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Ecological Services Field Office



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Station Facts

- Established as a full-service office in December, 2002.
- FY 05 budget: \$997,000.
- Number of staff: 10.

Activity Highlights

- Typically responds to over 2,000 requests for technical assistance and project review annually on projects involving threatened and endangered species, wetlands and proposed habitat alterations on private, state and federal projects.
- Assists private landowners, non-governmental organizations, state agencies and other federal agencies with projects designed to improve or restore habitat for a wide range of species, including neotropical migratory birds, waterfowl, freshwater fish and mussels, bats, cave invertebrates, and others.
- Provides technical and planning assistance associated with Department of Energy and Department of Defense facilities in Kentucky.
- Operates an environmental contaminants program that assists with planning and provides technical assistance to private, state and federal organizations when new potential contamination sources are proposed or when spills or discharges of contaminants may harm fish and wildlife.
- Focuses on efforts to improve conservation of natural resources in Kentucky by providing leadership in the fields of listed species recovery, private landowner habitat improvement and restoration incentives, and management of federal lands.

Station Goals

- Provide technical/financial assistance to private landowners interested in the conservation of migratory species and federally listed species.
- Provide accurate and meaningful assistance to help other federal agencies fulfill their responsibilities toward federal trust resources.
- Provide assistance to state agencies and local governments in addressing federal mandates.
- Prevent, or identify and repair, harm or injury to trust resources caused by environmental contaminants.

Services Provided To

- Private citizens.
- State and local agencies.
- Federal agencies.
- Non-governmental conservation organizations.

Frequently asked questions within the Ecological Services Program

What does Ecological Services do?
The Ecological Services program encompasses four major activities:

- **Habitat Conservation** - involves assisting various federal agencies in analyzing impacts to fish and wildlife resources of the projects that they either perform, permit, license, or fund.
- **Endangered Species** - involves listing species under the Endangered Species Act, encouraging the recovery of species listed, and assisting federal agencies in complying with the Act.

- Environmental Contaminants - involves the identification and prevention of harm to trust resources caused by environmental contaminants, and assistance in the recovery of damaged habitats that support trust species.
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife - involves assisting private landowners in habitat enhancement/restoration activities that benefit trust resources.

What are trust resources?

Trust resources include migratory birds, species listed under the Endangered Species Act, inter-jurisdiction fishes, marine mammals, wetlands, and Service lands.