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 birch 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.

State Game Land (SGL) 130 is 3,182.22 acres comprised of two separate tracts located in eastern Mercer County. The SGL is located in Sandy Lake, Worth, Jackson and Lake Townships in the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northwest Region (Wildlife Management Unit 1A). The SGL is easily accessed via US Routes 62 and 965. There are numerous formal and informal parking areas. The terrain on the game land is level to rolling hills.

An abandoned railroad grade exists on the SGL between Triple Link Road and Reeds Furnace Road with three existing railroad bridges still intact. In this same area along the railroad grade are numerous oil wells some of which are still producing towards the Reeds Furnace Road end. A water bellows iron furnace utilizing Sandy Creek was located on this SGL and the foundations are still present. A former coal tipple existed at the Reeds Furnace end of this Railroad grade.

At the turn of the century between the late 1800's to the early 1900's approximately fourteen sawmills were located along Sandy Creek starting in the Sandy Lake area to the Pecan Hill area. Much virgin timber, native American Chestnut before the blight, oak and walnut was timbered. Some chestnut stumps are still visible in the area from past timbering. Ginseng and Lady Slippers can still be found on this SGL.

At the intersection of Reeds Furnace and Griffin Roads a large farm existed with primarily pasture fields and cattle, known as the Egger farm. A large home just before this farm on the opposite side of the road was a beautiful home where a family by the name of Adams lived, a former president of Penn State University. Another farm was located between Griffin Road and Rt. 965 this farm was quite a large vegetable farm with a large strawberry patch. Off of Griffin Road a one room school house stood in the early 1900's before a school was built in Sandy Lake, it is now an interior holding owned by the county.

The primary big game species hunted on State Game Land 130 are white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Black bear hunting is becoming more popular on SGL 130 with more bears being harvested each year. The primary small game hunted includes ruffed grouse, squirrels, the gray and red fox, and ring-necked pheasants. SGL 130 receives four pheasant stockings, one preseason and three in season stockings. Eastern cottontail hunting receives light to moderate pressure especially on the detached piece off of Rt. 965 and Parker School Road. Muskrat and beaver are present in the impoundments, natural bodies of water to include strip ponds and Sandy Creek with some trapping activity. Also, mink, raccoon, opossum, red and gray fox and coyote can provide additional trapping opportunities.

Snowshoe and cross-country ski trails have been observed during the winter. There are no legal snowmobile or ATV trails on this State Game Lands. There is a designated horseback and non motorized conveyance trail that is temporarily closed due to the deteriorating conditions of the three bridges along this route. This designated route is off of Triple Link Road and ends on Reeds Furnace Road on an abandoned railroad grade. Canoeing, kayaking, bird watching, hiking, bicycling, geocaching, and fishing are other activities on this SGL.