State Game Lands No. 57, comprising 45,986 acres, is located in Wyoming and Luzerne Counties. The terrain is rolling to very steep and forested. The primary game species are deer, turkey, bear, snowshoe hare and ruffed grouse.

State Game Lands now totaling more than 1.5 million acres are purchased, managed and maintained primarily for outdoor recreation in the form of sport hunting.

While portions of sportsmen’s license fees and taxes on sporting arms and ammunition have made the acquisition and development of these lands possible, other users are welcome. Recreation such as boating, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, and nature study is encouraged.

The Game Commission is concerned for the perpetuation of all game lands with the management of hunting. Each hunter buys a license, the proceeds of which go to the management of the lands he hunts. In 1989-90 the funds were derived from license fees and taxes on arms and ammunition and went to enhance the habitat, improve the conditions for all species which are hunted. Pennsylvania’s non-game wildlife resources require the concern, cooperation and financial support of everyone, hunters and non-hunters alike. “Working Together for Wildlife” is the answer.

Each time a hunter buys a hunting license, the money he spends goes toward many facets of wildlife management. Since 1920, close to a million and a half acres of State Game Lands have been acquired with these funds. Each year nearly $7,000,000 is spent to improve wildlife habitat. Habitat improvements enhance living conditions for non-game birds and mammals as well as those species which are hunted. Pennsylvania hunters willingly share these lands with the non-hunting public, and with few exceptions, State Game Lands are open for general use year round. Surveys indicate that hunting accounts for only thirty-five percent of game land usage. The remaining sixty-five percent is used by the general public for non-hunting purposes.

“Working Together for Wildlife” is a Game Commission program providing everyone an opportunity to help support wildlife management in the areas for endangered and non-game animals. Monies derived from the “Working Together for Wildlife” Program are being used in Pennsylvania to re-introduce the osprey, river otter, bald eagle, peregrine falcon and provide habitat for other birds and mammals indigenous to the Commonwealth. Construction placement of blue bird houses on State Game Lands provides needed homes for this beautiful songbird. Islands in the Susquehanna River have been set aside as propagation areas for non-game shore birds. Numerous other projects are planned on State Game Lands and other public properties which will also provide food and habitat for non-game wildlife.

The future of Pennsylvania’s wildlife resources requires the concern, cooperation and financial support of everyone, hunters and non-hunters alike. “Working Together for Wildlife” is the answer. Send your contributions to “Working Together for Wildlife”, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-9797.

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