

Wildlife is Thriving Because of Hunters and Sport Shooters

If you've ever purchased firearms or ammunition, bows, arrows or hunting licenses, you're part of the most successful effort to conserve wildlife in America – the Wildlife Restoration program. The effort has resulted in millions of acres of habitat saved and near-miraculous population increases in several species of game.

Since 1937, when the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act went into law, hunters and target shooters have been the largest contributors to wildlife conservation, paying for programs that benefit our natural resources and everyone who loves the outdoors.

Thank you for investing in Michigan's wildlife!



How it Works

The more people who buy hunting licenses and equipment in Michigan, the greater percentage of this federal funding our state can receive.

1. Hunters and target shooters purchase guns and ammunition.



2. Manufacturers pay federal excise taxes on guns and ammunition.



3. Revenue from these excise taxes is distributed to state wildlife agencies.



4. State wildlife agencies use these funds to purchase land for wildlife habitat and to manage wildlife populations.



5. In turn, millions of acres of important habitat have been set aside to help ensure future wildlife abundance.



Pittman-Robertson Act

Pittman-Robertson funds, combined with revenue from hunting license sales, make up the majority of the Department of Natural Resources funding for wildlife management and recreational shooting.

Funds from a federal tax on the manufacturing of firearms, bows, crossbows and accessories are used for projects that benefit Michigan hunters and shooters, including:

- improving wildlife habitat and managing wildlife populations
- wildlife conservation research
- hunter education
- shooting ranges

