



BLAIR COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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INFORMATION SHEET

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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 Blair County, the Blair County Conservation District (BCCD) can screen a proposed project area using the PA Conservation Explorer tool. **BCCD has implemented a \$100 fee per screen completed which includes the \$40 convenience charge per project from DCNR plus a \$60 BCCD processing fee.**

PLEASE NOTE: BCCD will not take responsibility for clearance/resolution of "hits" obtained as a result of the project environmental screening. Property owners/consultants will be responsible for the resolution of or submittal of additional materials of all potential impacts.

CHECKS MAY BE MADE PAYABLE to: **BLAIR COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT or BCCD.**

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.

PNDI Search Request General Information Form

This form provides site information necessary to initiate 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: _____

County: BLAIR Municipality: _____

Project Description Proposed Project Activity

Specific questions related to the proposed activity and specific search boundaries are required to complete the search. Please complete this form and schedule to visit the Conservation District Office to complete your search online with a District Representative. Contact the District at (814) 696-0877 ext. 5 or bcd@blairconservationdistrict.org to schedule an appointment.

Please be prepared to answer questions related to tree cutting, stream or wetland involvement and general proposed activities.

For District Use Only

Date Received _____ Cash _____ or Check # _____

Project ID #: PNDI- _____ PA Explorer Order # _____

Date of Search: _____ Staff member completing search: _____