

New Jersey

Ecological Services Field Office

Fact Sheet

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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 other related legislative authorities:

Clean Water Act
Endangered Species Act
Federal Power Act
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
Food Security Act
Migratory Bird Treaty Act

National Environmental Policy Act
Emergency Wetlands Resources Act
Oil Pollution Act
Superfund (CERCLA)
Water Resources Development Act

Cooperative Assistance Activities

- Conduct recovery and consultation for species protected by the Endangered Species Act; monitor, conserve and list candidate species.
- Provide review and technical assistance for federal activities.
- Conserve, protect and enhance federal trust species and their habitats.
- Respond to oil spills.
- Work with landowners and government agencies to identify, restore and improve riparian, wetland and coastal habitats.
- Encourage involvement by citizens, industry and local governments in fish and wildlife conservation.
- Assess contaminant effects on Service trust resources and seek compensation for damages.
- Participate in the Barnegat Bay Estuary Program.
- Conduct outreach and environmental education.

Highlights

New Jersey's bald eagle population continues to increase.

The Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has helped local government and private landowners restore and protect more than 5,500 acres of habitat.

Staff and teachers partner to implement the Nature of Learning program.

The Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program will restore and rehabilitate habitat and investigate contaminant effects on wildlife.



Issues

Protection and restoration of the remaining wetlands in the Hackensack Meadowlands has gained Congressional support.

Transfer of the Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 (permitting) responsibility to the state has led to issues such as cranberry aquaculture expansion and weakened protection of federally listed species.

A higher state classification is needed to protect all waters within the acquisition boundaries of the New Jersey national wildlife refuges.

Development in New Jersey continues to pressure federally listed species and migratory birds.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

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