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Biodiversity Conservation: From Knowledge to Action
Wednesday, March 9, 2005
Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA
Sponsored by: Kings Gap Environmental Education & Training Center and Shippensburg University

Purpose:

For nearly ten years, biodiversity has been acknowledged at the state and national level as a critical issue to be researched and incorporated into resource management and land use planning. In Pennsylvania, numerous agencies and organizations have been involved in compiling scientific research that will contribute to a statewide biodiversity conservation plan.

Efforts to achieve the sustainable conservation of natural communities will have far-reaching effects. This conference will foreshadow findings, implications, and potential recommendations from various current research projects as they relate to this conservation initiative.

Opening Speaker:

Biodiversity – Bucking the Trends: Ben Moyer, Feature writer for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and former Editor of Pennsylvania Sportsman magazine

Mr. Moyer's presentation will depict the challenges facing biodiversity proponents. Despite widespread efforts, the biodiversity concept is still a tough sell in today's world. Successfully promoting biodiversity will take creativity, realism and persistence. Ben Moyer has an extensive background in professional conservation work, serving with the PA Bureau of State Parks, the Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation and the Joint Legislative Conservation Committee. He also teaches courses in environmental science and ecology at Penn State University, Fayette Campus. Mr. Moyer served as a member of Governor Tom Ridge's Sportsman Advisory Council, the PA Deer Management Working Group and he co-chaired Governor Rendell's transition team for fish and wildlife issues. Recently he published his first book, "Out Back: Reflections from the Appalachian Outdoors."

A.M. Sessions And Session Speakers

Session 1 (11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon)

- A. The Plight of the Eastern Hemlock in Pennsylvania - The Extinction of the State Tree:
E. Michael Blumenthal, Forest Health Supervisor, Bureau of Forestry, PA DCNR
- B. Pennsylvania Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy:
Lisa Williams, Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Diversity Section, PA Game Commission
- C. Pennsylvania Flying Squirrels – Distribution and Competition:
Greg Turner, Endangered Mammal Specialist, PA Game Commission
- D. Invasive Plants in Pennsylvania – DCNR's Role:
Pat Pingel, Ecological Services Manager, Bureau of Forestry, PA DCNR
- E. Pennsylvania Timber Rattlesnake - Site Assessment and Inventory Project:
Chris Urban, Chief, Natural Diversity Section, PA Fish and Boat Commission

Lunch (12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.) Reisner Dining Hall

Post-Luncheon Speaker (1:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Biodiversity Conservation – Mapping the Future: Randall D. Cooley CEO, Westsylvania Heritage Corporation

The non-profit Westsylvania Heritage Corporation which has become a heritage development enterprise incubator, providing support for small companies and organizations with a shared mission to focus southwestern Pennsylvania communities on wealth creation opportunities that emerge from effective identification, preservation, presentation, interpretation, and marketing of their diverse cultural and natural heritage. Randy Cooley will highlight Westsylvania's interest in considering the importance of biodiversity within ecotourism promotion and other economic development projects throughout the region. He has worked for the Department of the Interior for 32 years in the roles of National Park Ranger and Superintendent, and as the executive director of a federal commission focusing on the heritage of Southwestern PA. He is a past chair of the Citizen's Advisory Council of PA's Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources and serves as a member and/or officer on the board of directors of several corporations.

P.M. Sessions And Session Speakers

Session 2 (2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

F. Grants for Biodiversity Research, Protection and Restoration:

Ronald A. Stanley, Executive Director, Wild Resource Conservation Program, PA DCNR

G. Important Mammal Areas Project Protects Pennsylvania's Mammal Diversity:

Richard Whiteford, Director, Important Mammal Areas Project

H. Wildlife Diversity Biologists – A New Resource from the PA Game Commission:

Dan Mummert, Southcentral Wildlife Diversity Biologist, PA Game Commission

I. Science Needs in Creating the State's Biodiversity Conservation Plan:

Charles Bier, PA Natural Heritage Program, Western PA Conservancy

Session 3 (3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

J. Status and Monitoring of Amphibians and Reptiles in Pennsylvania

Tim Maret, Assistant Professor of Biology, Shippensburg University.

K. Pennsylvania's Biological Stream Classification – A New Tool for Conservation:

Betsy Nightingale, Aquatic Ecologist, Nature Conservancy.

L. Developing a "Catalog of PA Biodiversity" – A Web-Based Tool for Documenting Pennsylvania Biota

John E. Rawlins, Head, Section of Invertebrate Zoology, Carnegie Museum of Natural History.

M. Monitoring Diversity – Year Two of the Second PA Breeding Bird Atlas Project

Robert Mulvihill, Field Ornithology Projects Coordinator, Powdermill Avian Research Center

Additional support for this conference has been provided by the PA Recreation and Park Society
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Kings Gap Environmental Education & Training Center
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Carlisle, PA 17013

Registration Form

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SESSION 1

This session offers a choice of one 60-minute session. Select one from Session 1.

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SESSION 2

This session offers a choice of one 45-minute session. Select one from Session 2.

2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. F G H I

SESSION 3

This session offers a choice of one 45-minute session. Select one from Session 3.

3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. J K L M

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