

Chesapeake Bay

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Delmarva fox squirrel

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Purpose

Field office biologists work with landowners, private and community organizations, government agencies and other partners to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Their work is guided by the following laws and other related legislative authorities:

Clean Water Act
Endangered Species Act
Federal Power Act
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
Food Security Act
Migratory Bird Treaty Act
National Environmental Policy Act
Emergency Wetlands Resources Act
Oil Pollution Act
Superfund (CERCLA)
Water Resources Development Act

Management Activities

- Working to recover populations of Delmarva fox squirrel, bald eagle, bog turtle and other species listed under the Endangered Species Act
- Restoring important fish and wildlife habitats on private lands in cooperation with landowners, conservation groups and other agencies
- Identifying and preventing contaminant impacts on fish and wildlife resources
- Helping landowners and local, state and federal agencies to evaluate and restore stream systems
- Controlling the introduction and spread of invasive species
- Reviewing federal water resources development projects to evaluate impacts to fish and wildlife

- Developing and distributing materials about BayScapes and Schoolyard Habitats to support an environmentally informed public and promote environmental stewardship
- Working with public and private partners to implement landscape-level habitat restoration and protection projects
- Conserving and restoring coastal habitats and ecosystems

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Highlights

Investigating the effects of contaminants on trust resources in local river ecosystems

Advocating beneficial use of dredged material in restoring fish and wildlife habitat at Poplar Island

Assisting private landowners to acquire funding and create land management plans to restore and protect Delmarva fox squirrel habitat

Eradicating invasive nutria from the Chesapeake Bay region

Restoring wetland, upland and streamside (riparian) habitats

Issues

Urban sprawl and infrastructure development

Watershed and stream system degradation

Impacts of residential and commercial development on threatened and endangered species

Exotic and invasive species management, including nutria, phragmites and Asian oyster

Deformed amphibians found on refuges

