

Frankfort

Ecological Services Field Office



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Station Facts

- Established: As a sub-office in 2001.
- FY 02 budget: \$190,300 (Resource Management appropriated funds).
- Number of staff: three.

Activity Highlights

- Respond to over 2,400 requests each year for information and technical assistance involving threatened and endangered species and wetlands.
- Assisting several county school systems in developing outdoor environmental labs, and private landowners in restoring riparian areas and prairie/barren habitats.
- Providing planning assistance to Department of Energy's Paducah facility.
- Providing fish and wildlife planning expertise to COE's water resource development projects (Ohio River Navigation and military installations).

Station Goals

- Provide technical/financial assistance to private landowners interested in the conservation of migratory species and federally listed species.
- Provide accurate and meaningful assistance to help other federal agencies fulfill their responsibilities toward federal trust resources.
- Provide assistance to state agencies and local governments in addressing federal mandates.
- Prevent, or identify and repair, harm or injury to trust resources caused by environmental contaminants.

Services Provided To

- Private citizens.
- State and local agencies.
- Federal agencies.

Frequently asked questions within the Ecological Services Program

What does Ecological Services do?

The Ecological Services program encompasses four major activities:

- **Habitat Conservation** - involves assisting various federal agencies in analyzing impacts to fish and wildlife resources of the projects that they either perform, permit, license, or fund.
- **Endangered Species** - involves listing species under the Endangered Species Act, encouraging the recovery of species listed, and assisting federal agencies in complying with the Act.
- **Environmental Contaminants** - involves the identification and prevention of harm to trust resources caused by environmental contaminants, and assistance in the recovery of damaged habitats that support trust species.
- **Partners for Fish and Wildlife** - involves assisting private landowners in habitat enhancement/restoration activities that benefit trust resources.

What are trust resources?

Trust resources include migratory birds, species listed under the Endangered Species Act, inter-jurisdiction fishes, marine mammals, wetlands, and Service lands.