



Fisheries  
& Habitat  
Conservation



**Key Partners:**

- Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
- Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission
- Kentucky Division of Conservation
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Southeastern Aquatic Resources Partnership
- Quail Unlimited
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- The Nature Conservancy



Beaver Creek, site of Partners for Fish and Wildlife habitat restoration efforts. USFWS photo.



Service biologists perform stream restoration work (cedar revegetation) in Brushy Creek using bio-engineering methods. Brushy Creek is a tributary of Buck Creek which is home to four listed mussels. This was a cooperative project with NRCS. USFWS photo.



The Service is working to recover the endangered running buffalo clover. USFWS photo.

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# Celebrating Habitat in Kentucky

- The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program is working with private landowners and conservation partners on a concentrated effort to restore riparian, stream and wetland habitat in six major watersheds in Kentucky. One such initiative is in the Greasy, Beaver and West Creeks, major tributaries of the Licking River. Through the Partners program, Landowner Incentive Program (LIP), and other conservation programs, multiple acres of riparian and stream habitat has been restored and partnerships developed. Through this initiative, habitat for listed mussel species such as the fanshell and clubshell mussels, numerous neo-tropical birds and various bat species have been improved.
- In focus watersheds, the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program have 23 private landowner habitat improvement projects statewide in 2004. In addition, the Partners program provided essential technical assistance in over 280 LIP projects, resulting in over 15,000 acres of fish and wildlife habitat in Kentucky.
- Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery provides trout for mitigation stocking, as well as refuge for threatened and endangered aquatic species. The hatchery also provides support for projects to enhance aquatic species and their habitats.
- The Service works with Tribal governments in managing fisheries resources on Tribal lands.
- The Environmental Contaminants Program conducted 61 Clean Water Act reviews, performing 1,404 from 2002 to 2004. Technical assistance was also provided to USEPA on the wildlife effects of toxic materials at three of the state's largest Superfund sites.
- The Service spearheaded the creation of the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP), which is comprised of State and Federal partnerships that extend beyond the traditional boundaries of resource management agencies. It has established commitments by State fishery resource agencies, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and representation from the coastal Councils and Commissions to work for the benefit of the resource. The SARP now has 16 signatories, including the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.
- The Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership was established within the National Fish Hatchery System to ensure continued progress towards obtaining FDA-approved and EPA-compliant new animal drug approvals for use in Federal, State, Tribal and private aquaculture program throughout the United States.

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