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# Conservation Planning Assistance

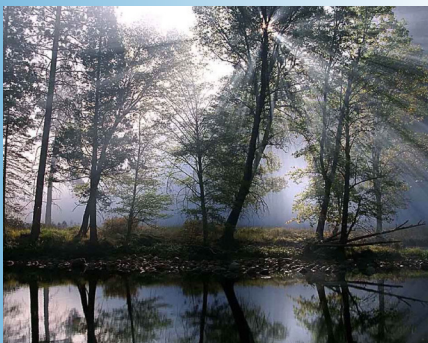
## *A Prospectus*

### **Mission of Conservation Planning Assistance (CPA):**

*The mission of CPA is to work collaboratively with industries, agencies and other stakeholders to achieve development goals in ways that are sustainable and compatible with the conservation of fish, wildlife and habitat.*

### **Vision:**

*The CPA Program envisions an ecologically functional landscape that accommodates infrastructure needs, such as energy and transportation, and sustainable populations of fish, wildlife and plants.*



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### **Capabilities of CPA:**

- On-the-ground presence in more than 80 field offices nationwide acting as the unified “voice” of the Service in development planning.



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- Network of highly trained professionals including: fish and wildlife biologists, botanists, hydrologists and ecologists.
- Expertise in integrating and jointly addressing the requirements of numerous conservation statutes, such as the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Federal Power Act.
- Expertise and experience in assessing project-related impacts to fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats, and drafting plans to mitigate those impacts.
- Experience in programmatic and landscape-scale impact assessment and mitigation planning.
- Experience crafting solutions to complex resource problems.

### **Outcomes of CPA Involvement:**

- Projects are accomplished in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Projects are reviewed and processed efficiently.
- Long-term collaborative working relationships are established with project proponents, resource agencies, environmental organizations and other stakeholders.
- Resources and partnerships are leveraged to achieve greater conservation results.
- Programmatic and landscape-scale conservation tools are used to improve the efficiency of project review and effectiveness of project mitigation.
- The recovery of listed species is supported, and common species remain common.



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