



Pike County Conservation District

INFORMATION SHEET

Related to Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Environmental Screenings Using PA Conservation Explorer

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has developed and administers a website for conservation planning and Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) environmental reviews. **Pennsylvania Conservation Explorer** located at www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us provides conservation information on biological diversity, protected lands, streams and other natural resources for planning purposes and allows users to screen a project area for potential impacts to threatened, endangered, and special concern species once the user registers in the system.

PA Conservation Explorer can be used as a planning tool without charge; however, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), who administers the site, has implemented a \$40 convenience charge per project to use Conservation Explorer and get documentation for the permitting process.

As a further convenience and to assist local residents and permit applicants with implementation of PNDI screenings for projects within Pike County, the Pike County Conservation District (PCCD) can screen a proposed project area using the PA Conservation Explorer tool. PCCD has implemented a \$60 fee per project screen (see PCCD Fee Schedule for Services) which includes the \$40 convenience charge per project from DCNR plus a \$20 PCCD processing fee.

PLEASE NOTE: PCCD will not take responsibility for clearance of "hits" obtained as a result of the project environmental screening; property owners/consultants will be responsible for clearance of all potential impacts.

CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE to: **PIKE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT or PCCD.**

ALTERNATELY, Individuals wishing to complete their own PNDI screening have the following options:

1. Individuals without access to a computer or who do not wish to use the convenience option may submit their project for review directly in writing to each of the four jurisdictional agencies at no charge.
Jurisdictional agencies are as follows:
 - PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) --- plants;
 - Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) --- birds and mammals;
 - Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) --- fish, reptiles and amphibians;
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) ---- federally-listed species.
2. Individuals can run the screening search on-line themselves at www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us by entering all pertinent information and paying the \$40 convenience charge directly to PA DCNR via credit card at time of search. To access Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) information for environmental review purposes, users will be required to register and login. After viewing information in their project area, users can screen their project for potential impacts to PNDI species and obtain a PNDI Receipt with conservation measures, avoidance measures and next steps.

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This form provides site information necessary to perform an Environmental Review for special concern species and resources listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Wild Resource Conservation Act, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Code or the Pennsylvania Game and Wildlife Code.

Applicant Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Contact Person Information-if different from applicant

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Project Information

Project Name: _____
Project Reference Point (center point of project):
Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____ Datum: _____
Municipality: _____ County: _____

**Project Description
Proposed Project Activity**

Total Acres of Property: _____ Acreage to be Impacted: _____

1. Will the entire project occur in or on an existing building, parking lot, driveway, road, maintained road shoulder, street, runway, paved area, railroad bed, or maintained lawn? Yes No
2. Are there any waterways or waterbodies (intermittent or perennial rivers, streams, creeks, tributaries, lakes or ponds) in or near the project area, or on the land parcel? Yes No
If so, how many feet away is the project? _____ Feet
3. Are wetlands located in or within 300 feet of the project area? Yes No
If No, is this the result of a wetland delineation? Yes No
4. How many acres of tree removal, tree cutting or forest clearing will be necessary to implement all aspects of this project? _____ Acres

For District Use Only	Date Received
Check # _____	Project ID #: PNDI- _____
PA Explorer Order # _____	Date of Search: _____
Staff member completing search: _____	