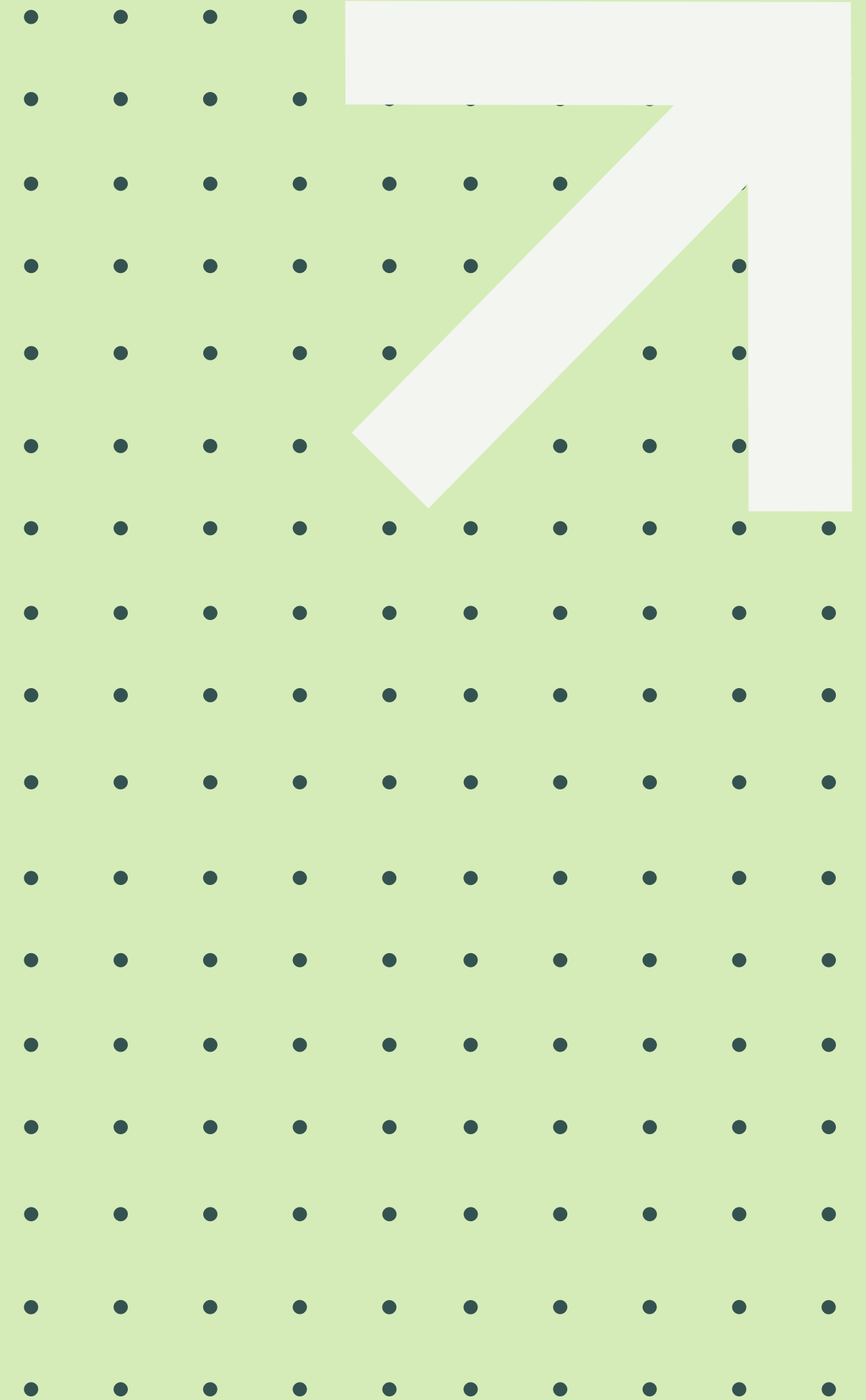


STATE WILDLIFE ACTION PLANS

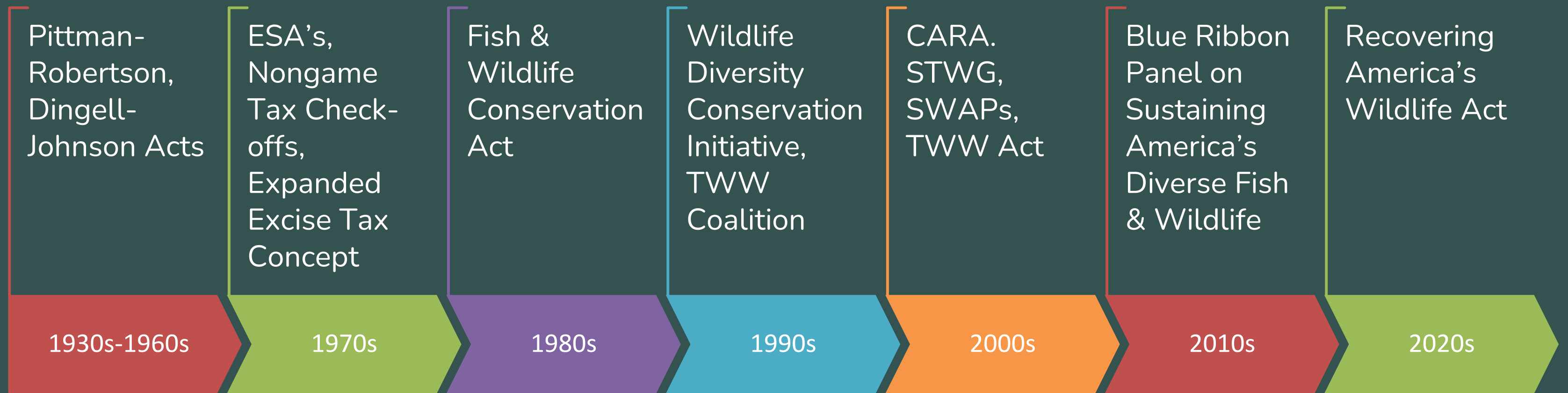
A National Overview

Mark Humpert , Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies



Public Trust Doctrine





HISTORY
of
Wildlife Diversity Funding



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3 PILLARS OF WILDLIFE DIVERSITY FUNDING

Conservation



Education

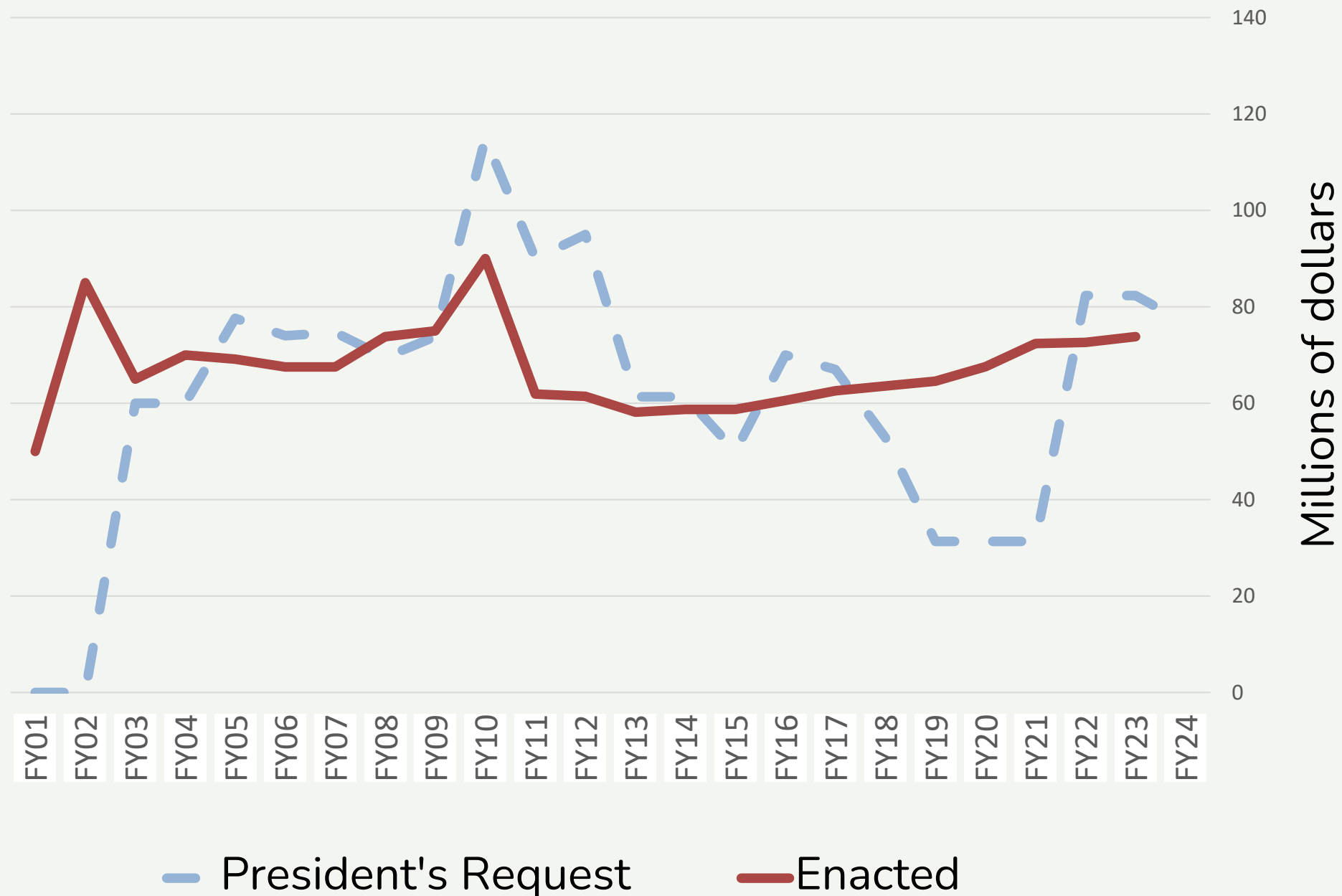


Recreation



Funding STATE WILDLIFE ACTION PLANS

State & Tribal Wildlife Grants Funding



RECOMMENDATION 1

Congress dedicate up to \$1.3 billion annually in existing revenue from the development of energy and mineral resources on federal lands and waters to the Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program (16 U.S.C. 669b(a)).



Just the beginning...

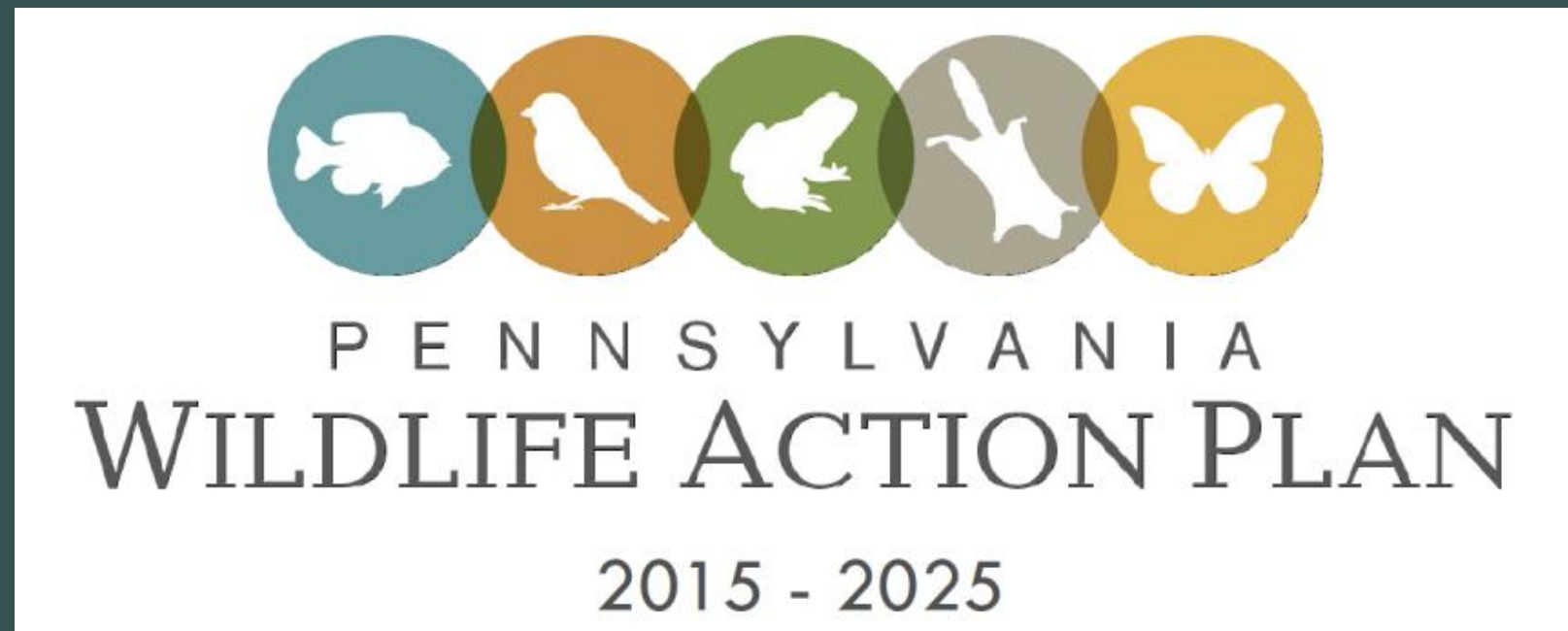


Gilt Darter



Golden-winged warbler

SWAP 8 REQUIRED ELEMENTS



1. Species of Greatest Conservation Need
2. Key habitats tied to SGCN
3. Problems that adversely affect SGCN & habitats & research and survey needs
4. Conservation actions needed to conserve SGCN and their habitats
5. Monitoring of SGCN and habitats and effectiveness of conservation actions
6. Review plans \leq 10 years
7. Coordination with state, federal, local agencies & Tribes
8. Broad public participation

State Wildlife Action Plan

The State Wildlife Action Plan conserves wildlife and natural places, enhancing our own quality of life.

- Each state has developed a proactive Wildlife Action Plan to conserve wildlife before they become more rare and more costly to protect.
- The State Wildlife Action Plan ensures we will be able to conserve wildlife and natural places that bring peace and relaxation to our busy lives.
- The State Wildlife Action Plan shows us how to conserve the wildlife and natural places that are important to many of our family traditions.

We need to invest in the State Wildlife Action Plan now to conserve wildlife and vital natural areas for future generations.

Supporting the State Wildlife Action Plan will benefit the health of wildlife and people.

- The State Wildlife Action Plan conserves wildlife and natural places thereby protecting clean water and air -- making both wildlife and people healthier.
- The health of wildlife is often an early indicator of disease and pollution that affect us all. Investing in the State Wildlife Action Plan will allow us to identify and prevent problems before they threaten wildlife and affect humans.

As our communities grow, the State Wildlife Action Plan can help us fulfill our responsibility to conserve wildlife and the places they live for future generations.

- The State Wildlife Action Plan outlines actions developed by scientists, sportsmen, conservationists AND members of the community, working together.

Transitions



Evolution of
STATE
WILDLIFE
ACTION
PLANS

Measuring Effectiveness

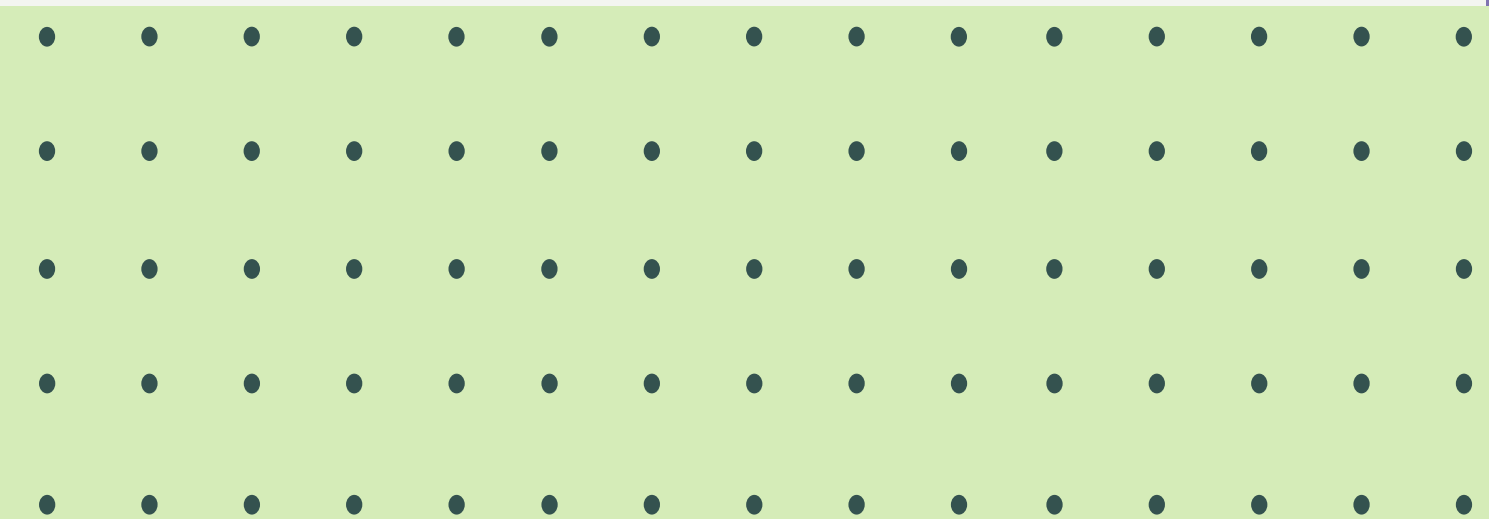
National & Regional Coordination

Guidance & Consistency

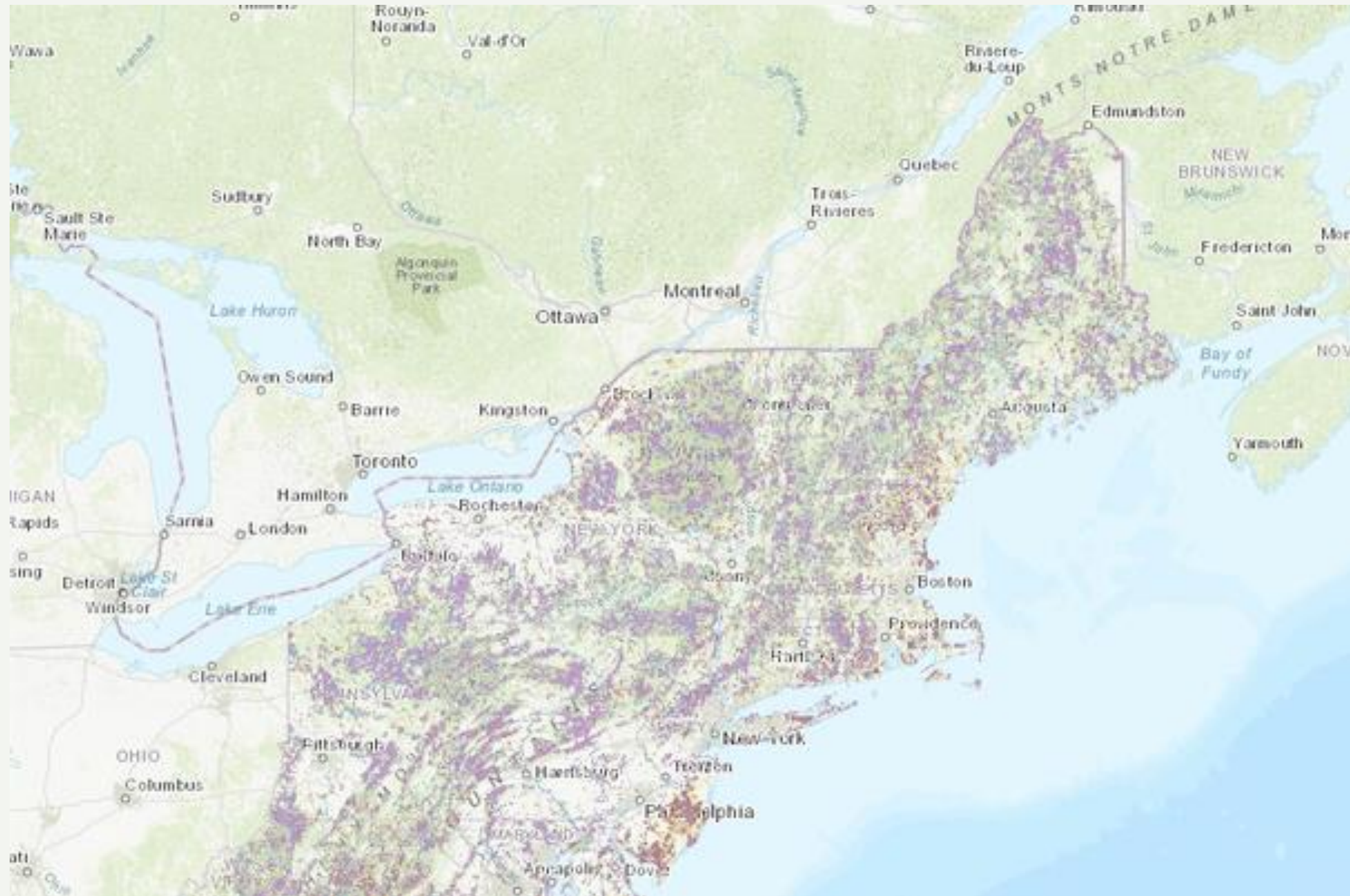
SGCN Taxonomic Reconciliation

Including Plants & Invertebrates

Virtual SWAPS/Dashboards



Landscape Conservation Design



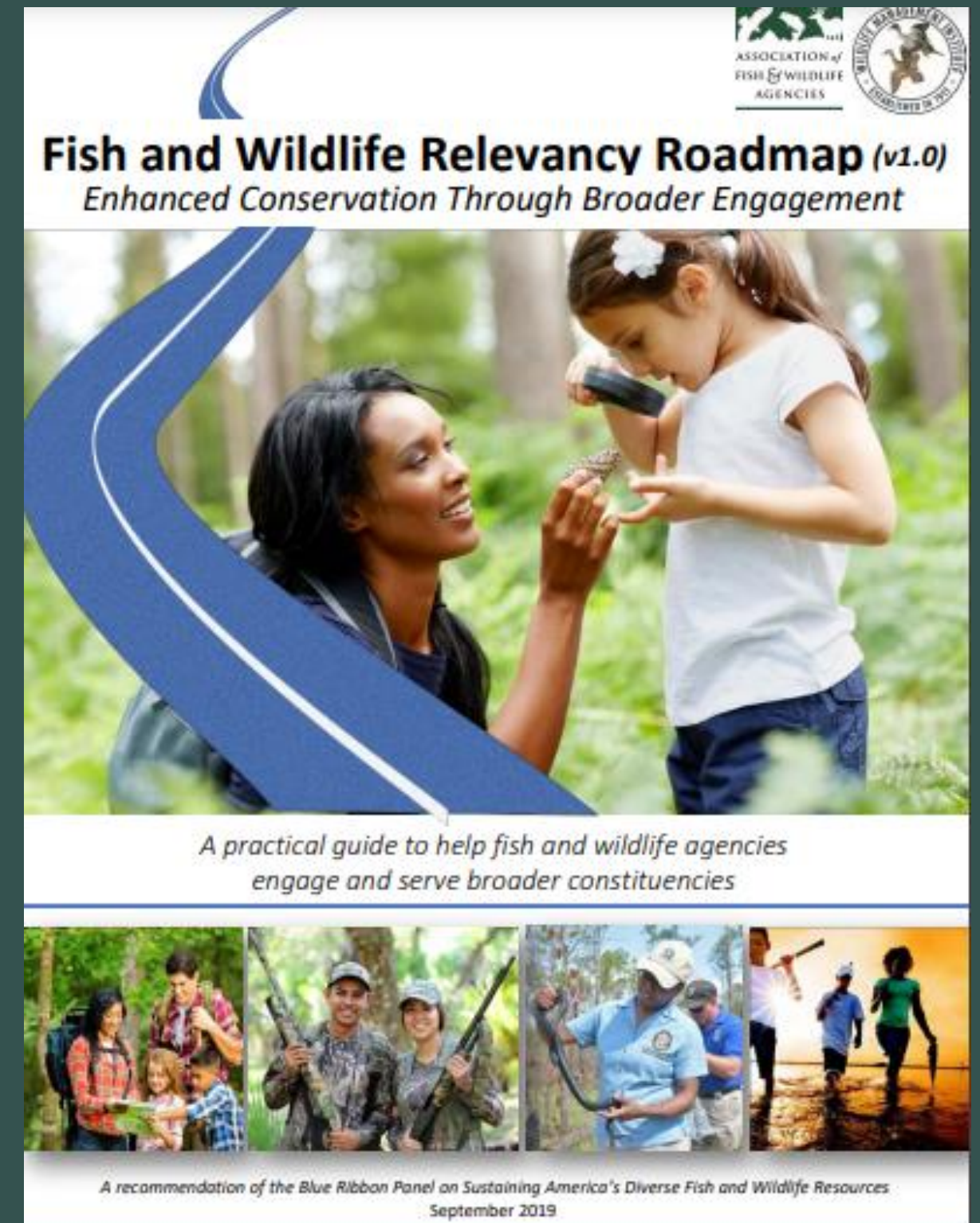
Nature's Network Landscape Design for the Northeast

Landscape Conservation & SWAPs



Relevancy THROUGH SWAPs

- Changing Wildlife Value Orientations
- SWAP Required Element #8
- Fish & Wildlife Relevancy Roadmap
- One Health Framework



118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1149

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 30, 2023

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. TILLS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2023".

SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to extend financial and technical assistance to States, territories, the District of Columbia, and Indian Tribes, including under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act ([16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.](#)), for the purpose of avoiding the need to list species, or recovering species currently listed as a threatened species or an endangered species, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 ([16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.](#)) or under State law.

SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO OFFSETS.

It is the sense of Congress that the costs of carrying out this Act, and the amendments made by this Act, shall be offset.



Senator Martin
Heinrich (D-NM)

Federal Funding Legislation



118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7408

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Mr. WESTERMAN (for himself, Mr. BENTZ, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. CARL, Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. BOEBERT, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. MOYLAN, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Ms. MALOY, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, and Mr. WITTMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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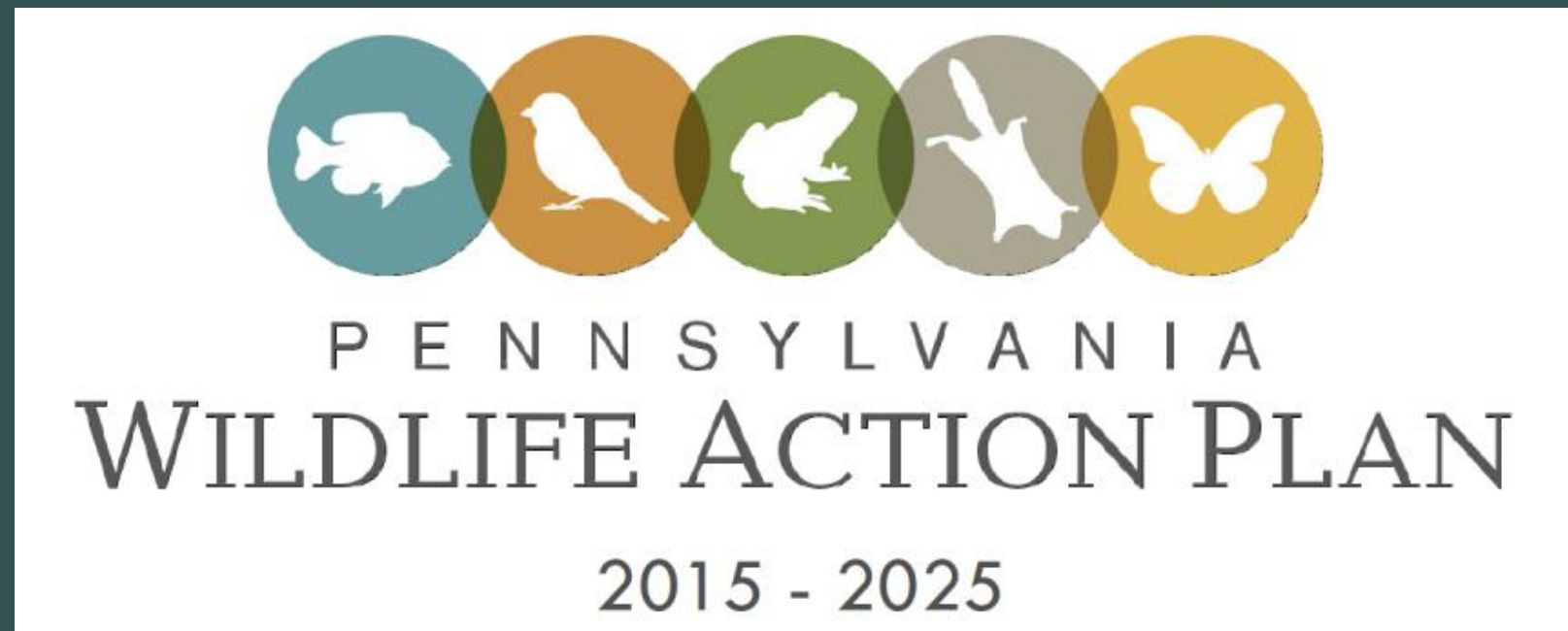
Congressman Bruce
Westerman (R-AR)

America the Beautiful Challenge

- Public (multiagency) & Private Grant Program
- \$400M for state/tribal ecosystem restoration
- Supports AtB report recommendation to expand conservation efforts targeted at SGCN



How to Help



1. This is 'your' SWAP, for your state-make it the best it can be
2. Promote use of your SWAP by partners
3. Use the Conservation Opportunity Area Tool
4. Advocate for funding to implement your SWAP