

PHEASANTS FOREVER

Heading into 2024, just a short year away from celebrating 40 years as an organization, our impact can be seen all across Eastern Iowa. From providing people natural areas for recreation and hunting to sharing in tradition with younger generations, your investment now impacts the future.

DubuqueLand Pheasants Forever is a completely volunteer, nonprofit organization of area pheasant hunters, farmers, landowners, and conservationist working to improve Dubuque and surrounding Counties bird population, habitat, and hunting conditions for pheasants and other wildlife. We need your help to continue our mission.

The funds raised stay with the DubuqueLand Pheasants Forever to support our many projects in Dubuque and surrounding counties like:

- Co-host annual Dan Dunham Heritage Classic Youth Day at Izaak Walton
 - This free event attracts over 100 youths, ages 10 – 16, to experience gun safety, shotgun and rifle shooting, trapping, fly-fishing, dog training, archery and more.
- Host annual mentored youth hunt at Ringneck Ridge
 - This free event provides 20 youth a pheasant hunting experience. Supported and donated guns for hunter safety education, local High School Trap teams, and area sports camps.
- Co-Host local Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW) programs
- Host annual Veterans Hunt
 - This event provides a free pheasant hunt for over 100 local veterans.
- Improve and upgrade habitat on public and private land
 - Enhancements include seed donations, food plots, controlled burns, tree and shrub plantings, and winter cover plantings.

In addition to the above yearly events, DubuqueLand Pheasants Forever was a major contributor to the recent acquisition of multiple areas of public use:

- Additional 40 acres at the Lost Nation Public hunting area, bringing that area to a total of 300 acres of public use and hunting land.
- 34 acre Roling addition to adjoin with existing Eden Valley, Peterson and McAndrews wildlife areas in Jackson County.
- Additional 14 acre Zimmerman addition at Hale Wildlife Preserve

This adds to our history of leading wildlife land purchases including additional 160 acres at the Hale Wildlife Preserve, bringing that area to a total of 420 acres of public use and hunting land. The 206 acre Peterson addition in Jackson County which will adjoin existing Eden Valley and McAndrews wildlife areas; this acquisition was complete in 2020. The 508 acres near Oxford Junction in 2017 & 2018 and 96 acres in the Leifker Wildlife area, south of Cascade in 2016. These purchases complement previous land acquisitions at Whitewater Canyon near Bernard, Iowa and Ringneck Ridge near Worthington, Iowa. In addition to our local chapter projects, we provided funding to nearby Buffalo Creek and Volga River land projects in 2018. All of this enforces and enhances our commitment to conservation.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this year's 39th Annual Banquet, please take a look at the many sponsorship levels in included documents. As our primary and largest fundraiser, funds raised at this event go to support activities listed above. We appreciate your consideration and future support of our conservation initiatives.