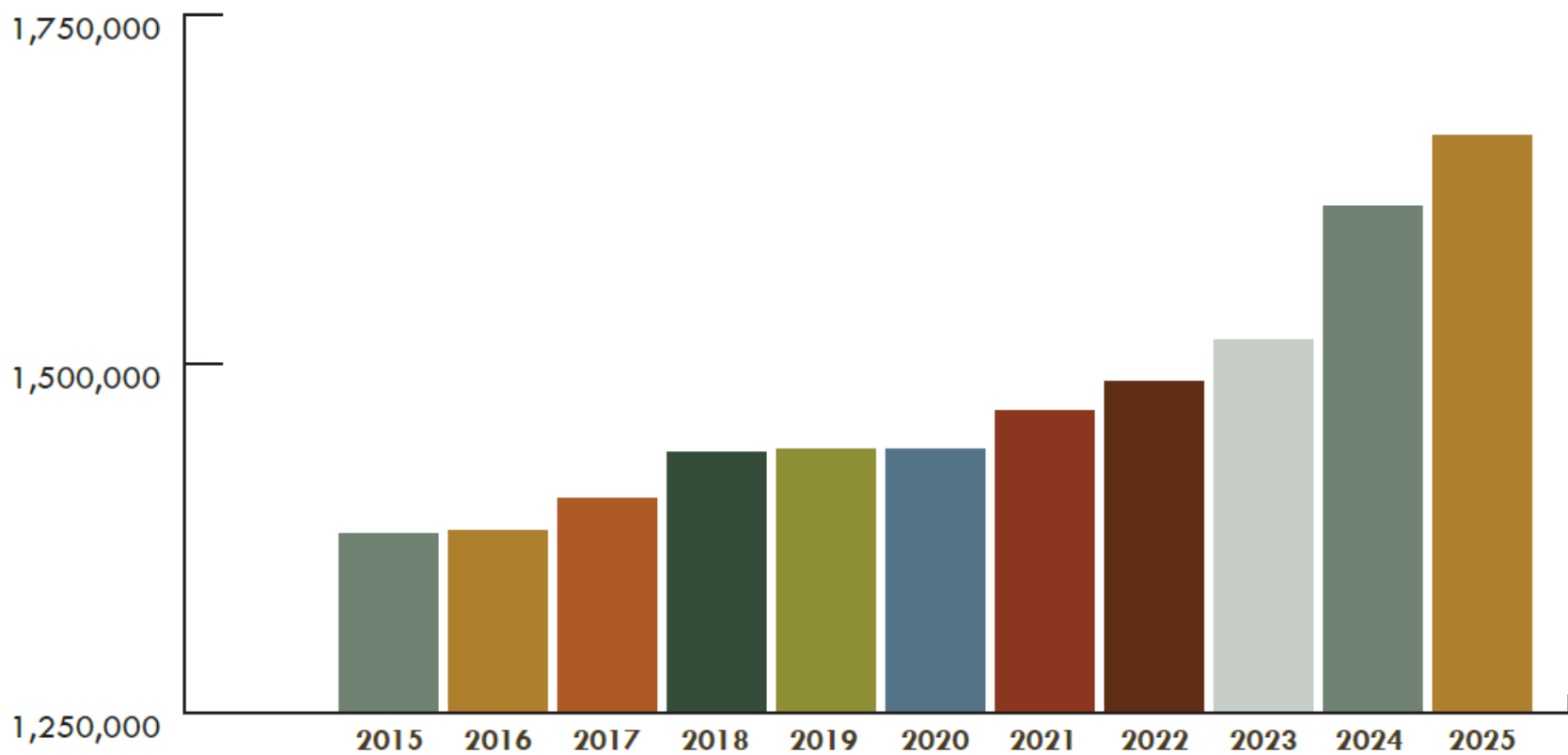
James River CREP -
24,040 acres

Big Sioux River CREP -
4,599 acres



Access Priority

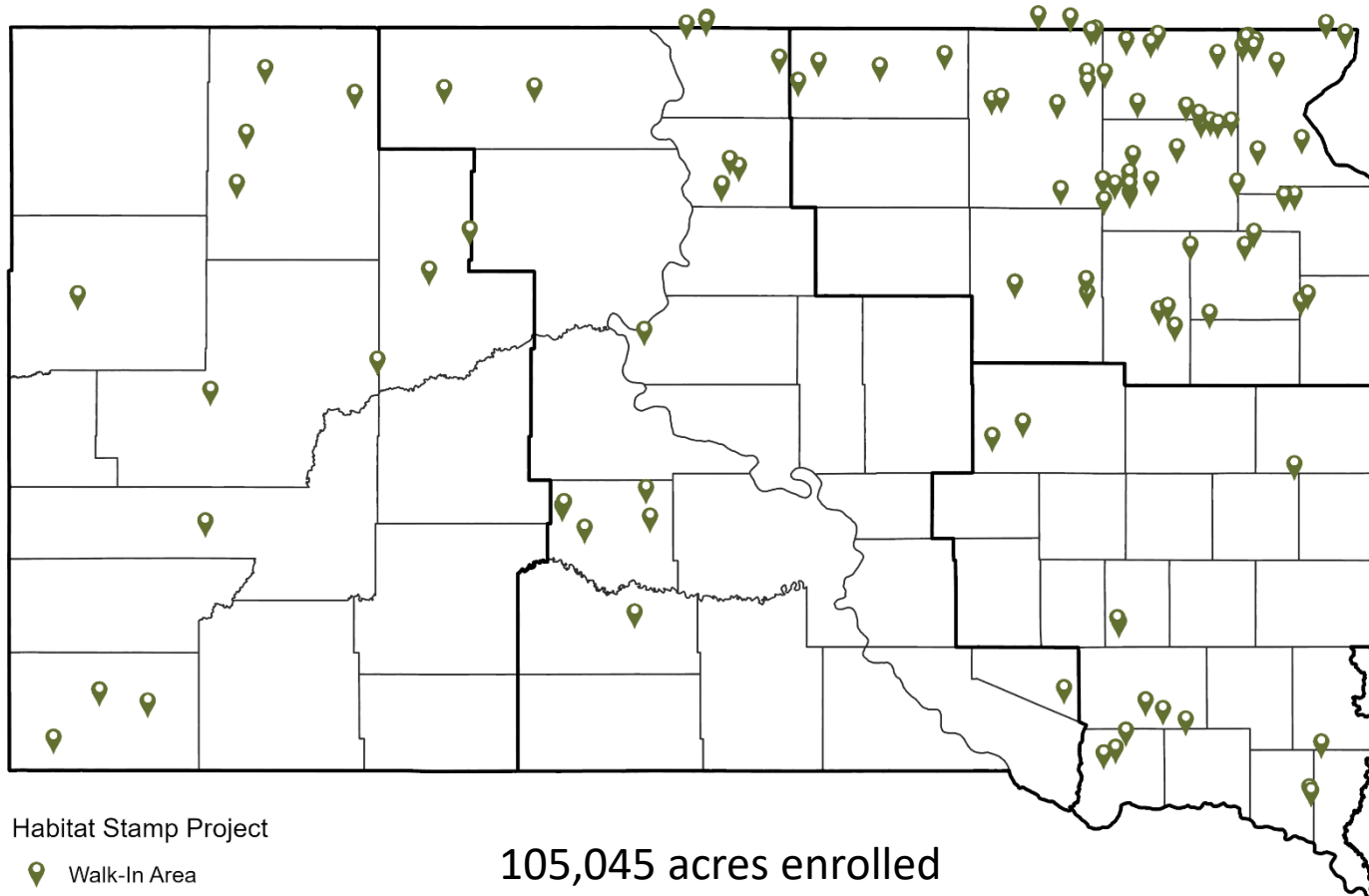
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Habitat Stamp Funded Walk-In Area Signing Bonuses 2026

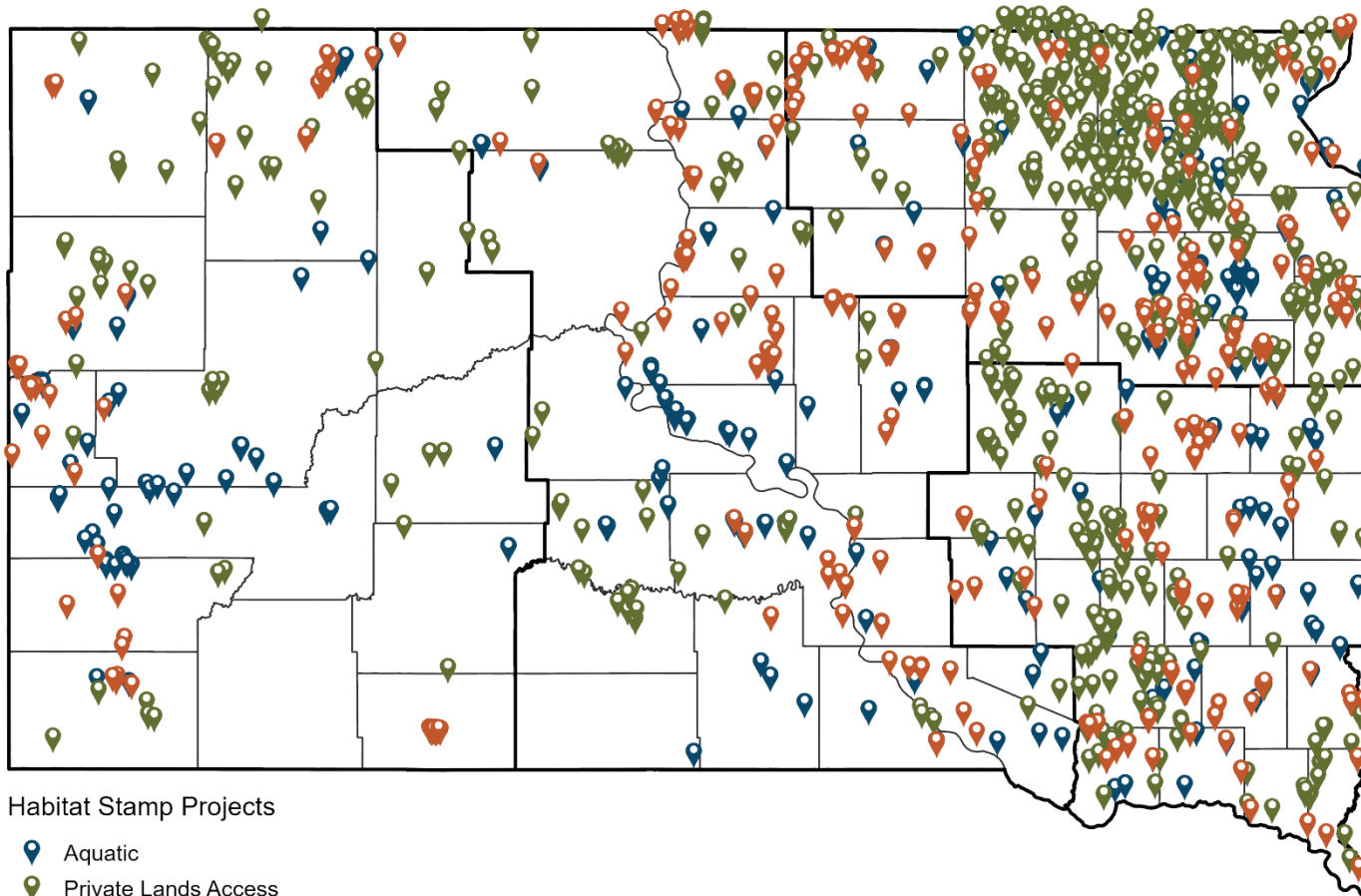


Habitat Stamp New Walk-In Areas

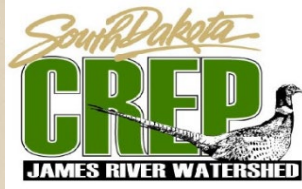


All Habitat Stamp Projects Since 2021

Aquatic, Terrestrial, and Private Lands Hunting Access Habitat Stamp Project Locations to Date



Looking Forward



Oakwood GPA 2022 Native Grass Planting



Oakwood GPA 2022 Tree Planting

Looking Forward

Habitat – Gary Creek – Deuel Co.



Dams - New Stickney - Aurora Co.



Ramps - Wolf Slough – Hamlin Co.



Heritage GPA – Bon Homme



Ongoing Maintenance of Projects

Habitat Stamp projects require ongoing maintenance beyond the initial project cost.

Some Examples:

Mowing weeds between newly planted trees for several years. Reduces competition and helps establishment.

Clipping new grass plantings to promote establishment and reduce competition with annual weeds.

New parking lots and trails that are added need mowing, blading and ongoing upkeep.

Boat ramp extensions, buckles and shifting.

Cattail mowing/spraying around dams and fishing amenities.

Dock and pier install and removal.

Dam maintenance and repairs

Boat Ramp Extension



Clipping New Grass Seeding





Serve, Connect, Manage