

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Highlands Conservation Act

Distinguished by scenic Appalachian ridges, hills, and plateaus, the Highlands Region spans 3.4 million acres across Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

In 2004, the Highlands Conservation Act was signed into law to protect threatened and endangered species, ensure clean drinking water, create outdoor recreational areas, and sustain working forests and farms in the Highlands Region. Since then, the unique public and private partnership behind the Highlands Conservation Act Program, consisting of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the four Highlands States, the non-profit land conservation community, and the U.S. Forest Service, has conserved 12,766 acres.





