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Joe McCauley Hired as New Regional Representative, Region Five

The National Wildlife Refuge Association is pleased to welcome Joe McCauley as its new Regional Representative for the Northeast Region (Region 5). McCauley will represent the Refuge Association to facilitate communication between local stakeholders, nonprofits and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about issues dealing with government affairs and conservation programs in the northeast region.

"Joe's extensive experience with refuges throughout the Northeast is a terrific asset for the Refuge Association as we work to assist the Service with many issues facing the region," said David Houghton, President of the Refuge Association. "We're excited to add a regional representative in the Northeast, and Joe is an ideal person to serve in this role."

Most recently, McCauley was the Regional Chief, Division of Realty, Northeast Region for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service where he was responsible for overseeing real property acquisition for the Service within the 13 northeastern states. During his five years as Regional Chief, Joe added 18,000 acres to the Refuge System.

McCauley also served for 10 years as the Refuge Manager of the Eastern Virginia Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex, comprised of the James River, Plum Tree Island, Presquile, and Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuges. As Refuge Manager Joe more than doubled the size of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge from 3,600 acres to 8,400 acres and developed a unique wildlife conservation easement template as an alternative to fee title acquisition resulting in over 1,660 acres permanently protected via conservation easement.

McCauley was born in Washington, DC, and grew up just outside the District in Falls Church, Virginia. After spending several years at a private engineering firm in Northern Virginia, he began his career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1983 at the Cortland, New York, Ecological Services Office. He then transitioned to the Northeast Region's Division of Realty working as a wildlife biologist on land acquisition planning where he prepared the first Land Protection Plan in the Northeast Region and expanded the boundary of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge by 11,000 acres. McCauley also served as refuge manager at Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey and Back Bay NWR in Virginia.

McCauley lives in Mechanicsville, Virginia and can be reached at jmccauley@refugeassociation.org or 804-514-5136

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