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Tennessee

Ecological Services Field Office

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Station Facts

- Established: 1977.
- FY 2012 Budget: $1,850,000.
- Number of Staff: 22.

Station Goals

- Provide technical and/or financial assistance to private landowners interested in the conservation of migratory species and federally listed species.
- Provide accurate and meaningful assistance to help other Federal agencies fulfill their responsibilities toward Federally listed species.
- Provide assistance to state agencies and local governments in addressing Federal mandates.
- Prevent, or identify and mitigate, harm or injury to fish and wildlife resouces caused by environmental contaminants.

Services Provided to

- Private citizens.
- State and local agencies.
- Federal agencies.
- Tribal governments.

Activity Highlights

- Responds to over 2,400 requests each year for information and technical assistance involving threatened and endangered species, migratory birds and wetlands.
- Assists public school systems and non-government organizations in environmental outreach activities.
- Provides planning assistance to Federal installations throughout the State of Tennessee.
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) - Works in concert with Federal, State, and local agencies to develop, maintain, and disseminate digital spatial data products in the State of Tennessee.
- Leads Statewide effort to protect, recover, and enhance endangered and threatened species of plants and animals in Tennessee.

Questions and Answers

What does Ecological Services do?

The Ecological Services program encompasses four major activities:

- Habitat Conservation - involves assisting various Federal agencies in analyzing impacts to fish and wildlife resources of the projects that they either perform, permit, license, or fund.
- Endangered Species - involves listing species under the Endangered Species Act, encouraging the recovery of species listed, and assisting Federal agencies and others in complying with the Act.
- Environmental Contaminants - involves the identification and prevention of harm to fish and wildlife resources caused by environmental contaminants, and assistance in the recovery of damaged habitats that support these species.
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife - involves assisting private landowners in habitat enhancements/restoration activities that benefit fish and wildlife resources.