

<p style="text-align: center;">PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #22 Eisenhower Least Shrew Site</p>

COUNTY(IES) Adams

APPROX. SIZE 6,679 acres

OWNERSHIP Public (Federal), Private

REASON FOR SELECTION

- Sustains a confirmed viable local population of a Species of Greatest Conservation Need and the species or subspecies regularly occurs at the site during one or more seasons

DESCRIPTION

Located at the edge of the Borough of Gettysburg, the site consists of rolling hills and valleys with elevations between 500-580 ft. The habitat is dominated by grasslands, with woodlots and some cultivated and fallow fields.

MAMMAL NOTES

Designation as an IMA is based on recorded occurrence of least shrews, which are a state endangered species. The northern myotis has also been recorded.

CONSERVATION NOTES

Included in this site are the Freedom Township Grasslands IBA (IBA #41), which provide habitat for grassland species, including a regularly nesting population of loggerhead shrike. The most critical habitat threat in terms of the least shrew is habitat succession. In addition, conversion of farmland into residential developments is an ongoing problem.