



# NEW JERSEY FIELD OFFICE

## FIELD NOTES

### AUGUST 2015



#### Regional Office Detail

By Beth Freiday

This week, Partners Biologist Beth Freiday has been working in the Regional Office as Acting Partners Coordinator. One of her assignments is to evaluate applications for the National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant. Beth visited proposed sites in coastal Maine and New Hampshire to evaluate them for funding. Photo Credit: Beth Freiday, USFWS





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## Endangered Species Act Consultation Training

By Dennis Hamlin

On August 27, Biologist Dennis Hamlin teamed with Assistant Regional Endangered Species Coordinator Glenn Smith to conduct an Endangered Species Act Section 7 Interagency Consultation training at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office in New York City. The 25 attendees from New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania included HUD officials, HUD-designated state and local non-federal partners, and environmental consulting firms. The program included instruction on utilizing the NJFO website and the Service's Information, Planning, and Conservation System (IPaC) to initiate Section 7 consultation and prepare document package submissions for Service review. Attendees learned that they could often conclude the consultation process without direct NJFO review, saving time and work for government agencies, project proponents, and Service alike. A similar training is scheduled in late September for Federal Emergency Management Agency officials and partners. Congressional Districts (All). Photo Credit: Dennis Hamlin, USFWS





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## HazWhoper Training By Eric Schrading

**Training:** Several staff from the NJFO joined numerous other Refuges and Ecological Services staff attending the 24-hour/8-hour Hazards Awareness Training (HazWhoper) at the Valley Forge National Historic Park. As in the past, these training courses were presented by Joe Trujillo of Intermountain Technical Solutions, Inc. Joe masterfully provided valuable insight, experiences, exercises, and tools that collectively made the courses highly interactive and beneficial. Many thanks to Rick Vollick in the RO for his efforts in pulling the training together. Congressional Districts: (All). Photo Credit: Eric Schrading, USFWS





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#### Natural Lands Trust's Telegraph Road Preserve By Brian Marsh

This week, Partners staff removed a head cut from a stream in Salem County on Natural Lands Trust's Telegraph Road Preserve. The 6 ½-foot head cut had been rapidly moving upstream releasing sediment into the watershed below. The head cut was removed with fill and then by creating several step pools (~Zuni bowls) with stone. Over the past year, Partners has been working at the Preserve to remove channelization and restore forested wetlands upstream to remove the erosive stream flows that created the head cut. The Preserve lies in Partners Delaware Estuary Focus Area and offers habitat to forest interior birds and other wildlife. Congressional District 2. Photo Credit: Brian Marsh, USFWS

