

# New Jersey

## *Ecological Services Field Office*

### Represented by Members of Congress:

Senator Cory Booker  
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### Profile

Established: 1975  
Staff: 15  
FY 2013 budget: \$1,979,044

### Purpose

Field office biologists work with landowners, private and community organizations, industry, and other government agencies to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in New Jersey. Their work is guided by the following laws and legislative authorities:

*Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act*  
*Clean Water Act*  
*Endangered Species Act*  
*Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act*  
*Migratory Bird Treaty Act*  
*National Environmental Policy Act*  
*Emergency Wetlands Resources Act*  
*Oil Pollution Act*  
*Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act*  
*Superfund (CERCLA)*  
*Water Resources Development Act*  
*Wilderness Act*

### Management Activities

- Review proposals for projects that may affect natural resources, including endangered species, migratory birds, and interjurisdictional fish.
- Work with others to recover endangered species.
- Conserve, protect, and enhance fish and wildlife resources.
- Work with others to restore wetlands.
- Work with landowners to restore habitat for fish and wildlife.
- Assess contaminant effects on fish and wildlife resources and seek compensation for damages.
- Respond to oil spills.

### Highlights

Our office was awarded the Coastal America Partnership Award from the Secretary of Interior for our work in removing barriers to fish passage on the Musconetcong River.

The office helped restore 24,481 acres of habitat for wildlife.

The office helped remove many dams, opening 96 miles of streams to migrating fish - most recently the Riegelsville and Finesville Dam on the Musconetcong River.

The office partnered with Duke Farms and Natural Resource Conservation Service in restoring the largest wetland restoration project (500 acres) in northern New Jersey to date

Five office biologists assisted at the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response in the Gulf over the past 2 years.



*Red knot*

Don Freiday/USFWS

### Issues

The office is conducting a listing determination to see if the red knot should be listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Urban sprawl continues to have an adverse impact on wildlife habitat.

The office is working to address offshore wind energy development.

The office is working to restore fish and wildlife habitat damaged by Hurricane Sandy and address future issues associated with climate change.

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