

Pennsylvania

Ecological Services Field Office

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Purpose

Pennsylvania Field Office biologists work with landowners, private and community organizations, government agencies and other partners in Pennsylvania to protect, restore and conserve biological resources. Their work is guided by the following laws and legislative authorities:

Clean Water Act

Endangered Species Act

Federal Power Act

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

Food Security Act

Migratory Bird Treaty Act

National Environmental Policy Act

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act

Oil Pollution Act

Superfund (CERCLA)

Water Resources Development Act

Management Activities

- Working to protect and recover federally protected threatened and endangered species
- Reviewing development activities affecting wetlands and other aquatic ecosystems and providing recommendations to federal, state and local agencies on ways to avoid, minimize or compensate for losses to fish, wildlife and their habitats
- Investigating and reporting on the presence and effects of environmental contaminants on fish and wildlife, responding to oil and hazardous material spills, and restoring fish and wildlife resources damaged by pollution
- Working with private groups and public agencies to restore wetlands, streams, riparian areas and native grasslands on private lands



Bog turtle

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
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Highlights and/or Issues

Endangered Species Act consultations with U.S. Forest Service, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Army Corps of Engineers on the Indiana bat, bog turtle, freshwater mussels and other federally listed species occurring in Pennsylvania.

Review of Army Corps of Engineers wetland permit applications

Review of wind energy developments and their effects on migratory birds and bats

Investigations on the effects of surface coal mining and coal waste disposal practices

Stream restoration using principles of applied fluvial geomorphology

Transportation planning to minimize adverse effects on aquatic resources and threatened and endangered species

