

LAND PROTECTION, PROPERTY ACQUISITION, AND RECREATIONAL AND WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENTS

RESOURCES:

Wildlife inhabiting riparian, floodplain, or wetland habitat were exposed to mercury and negatively impacted – amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and birds.

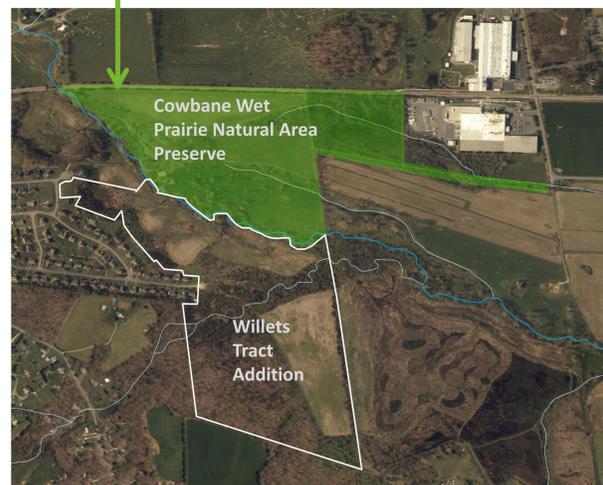


PROPOSED PROJECTS:

- Acquisition, protection, enhancement, and/or restoration of riparian and floodplain habitat
 - Convert unused agricultural fields to forest
 - Restore wetland habitat
 - Create riparian buffers
- Protect in perpetuity
- Available within reasonable timeline

Example:

- Cowbane Wet Prairie State Natural Area Preserve – Willets Tract Addition and Forest Restoration (84 acres)
 - Adjacent to protected land - connectivity
 - Provide fire management buffers
 - Create forest habitat



EXPECTED BENEFITS:

- Enhance and protect habitat for floodplain birds and mammals
- Create contiguous areas of high-quality habitat in uncontaminated environment

PRIORITIZE PARCELS THAT PROTECT:

- Wetland, sinkhole, and/or ephemeral pond habitats
- Turtle breeding habitat
- Bat habitat – hibernacula or breeding
- Waterfowl breeding habitat
- Madison Cave Isopod habitat
- Recreational fishing access
- Other sensitive or unique natural communities
- Land under threat of development

How?

Partner with existing state programs to prioritize and identify projects – both acquisition or easement opportunities.

See website for updates on how to submit projects for this category.

