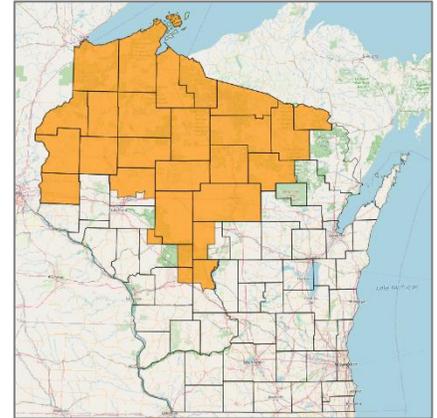


STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS AT WORK

Rep. Tom Tiffany, 7th District

Federal **State Wildlife Grants** are the only nationwide program to prevent wildlife from becoming endangered. These grants have been critical for Wisconsin, yet despite many conservation successes, the state has more than 400 Species of Greatest Conservation Need - and more than 100 are endangered or threatened. Once species become endangered, especially at the federal level, they often require costly “emergency room” conservation and regulatory measures which are not sustainable in the long-term.

The **Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (HR 2773)** is designed to keep species off endangered and threatened lists. It would provide the most important boost for conservation in decades and would fund the highest priorities in our state using an existing blueprint: Wisconsin’s Wildlife Action Plan. Agencies, organizations, and individuals across the state already do critically important work to conserve fish, wildlife, and our natural areas, and RAWA would help them do more.



Examples of on-the-ground conservation work in 2019-20.

- Controlled invasive plant species across 405 acres of public lands within the district
- Coordinated prescribed burning for 1,233 acres within the district
- Restored 505 acres of natural forest and oak and pine barren communities through timber management and timber stand improvement techniques
- Completed 76 field visits to direct rare species avoidance and habitat management guidance to promote greater conservation results
- Reviewed and provided consultation or data that facilitated the completion of 218 different projects within the district, including waterways, wetlands, timber management, road construction, and utility projects.
- Worked with nearly all County Forests within the district to update their 15-year management plans and attended all state and county forest certification audits.
- Completed property management and maintenance activities for 23 State Natural Areas to promote public use.
- Completed habitat restoration project to create 18 new turtle nesting areas in 4 different counties to conserve many native turtle species

Project Highlight: Cooperative work to recover American martens



American martens have been a state-endangered species since 1972. Since 2003, the state has worked with numerous partners and stakeholders to better understand marten ecology and foster recovery of this important furbearing species through numerous research and monitoring projects. Cooperators with these efforts include the Wisconsin Trappers Association, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, UW-Madison, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, and Wisconsin’s County Forest Association.

