



Fisheries
& Habitat
Conservation

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Fisheries and Habitat Conservation

Project Planning

Project Planning is:

...Early and continuous involvement in large-scale socio-economic development projects from conception through implementation

...Sustainable development and healthy fish and wildlife habitat

Our High-Priority Projects:

*Energy, Transportation
Water Supply, Restoration*



Transportation projects are an opportunity for Project Planning to integrate multiple regional conservation and development goals



Project Planning staff work with project developers in the energy sector to build fish and wildlife conservation and mitigation measures into project implementation plans.

WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM DO?

- Ensures that fish and wildlife are considered early in socio-economic development projects
- Participates in pre-development planning activities with other Federal agencies and the public.
- Provides expert technical assistance to inform public and private developers
- Helps create win-win solutions for economic development and fish and wildlife conservation

WE PROMOTE INTEGRATED, LANDSCAPE-SCALE PLANNING

- Project Planning is uniquely suited within USFWS to provide federal leadership in landscape-level planning
- Advocate big picture resource perspective, consider all fish and wildlife and habitats, foster ecosystem-scale conservation
- Promote partnerships between the public and all levels of government to encourage landscape-level planning
- Integrated planning links individual actions to the broader landscape or ecosystem context

HOW DOES THE PUBLIC BENEFIT?

- Better projects that balance development and resource needs
- Streamlined planning and permitting processes.
- Enhancement or restoration of fish, wildlife and habitats

WHAT MORE CAN WE DO?

- Expand early participation in project planning.
- Continue to provide technical assistance for planning actions.
- Increase participation in government and public resource planning groups
- Foster innovative partnerships
- Promote integrated landscape and watershed planning

CONSERVATION PHILOSOPHY –

a **S.N.A.P.**

STREAMLINING PROJECTS THROUGH EARLY CONSULTATION

- Serve on planning teams
- Early involvement reduces conflict; provides more options to avoid impacts

NON-REGULATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Implement 4 C's: Communication, Cooperation, Consultation, Conservation
- Seek win-win solutions
- Speak with one Federal voice to avoid late controversies

ALL TRUST RESOURCES AND THEIR HABITATS

- Integrate all USFWS programs to conserve migratory birds, migratory fish, threatened and endangered species, marine mammals, refuge lands
- Our involvement helps species *before* they are imperiled

PARTNERSHIPS FOR ON-THE-GROUND RESULTS

- Work with multiple stakeholders to achieve conservation benefits within the socio-economic development process

For more information about Project Planning, contact USFWS, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, at 703/358-2161 or visit us on the Internet at:

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