

Carterville Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office



Quick Facts

- Office was established in 1981
- Four permanent staff
- Geographic area served includes the parts of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio that are in the Mississippi and Ohio River basins

Goals & Services Provided

Objectives are to:

- Recover fish and mussel populations protected under the Endangered Species Act.
 - Maintain diverse, self-sustaining populations of fish and other aquatic organisms and habitats.
 - Minimize range expansions and prevent transfer of aquatic nuisance species such as Asian carp between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River.
 - Manage and control Asian carp by coordinating implementation of the national management and control plan for Asian carp.
 - Conduct outreach to raise public awareness of aquatic nuisance species.
 - Restore aquatic habitat in the Ohio River Basin by coordinating the Ohio River Basin Fish Habitat Partnership under the National Fish Habitat Action Plan.
 - Facilitate fish spawning by working to identify key habitats and then using the National Fish Passage Program to bypass or remove barriers to fish movements.
 - Enhance recreational fishing opportunities on Service and Department of Defense lands.
 - Improve Big River habitat on the Upper Mississippi River
- by working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other partners to complete and evaluate habitat enhancement projects.
- Assist with recovery of endangered pallid sturgeon through participation in the Middle Basin Work Group as well as assisting with monitoring, research, and broodstock collection efforts on the Middle Mississippi River.
 - Increase support for fish and wildlife conservation as well as improving the health of kids and adults by connecting people with nature.



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Directions

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