

Sample Public Comment Form

YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT TO US!

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS BRIEF FORM

The Pennsylvania Biodiversity Partnership, a public-private partnership, is coordinating the development of a statewide plan for biodiversity conservation with an expected completion date of late 2005. We are presently collecting information from stakeholders throughout Pennsylvania about issues of interest and concern regarding Pennsylvania's unique natural resources. Your opinions are a vital part of this effort to establish a blueprint for the future. ***Please share your thoughts with us on key issues affecting our native animals, plants, and habitats.***

Biodiversity is the variety of species, their genetic make-up, and the natural communities in which they occur. The Pennsylvania Biodiversity Conservation Plan will be statewide in scope and cover a diversity of aspects relating to biodiversity, including threats to native species and their habitats; educational resources; best management practices; laws and policies; funding sources, etc.

In your opinion, what are the greatest threats to native plants, animals, and their habitats in your region? Please check UP TO FIVE that you think are important.

Habitat Loss / Sprawl _____	Lack of Stable Funding _____
Invasive Species _____	Resource Overuse _____
Pollution _____	Overabundance of Deer _____
Lack of a Statewide Plan _____	Land Planning Practices _____
Lack of Statewide Regulations _____	Other _____

Feel free to add other threats not listed above.

Please include your zip code: _____

Do you think that biodiversity conservation should be a priority for the state of Pennsylvania? Why or why not?

If you were constructing a plan to conserve natural resources in Pennsylvania, what are the TOP FIVE issues you would include?

Wetland Preservation _____	Recycling _____
Habitat Preservation _____	Species Preservation _____
Water Supply & Plan _____	Local Planning Guidelines _____
Basic Research _____	Pollution _____
Public Education _____	Identify Priorities _____
Land Use Practices _____	Sources of Funding _____
How to Keep Things Natural _____	Preserving Endangered Species _____
Statewide Map of Resources _____	Other _____
Land/Open Space Preservation _____	Other _____

Feel free to add other issues not listed above.

Please list any specific GEOGRAPHIC AREAS or HABITATS in Pennsylvania that you consider MOST important to conserve.

What does the word “biodiversity” mean to you? [question added in 2004]

Is biodiversity important? Why or why not? [question added in 2004]

Please feel free to add any other comments or questions that you have!

**If you would like additional information, please include your name and address.
*Please print clearly!***

First Name

Last Name

Organizational Affiliation (if applies)

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address

Telephone

Check below if you would like information on how to become a member of the Pennsylvania Biodiversity Partnership:

Yes, send me information by email

Yes, send me information by mail

No, please don't send me information at this time

Check below if you would like to join the Pennsylvania Biodiversity Listserve, an electronic discussion group on natural resources issues in Pennsylvania:

Please add my name to the Pennsylvania Biodiversity Listserve
(you must include your email address to be added to the listserve)

Deposit this comment form in the box provided or return to:

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