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Midwest Region

Indiana Offices and Activities

Indiana

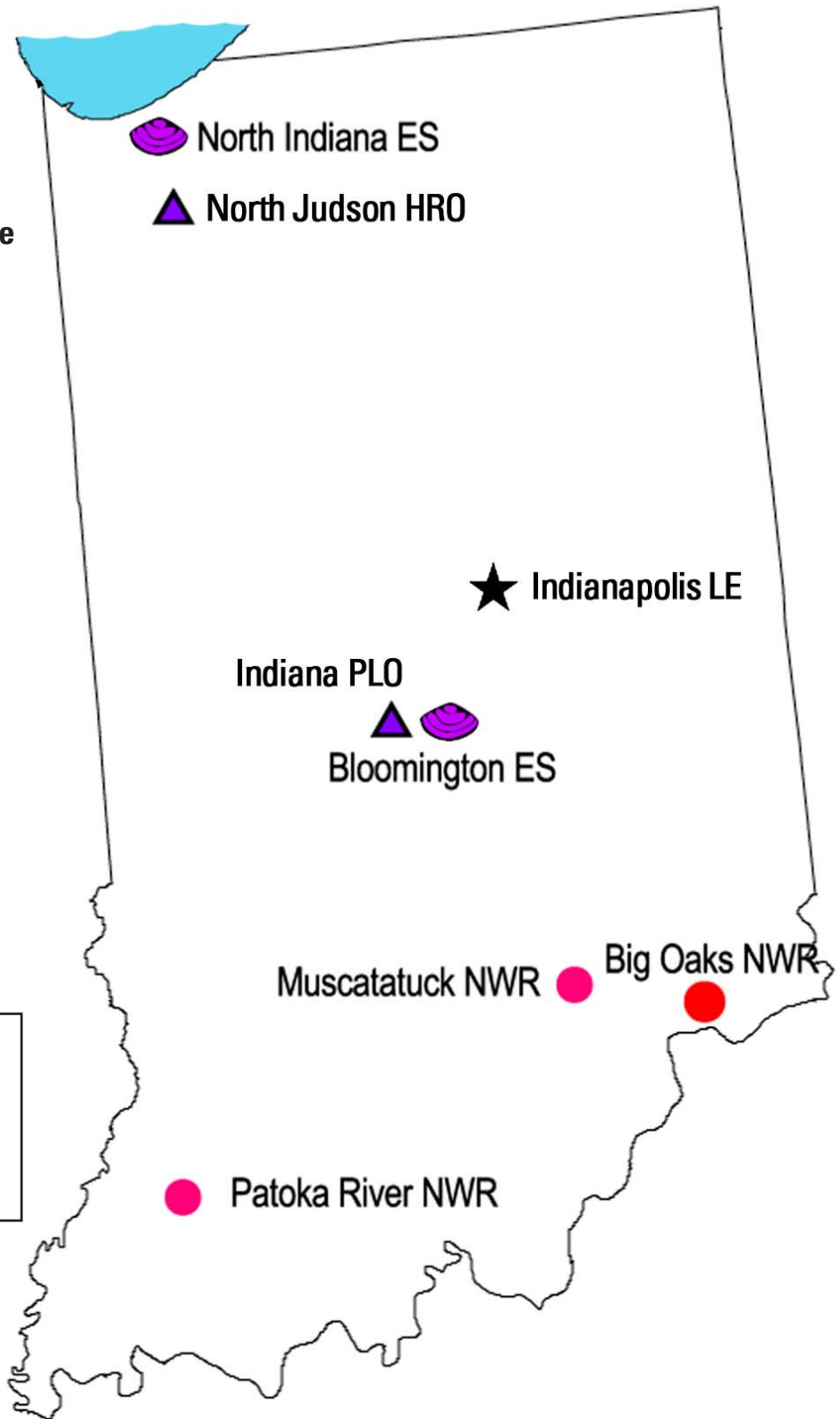




Service Facilities in Indiana

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Introduction

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Quick Facts

- 545 national wildlife refuges
- 96 million acres of fish and wildlife habitat
- 81 ecological services field stations
- 69 national fish hatcheries
- 63 fish and wildlife management offices
- 7,500 employees

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The vast majority of fish and wildlife habitat is on lands not owned by the federal government. Partnerships with Native American tribes, state and local governments, non-government organizations and private citizens are critical to the Service fulfilling our mission. Programs such as Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Partners in Flight, the Coastal Program, and partnership activities with individuals are the primary mechanisms for assisting in voluntary habitat restoration on non-Service lands and fostering conservation practices throughout the Region.

The Service manages the 95 million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System that consists of 545 National Wildlife Refuges and thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. The Service also carries out its mission through the 81 ecological services field stations, 69 national fish hatcheries, and 63 fish and wildlife management offices located nationwide.

The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and



restores fish and wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. The Service also administers a number of grant programs that promote the restoration of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat on tribal and private lands.

The Service also oversees the Federal Assistance program that distributes federal excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state natural resource agencies. This program is a cornerstone of the nation's wildlife management efforts, funding fish and wildlife restoration, boating access, hunter education, shooting ranges and related projects across America.

Approximately 7,500 people are employed by the Service at facilities across the United States. It is a decentralized organization with a headquarters office in Washington, D.C., seven geographic regional offices, and nearly 700 field units.



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Midwest Regional Highlights

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin

Quick Facts

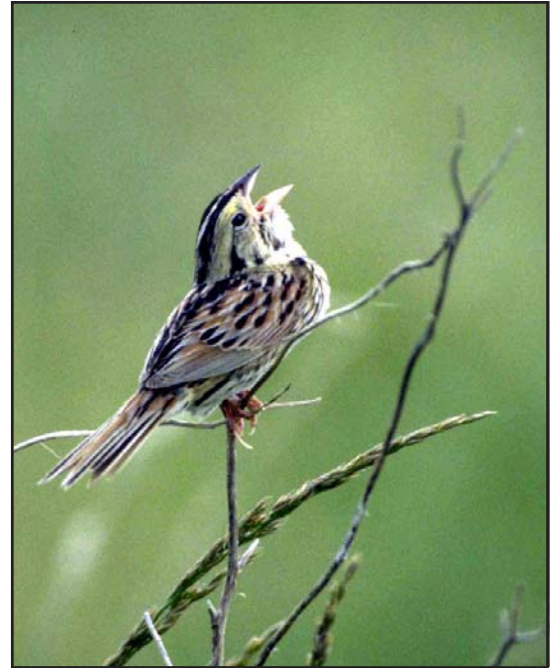
- Employment: 1,088 people
- Acres Managed: 1.29 million
- The Fiscal Year 2006 Budget for Regional Service activities totaled \$86 million
- More than 7.7 million people visited Refuges throughout Region 3 to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs, and view wildlife
- More than 150,000 school children participated in Service educational programs
- 130,655 acres of wetlands restored
- 483 miles of streams restored
- 105,747 acres of upland habitat restored

The Region is Committed to

- Expanded partnerships offering innovative opportunities to enhance the Region's fish and wildlife resources
- Healthy fish and wildlife trust species populations and habitats to support them
- Providing the public with quality hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on Service lands
- An organization dedicated to employee excellence, reflecting the nation's rich diversity, and providing quality service to and decision-making for the resources for which we have trust responsibility (migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, interjurisdictional fish).

Regional Programs and Offices

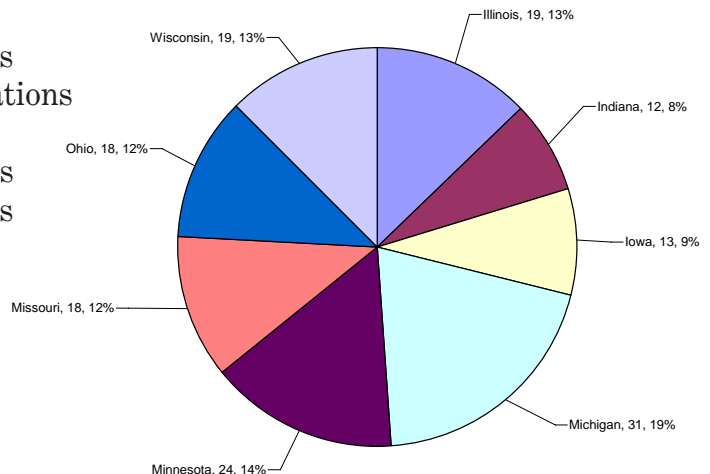
- 55 National Wildlife Refuges, including the newest – Glacial Ridge in northwest Minnesota
- 12 Wetland Management Districts
- More than 300,000 acres in waterfowl production areas
- 6 National Fish Hatcheries
- 6 Fishery Resources Offices
- 2 Sea Lamprey Control Stations
- 8 Private Lands Offices
- 9 Ecological Services offices
- 18 Law Enforcement offices



Federal Assistance Program

In Fiscal Year 2006, the Region's Federal Assistance Office managed \$153 million to help strengthen sport fish and wildlife restoration programs throughout the eight-state region.

**Fiscal Year 2006 Federal Assistance Program Grants by State
(In Millions)**





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Midwest Regional Offices

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin





Quick Facts

Indiana State Facts

- The Service employs more than 40 people in Indiana
- The Fiscal Year 2006 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Indiana totaled \$2.9 million
- Three National Wildlife Refuges in Indiana total 64,846 acres
- In 2004, more than 94,000 people visited national wildlife refuges in Indiana to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs and view wildlife

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Indiana

Fish and Wildlife Service Highlights

Federal Assistance to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

In 2006 Indiana received:

- \$4.7 million for sport fish restoration
- \$4 million for wildlife restoration and hunter education

Indiana Bat Conservation

Conserving the endangered Indiana bat is a high priority for the Service in Indiana. Strides are being made in cooperative efforts, including a Habitat Conservation Plan that allows expansion, development, and highway construction in and around Indianapolis International Airport in areas used by Indiana bats. The HCP calls for permanent preservation of bat habitat along with habitat restoration to ensure the species' continued survival near the airport. The state recently received a Service grant for \$587,250 to begin preliminary work on a statewide Habitat Conservation Plan for the Indiana bat on 10 state forests. The proposed HCP will be the first to address Indiana bat management concerns on actively managed forests, providing a positive model for other states and forest managers.



Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge

Established in 1994, Patoka River NWR in southwest Indiana may someday encompass about 22,000 acres of bottomland hardwoods. At Patoka, the focus is on partnerships to restore habitat and clean up acid mine drainage in area waterways. The refuge works closely with the extremely effective South Fork Citizens' Committee on acid mine drainage issues in the watershed. The group works under the Clean Streams Initiative and its efforts are considered among the most effective in that arena.



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Big Oaks

National Wildlife Refuge

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 2000
- Acres: 50,000
- River otters re-established in 1996
- Overlay refuge on former U.S. Army proving ground
- Over 30 miles of protected streams

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Seven person staff
- 6,200 visitors in 2004
- FY 2006 Budget: \$767,000

Refuge Location

The refuge office is located five miles north of Madison on U.S. Highway 421

Natural History

- Over 30,000 acres of forest
- Over 120 breeding bird species
- 46 state rare and endangered plants
- Large Henslow's sparrow breeding population

Refuge Objectives

- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for migratory birds
- Provide habitat for resident wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Highlight

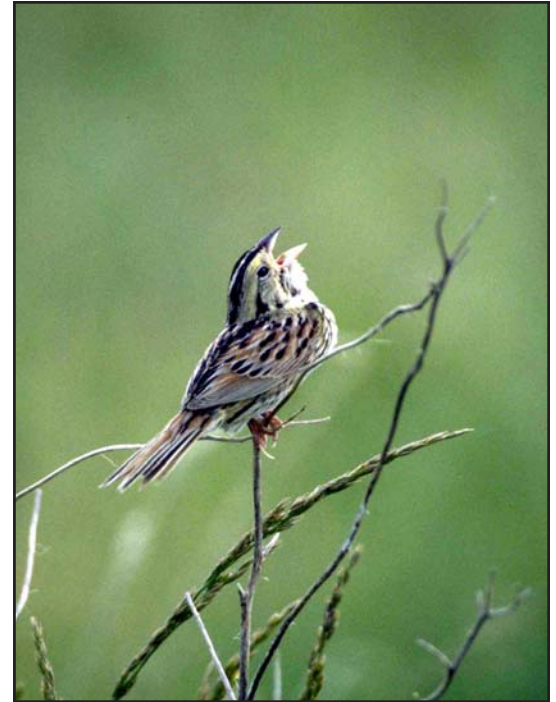
- The refuge has been designated as a Globally Important Bird Area due to its value to migratory birds

Priorities

- Conserve and enhance tallgrass prairie and woodland habitat for migratory bird species of concern. Prescribed fire is a major tool to accomplish this priority.
- Improve and maintain roads, culverts bridges and firebreaks
- Rehabilitate Old Timbers Lake Dam

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting
- Fishing
- Wildlife observation and photography
- Environmental education and interpretation



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Muscatatuck *National Wildlife Refuge*

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1966
- Acres: 7,802
- Otters introduced on the refuge in 1995
- Trumpeter swans introduced in 1998
- Over one million waterfowl use days

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Five person staff
- 185,000 visitors annually
- FY 2006 Budget: \$748,000

Refuge Location

The refuge office is located three miles east of Interstate 65 on U.S. Highway 50

Natural History

- Sixty percent of refuge lands are converted farm lands
- Lakes, ponds, moist soil and green tree units totaling 1,500 acres have been restored on the refuge
- Archeological sites on the refuge are included on the National Register of Historic Places
- Refuge has a remnant population of the northern copperbelly water snake

Refuge Objectives

- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for resident wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Highlight

- The new Conservation Learning Center, an addition to the refuge visitor center, was a gift to the refuge from the Muscatatuck Wildlife Society Foundation. The center will greatly improve environmental education and outreach programs for the refuge.

Priorities

- Increase law enforcement program
- Construct new headquarters building and visitor center



- Ensure the Comprehensive Conservation Plan is science-based and involves the public

Public Use Opportunities

- Eight hiking trails
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education and interpretation
- Wildlife observation and photography
- Visitor center/bookstore
- Four mile auto tour route
- Log cabin historic site

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Patoka River *National Wildlife Refuge and Management Area*

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1994
- Refuge acres: 5,131
- 682 acres in two outlying Wildlife Management Areas
- Acres authorized: 22,083
- The Patoka River Project will consist of 6,800 acres of National Wildlife Refuge and 15,283 acres of Wildlife Management Area; this differentiation is necessary to avoid conflicts with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act and the area's surface coal mining industry
- River corridor project will encompass 30 miles of the Patoka River and 19 miles of oxbows with a total of 12,700 acres of existing wetlands
- Refuge will provide some of the best wood duck production habitat in the state

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Three person staff
- 18,000 visitors annually
- FY 2006 Budget: \$452,000

Natural History

- One of the most significant bottomland hardwood forests remaining in the state
- Supports over 380 species of wildlife, including the threatened bald eagle and endangered Indiana bat

Refuge Objectives

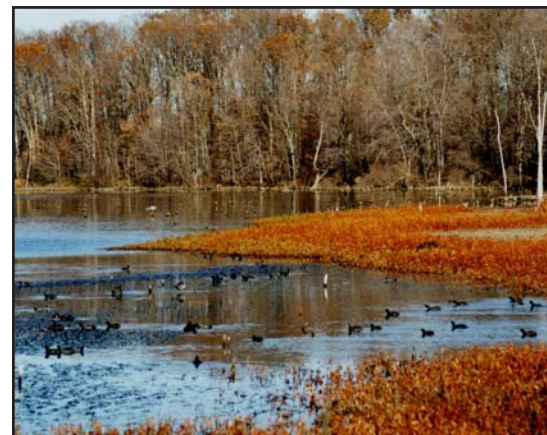
- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for resident wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education
- Restore, protect and manage the river corridor of bottomland hardwood wetlands
- Partner with others to restore fish and wildlife habitat and improve water quality in southwest Indiana

Highlight

- In cooperation with the refuge, Ducks Unlimited, Duke Energy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Indiana DNR have been working together to secure a \$1 million grant to construct a 60-acre nesting pool for the endangered interior least tern

Priorities

- Create approximately 90 acres of



moist soil habitat

- Enhance the refuge biological program
- Enhance public use program

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Canoeing

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Refuge Location

The refuge is located in Pike and Gibson counties, near Oakland City, Ind.



Quick Facts

Upland Restorations (1987 - 2006)

- 480 sites
- 4,962 acres

Wetland Restorations (1987-2006)

- 1,192 sites
- 7,093 acres

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Private Lands Office

Overview of the Program

- Working with others to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on private lands
- Restoring habitat for migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, interjurisdictional fish and other wildlife
- Restoring habitat within the watersheds of our national wildlife refuges
- Voluntary participation

Opportunities on Private Lands

- Wetland restoration
- Native prairie restoration
- Stream restoration
- Migratory bird habitat
- Endangered species habitat
- Invasive species control

Partner Involvement

- Private landowners
- Nonprofit organizations
- Corporations
- Local, state and federal agencies
- Tribal governments



Program Benefits

- Increased wildlife abundance
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved soil, water and air quality
- Increased recreational opportunities
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting *voluntary* habitat restoration on private lands

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Bloomington, Indiana

Ecological Services Field Office

Quick Facts

Indiana is home to 23 federally listed endangered, threatened, or candidate species, including the Indiana bat, least tern, copperbelly water snake, and white cat's paw pearl mussel. For more information about these and other rare and declining Indiana species, please see our website at <http://midwest.fws.gov/endangered>.

Highlight

The Bloomington Field Office has the national lead for recovery of the Indiana bat; a forest dwelling endangered species found throughout the eastern United States. Also, our environmental contaminants program has produced a number of multimillion dollar habitat restoration projects, including efforts to restore the Grand Calumet River.

The Bloomington Field Office has a sub office in Porter, Indiana.

Our History

For over 60 years Ecological Services has protected and restored fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats. Our roots trace back to the River Basins Program that reviewed Federal water development projects. Since 1945, Ecological Services' responsibilities have expanded to include reviews of most Federal construction projects, endangered species, environmental contaminants, and a variety of conservation partnerships and grants.

Project Planning

Through early and wise planning we work to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats by minimizing the impact of Federal construction projects. Besides traditional Corps of Engineers' projects and permits, we work on energy development projects (hydro and wind power), highway projects, and proposed activities in National Forests.

Environmental Contaminants

The Environmental Contaminants program is the only program in the Federal Government solely responsible for evaluating the impact of environmental contaminants on fish and wildlife. We work to prevent, reduce and eliminate the adverse effects of environmental contaminants.

Threatened and Endangered Species

Our responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act include conserving declining species before



listing is necessary, adding species to the list of threatened and endangered species, working to recover listed species, and working with other Federal agencies to ensure that their projects do not irreparably harm listed species.

Grants

We administer Endangered Species Act grants to provide funding to States, Tribes, organizations, and individuals for listed species conservation activities.

Partnerships

We work to restore habitat on private lands through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. We work with others to restore Great Lakes coastal habitats through our Coastal Program.

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Quick Facts

Green Bay Office Facts

- Established: 1992
- FY 2006 Budget: \$688,000
- Staff: six permanent

Geographic Area Served

- Lake Superior watershed
- Upper Great Lakes Coastal Program
- Great Lakes Ruffe Control Program

Carterville Office Facts

- Established: 1981
- FY 2006 Budget: \$309,000
- Staff: Three permanent, three temporary

Geographic Area Served

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Ohio
- Missouri
- Mississippi River - from Rock Island, Illinois, to Cairo, Illinois; including Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge complex
- Ohio River - bordering the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois

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Fisheries Conservation

Providing Fisheries Services to Indiana

Although there is no fishery office located in Indiana, service in the state is provided by the Green Bay Fishery Resources Office and the Carterville Fishery Resources Office.

Green Bay Fishery Resources Office Areas Served

- Lake Michigan watershed

Activity Highlights

- Lake trout restoration
- Evaluation of hatchery fish and fish community statistics
- Lake sturgeon conservation
- Restoring fish habitat and fish passage
- Member, Scientific Advisory Team of the Great Lakes Fishery Task Force

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Carterville Fishery Resources Office Areas Served

- Ohio River bordering the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois

Activity Highlights

- Restoring fish - paddlefish and pallid sturgeon
- Restoring fish habitat and fish passage
- Leading effort to combat Asian carp and other aquatic invasive species

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Indianapolis

Law Enforcement Field Office

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1977
- Staff: two Special Agents
- The Indianapolis Field Office is administered by the Springfield, Ill., Resident Agent in Charge Office

Law Enforcement Objectives

- Protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws
- Promote and encourage voluntary compliance with federal wildlife laws through public education and the creation of a deterrent effect

Law Enforcement Priorities

- Investigate violations that have a significant impact on wild populations of federally protected species, such as those violations involving commercial exploitation and/or habitat destruction and modification
- Investigate violations that involve wild populations of species protected by state or foreign laws, with emphasis on interstate and foreign commercial exploitation
- Provide support and assistance to enforcement activities on Service lands, such as National Wildlife Refuges, and to other federal agencies on lands they manage
- Promote awareness of, and support for, federal wildlife laws and the role of law enforcement in protecting our wildlife resources and heritage

Laws Enforced

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Duck Stamp Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- National Wildlife Refuge Act
- Lacey Act
- Airborne Hunting Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act



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North American Waterfowl Management Plan

Quick Facts

Habitat

Accomplishments

- Over 25,000 acres of habitat protected, restored and enhanced
- Seeded retired cropland to native grasses
- Protected floodplain and stream habitat
- Protected coastal wetlands
- Restored bottomland hardwood forests

Financial Assistance

- Matching dollars from partners totaling over \$26.3 million
- North American Wetland Conservation Act grants; 15 grants totaling over \$8.5 million

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About the Plan

- An international agreement signed in 1986
- Goal: return waterfowl populations to levels of the mid 1970s
- Achieve goal by restoring and protecting wetland and grassland habitat
- Includes 13 habitat joint ventures and three species joint ventures in the U.S., Canada and Mexico

Partner Involvement

- Private landowners
- Nonprofit organizations
- Corporations
- Tribal, local, state and federal government agencies

Indiana Projects

Wetland and grassland restorations within:

- Grand Kankakee River watershed
- Southwest Indiana Four Rivers phase III
- Federal, state and county lands
- Private lands statewide through voluntary participation



Public Benefits

- Increased recreational opportunities
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved community relations
- Enhanced floodwater storage
- Improved water quality
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting voluntary wetland preservation

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Indiana

Federal Assistance

Quick Facts

IN Anglers and Hunters Spent

- 15.5 million days angling
- 469 million dollars in total fishing expenditures
- 5 million days hunting
- Over 279 million dollars in total hunting expenditures

IN Licensed Anglers and Hunters

- 833,000 licensed anglers
- 284,000 licensed hunters

United States

- Over 82 million U.S. residents 16 years old and older fished, hunted, or wildlife watched in 2001.
- Sportspeople spent a total of \$70 billion in 2001—\$36 billion on fishing, \$21 billion on hunting, and \$14 billion on items used for both hunting and fishing (the sum of expenditures totals \$71 billion due to rounding).

<http://fa.r9.fws.gov/surveys/surveys.html>

Where Can I Find More Information

Detailed grant information is available at our public website—faims.fws.gov.

How the Dollars are Administered

- The goal of the Federal Assistance Program is to work with States to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, their habitats and the hunting, sportfishing, and recreational boating opportunities they provide.
- In fiscal year 2006 total grant funds in the Midwest Region exceeded \$153 million. Indiana received \$11.6 million. These monies were distributed through programs such as: Sportfish and Wildlife Restoration, Coastal Wetlands Program, Landowner Incentive Program, Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act, Boating Infrastructure Grant Program, State Wildlife Grants and the Clean Vessel Act Program.

Where the Money Comes From

Funding for most Federal Assistance programs comes from federal excise taxes paid by hunters, anglers, and boaters on hunting and fishing equip-

ment, a portion of the federal fuel tax, and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

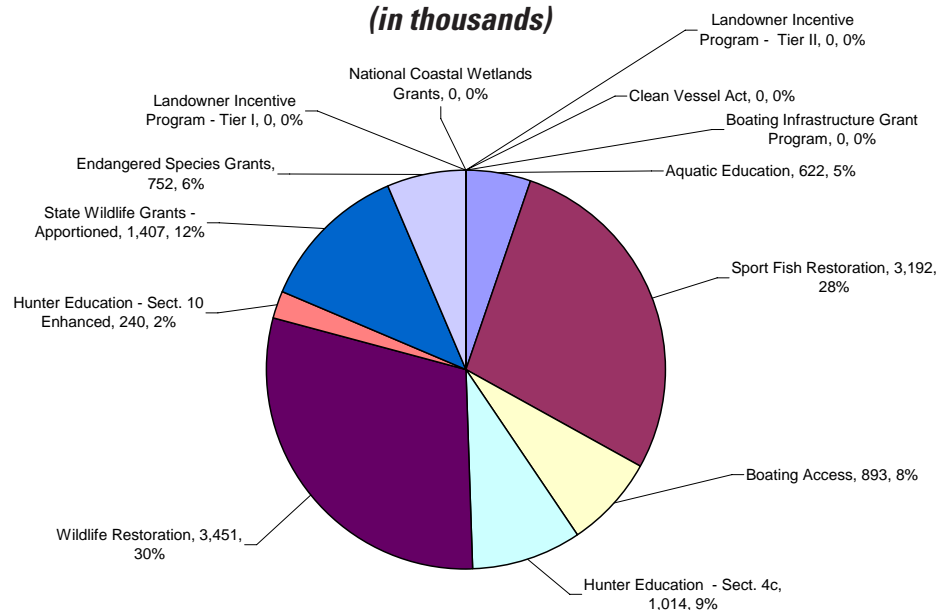
What the Money Can be Used For

Fish and wildlife research, habitat enhancement, assistance to private landowners, environmental review of public projects, land acquisition, operation and maintenance of lands and facilities, boating and angler access improvements, comprehensive planning for fish and wildlife resources, and hunter and aquatic education.

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Fiscal Year 2006 Funds Granted to the State Through Federal Assistance Programs (in thousands)





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Migratory Bird Conservation

Quick Facts

- 1.43 million bird watching participants
- 206 million bird watching days
- More than 14,000 duck hunters
- 30,538 Federal Duck Stamps sold (2002-2003)
- One Important Bird Area on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands in Indiana: Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge

Inventory and Monitoring

- Woodcock Singing Ground Survey
- Mourning Dove Call Count Survey
- Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey
- Resident Canada goose breeding population survey
- Waterfowl banding program
- Nongame bird inventories on National Wildlife Refuge System lands

Research

- Henslow's sparrow population studies at Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge

Management

- Wetland and grassland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Bottomland hardwood restoration
- Develop hunting regulations
- Issue migratory bird permits
- Integrated bird conservation planning at state and bird conservation region levels

Outreach

- International Migratory Bird Day
- Junior Duck Stamp Contest

Partnerships

- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- Partners in Flight
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan
- North American Waterbird Conservation Plan



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