

Pennsylvania Conservation Explorer

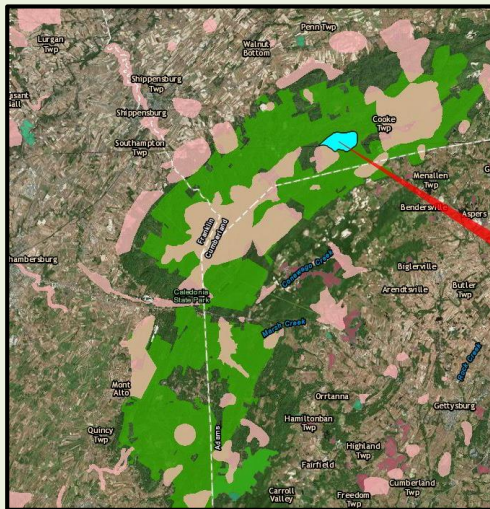
Conservation Planning and PNDI Environmental Review



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DCNR is developing a new tool to replace the current PNDI Environmental Review Tool. This new tool, called the PA Conservation Explorer, will include both conservation planning and PNDI environmental review. It will provide greater access to conservation information, leading to better planning and reduced project impacts.

This new tool will include visible conservation information to support project planning as well as an environmental review function where users can obtain their PNDI Receipts. These two tools in one will provide greater efficiency and certainty for both industry and conservation.

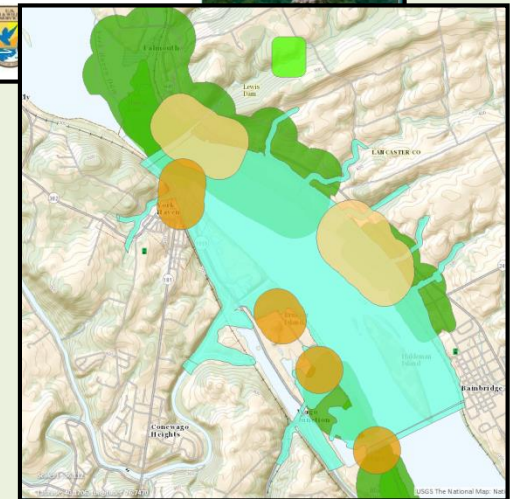


Conservation Planning

The new tool provides users with the ability to view many layers of conservation information, as shown on the left, for carrying out responsible development and stewardship of land and water resources.

PNDI Project Screening

Registered users can explore areas for potential impacts to rare, threatened and endangered species habitats as shown on the right.



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New and Improved Features

The new tool's enhancements include:

- Improved mapping with 11 different base maps
- Access to PA information for planning and review:
 - Protected lands
 - Visible rare, threatened and endangered species habitats
 - High-value surface water resources
 - PA Natural Heritage area reports

PNDI Project Screening: Edit and View Projects

- Import project shapefiles to perform screenings
- View submitted projects and their status
- Upload project documents for review

Convenience Charge for PNDI Receipts

Although most parts of the tool will be free of charge, DCNR intends to recover some of the costs of developing and managing the new tool by applying a \$40 convenience charge per PNDI project. The policy was recently published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.



For more information or to schedule a training or demonstration, please contact: kenttaylor@pa.gov or visit <http://www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us>