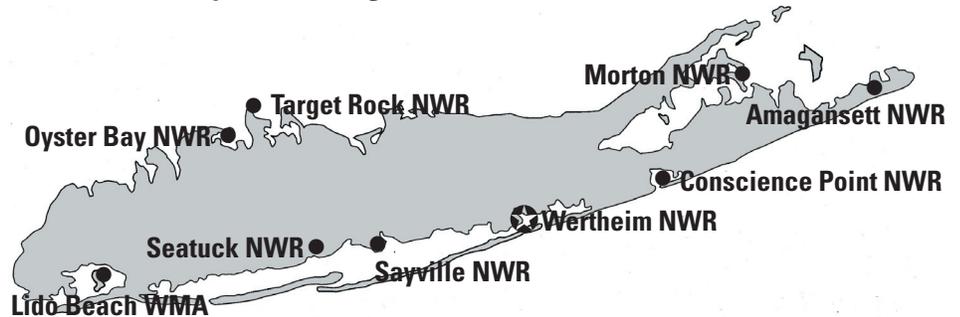


Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex Fact Sheet for Members of Congress



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Profile

Established:	1947
Current acres:	6,400
Proposed total acres:	10,000
Staff:	12
2002 volunteer hours:	5,110
2002 visitation:	343,700

The Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex includes nine units, with Wertheim NWR as the headquarters.

Purpose

The Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex was established to protect and manage habitat for migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, and to foster wildlife-dependent educational, interpretive and recreational opportunities for the public.

Public Use Notes

- Visitor information kiosks
- Wildlife observation - nature trails
- Nature study sites
- Canoeing
- Photography blinds
- Salt and freshwater fishing

Management Activities

- Wetland, grassland and forest management on and off the complex
- Restoration of federally listed endangered and threatened species
- Public use opportunities for nearly 400,000 visitors yearly
- Maintenance of nine refuges over a 120-mile area
- Active partnerships with more than 50 agencies and non-government organizations
- Public involvement meetings on refuge management and specific issues

Highlights

Eleven federally listed threatened and endangered species on the complex

Largest and most viable population of a federally listed endangered plant

Three hundred avian species, with up to 25,000 wintering waterfowl, including black ducks and greater scaup

One hundred species of mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish

Refuge habitats have special designations from national, state and non-government organizations

Diversity of habitats, including wetlands, pine barrens, native grasslands and barrier beaches

Recent trail work focuses on having facilities meet ADA standards

Fifty active partnerships, including a friends group

Initiators and leaders in wetland, grassland and woodland management programs off the refuge

Located within a population of more than 15 million residents

Issues

Restoration of degraded wetlands and uplands to provide quality habitat and open space

Reduction of rapid spread and negative ramifications of invasive species for restoration of native wildlife and plants

Provision for and maintenance of quality wildlife-dependent public use opportunities within a large urban area

Implementation of "wildlife first" in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1997

Trespassing, poaching, vandalism and illegal construction on refuge land

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