



Private Stewardship Grants Program

Endangered and threatened species, as well as many other imperiled species, depend upon privately owned lands for their survival.

Half of the species listed as endangered or threatened have 80 percent or more of their habitat on private lands.

—1993 study by the Association for Biodiversity Information and The Nature Conservancy

Often the costs associated with implementing conservation actions for imperiled species are greater than a private landowner can undertake without assistance. Through the Private Stewardship Grants Program (PSGP), the Service provides financial assistance to individuals and groups to support voluntary conservation efforts on private lands for the benefit of imperiled species.

In 2002, the Service will award approximately \$10 million under this program to landowners and their partners to protect and restore imperiled species and their habitats.

Excluding land acquisition, the PSGP is open to a wide variety of projects. Typical projects may include managing nonnative, competing species; implementing measures to minimize risk from disease; restoring streams that support imperiled species; or planting native vegetation to restore a rare plant community.

Stewardship: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.



Service biologists work with landowners to conserve species on private lands. USFWS photo

How the PSGP Works

To apply for a PSGP grant an individual or group prepares a proposal that describes their project and its benefits for the target species. Proposals then compete at a regional level for funding.

Each year the Service announces a request for project proposals to be considered for that year's funding.

Summary of the Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for funding, individuals or groups must submit project proposals that include:

- only voluntary conservation efforts on private lands;
- benefits to species listed, proposed, or candidate for listing under the Endangered Species Act, or other at-risk species native to the U.S.;

- cost-share of at least 10 % of total project cost (may be met by in-kind contributions, including time, equipment, materials, operations, or maintenance costs);
- landowner participation information;
- budget information; and
- measures to evaluate the project.

For a detailed description of the eligibility and other program requirements see the Request for Proposals, published in the *Federal Register* on October 1, 2002.

Assistance in Planning and Implementing Projects

The Service may be able to assist landowners in planning or implementing projects. Through multiple programs, we offer a variety of expertise to assist landowners in

planning and implementing projects on private lands. Among others, the Service's Endangered Species program and the Fish and Wildlife Management and Habitat Restoration program have worked hand-in-hand with a variety of partners on private lands.

The Service's ability to assist landowners will depend upon the type of project proposed and upon our existing workloads and priorities. For additional information on how the Service may be able to assist you, call or write the Program Contact in the Service's Regional Office. Information is also available from the Service's Internet site at <http://www.fws.gov>.

Related Programs

The PGSP builds upon other Service efforts to encourage the conservation of imperiled species on private lands.

The *Safe Harbor Policy* encourages voluntary management for listed species to promote recovery on non-Federal lands by giving assurances to the landowners that no additional future regulatory restrictions will be imposed.

The *Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances Policy* provides incentives for non-Federal property owners to conserve candidate species, thus potentially making listing unnecessary.

Other Resources

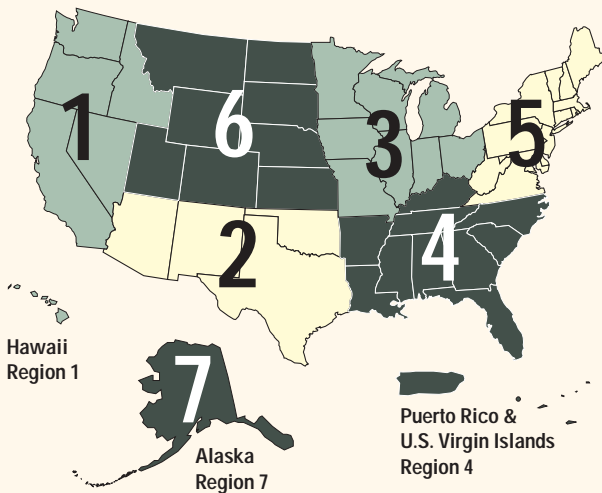
The Service administers a variety of other programs to provide natural resource grants to governmental, public and private organizations, groups and individuals. Additional information on these programs is available on our Internet site at: <http://grants.fws.gov/>.

Contact Us

Want more information on the PSGP? Please contact the Service's Regional office with responsibility for the State or Territory in which the proposed project would occur.

Additional information is also available on our Internet site at: http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship.html or by sending an e-mail to: Privatestewardship@fws.gov.

This year's PSGP project proposals are due to the Service's Regional offices by January 15, 2003.



Regional Office Boundaries

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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