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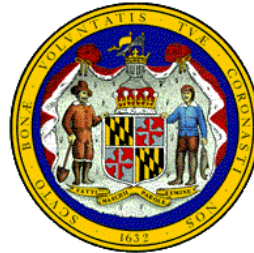
***The Landowner Incentive Program provides private landowners with technical advice and cost-share assistance to help conserve species at risk in Maryland. The ultimate goal is to protect, enhance, and restore habitat for rare, threatened, and endangered species.***

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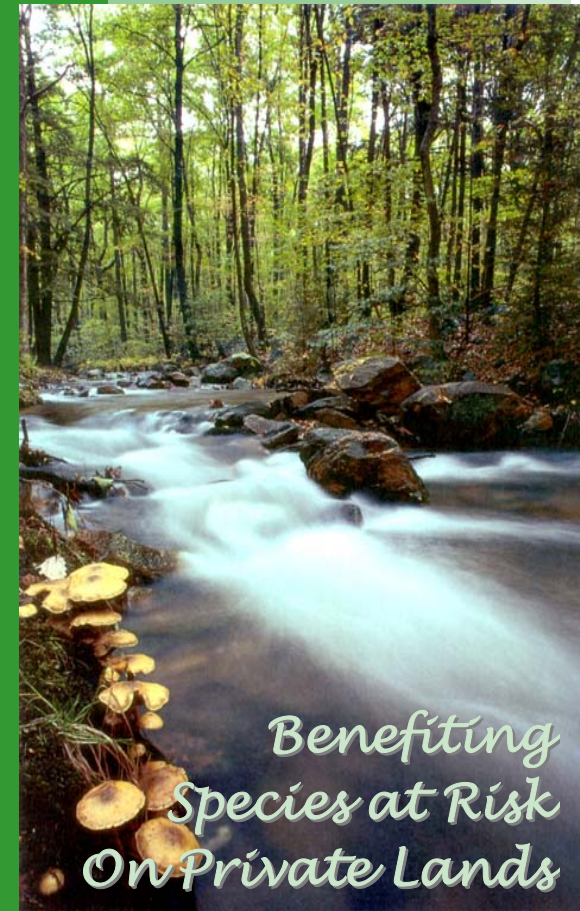
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# *The Landowner Incentive Program*



*Benefiting  
Species at Risk  
On Private Lands*



# *Working to conserve habitat for species at risk..*

## *Introduction*

The State of Maryland has been called "America in miniature" because of its wide natural diversity. Maryland's landscape includes barrier islands and beaches, tidal marshes and estuaries, mountains, valleys, plateaus, and the host of wildlife species that inhabit them. However, habitat loss and alteration are threatening wildlife in Maryland.

In Maryland there are 607 wildlife species at risk. These include endangered and threatened species and others in need of conservation measures. Sensitive plants and animals depend on a variety of habitats on both public and private lands. Restoring and maintaining habitat on these lands is essential to the survival of wildlife. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources, in partnership with federal agencies and private land trusts, is allocating increasing financial and technical resources to the conservation of fish and wildlife on private lands.



Stone Cat, Matthew J. White

## *Landowner Incentive Program*

The Landowner Incentive Program is completely voluntary and non-regulatory. Private properties that contain or provide habitat for species-at-risk may be eligible for funding. It is a competitive grant program in which costs are reimbursed at up to 75%. The remaining 25% cost share can be in the form of in-kind services and/or funding from partner agencies. Funding is based on the scope and duration of each individual project and there is no cap to the maximum amount of funding that can be received by an individual applicant.

Eligible habitat conservation practices include:

- Reforestation
- Establishing grassland or forest buffers
- Invasive species control
- Fallow Field Management
- Vegetation management
- Livestock exclusion & fencing
- Restoring wetland hydrology

Projects can be designed to incorporate various types of management techniques to best suit the landowners needs and the wildlife present.



Sable Caddisfly, Giff Beaton



Bog Turtle, Linh D. Phu

## **Program Goals**

*Enhance, protect or restore habitats that benefit rare, threatened or endangered species*

*Support on-the-ground conservation efforts to conserve biologically diverse areas*

*Provide technical & financial assistance to help landowners better manage lands for wildlife*

*Demonstrate the importance of habitat conservation*



Delmarva Bay, M. Droege

Creeping St. John's-wort, Janet Novak