Pennsylvania Conservation Opportunity Area Tool



The 2015-2025 Pennsylvania Wildlife Action Plan is now available through a web-based map! Here are a few features for you to explore in the *Pennsylvania Conservation Opportunity Area (COA) Tool*.

- ✓ Discover Species of Greatest Conservation Need in a user-defined area of interest.
- ✓ Develop an output report with actions identified to support the species and habitats in an area of interest.
- ✓ Produce a list of Species of Greatest Conservation Need by county or watershed.
- ✓ See range maps for most Species of Greatest Conservation Need.



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WHO SHOULD USE IT?

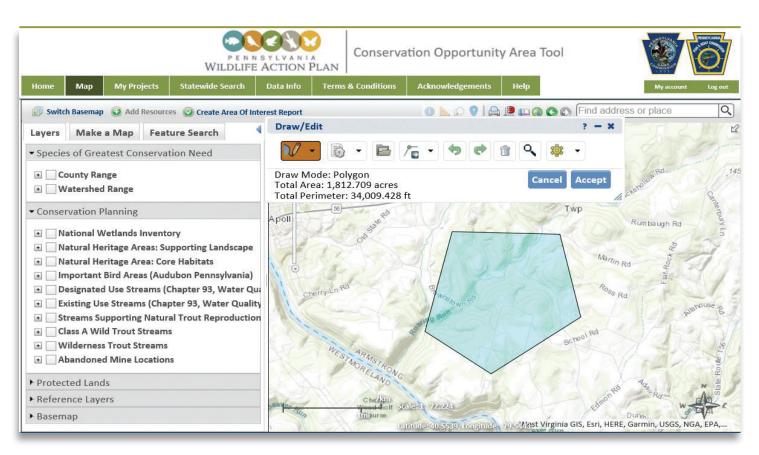
Everyone who has interest in the conservation of Pennsylvania's at-risk species! Whether expanding one's knowledge of a species or gathering information for on-theground actions, the COA Tool can be a useful resource.

WHY WAS IT DEVELOPED?

The COA Tool expands access to core components and facilitates use of the Pennsylvania Wildlife Action Plan. The Pennsylvania Wildlife Action Plan guides conservation actions to secure Species of Greatest Conservation Need and their habitats and is filled with important information about species, habitats, environmental stressors, needed conservation actions and more.



Wood Turtle, K. Gipe, PFBC



HOW DO I GET STARTED?



https://wildlifeactionmap.pa.gov

New users must register for a free account which will allow them to create and save projects and generate reports. The Quick Start Guide and Help menu will get you started.



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The COA Tool is the collective effort of species and habitat experts from the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program and numerous conservation partners. Extensive data management, prototype development and non-federal match were provided by Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources provided web development technical assistance. NatureServe developed the final web application.



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