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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Defense (DoD) manages approximately 25 million acres of land in the United States. Each military installation that has suitable habitat for conserving and managing natural ecosystems is required to prepare, maintain, and implement an Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP). This INRMP was prepared for Naval Support Activity (NSA) Annapolis, including the U.S. Naval Academy and NSAA North Severn in Annapolis and the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) Dairy Farm in Gambrills, Maryland. It was prepared in accordance with DoD Instruction 4715.3 – Environmental Conservation Program; Navy Instruction OPNAVINST 5090.1 – Environmental and Natural Resources Program Manual; 16 U.S. Code (USC) §670 a-f – Sikes Act, as amended; and 32 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 190 – DoD Natural Resources Management Program.

This INRMP is a long-term planning document that guides implementation of the natural resources program to ensure support of the installation mission, while protecting and enhancing installation resources for multiple use, sustainable yield, and biological integrity. This plan documents the military mission, baseline condition of natural resources, impacts to natural resources due to the military mission, the management approaches to conserve and enhance natural resources, and lists specific projects aimed at protecting and enhancing natural resources.

In accordance with the Sikes Act, this INRMP was prepared in cooperation with the Secretary of the Department of Interior, acting through the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the head of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Because of this coordination effort, the INRMP reflects the mutual agreement of these parties concerning conservation, protection, and management of fish and wildlife resources. Future involvement of the state and federal wildlife agencies will ensure continued mutual agreement and cooperation in managing the natural resources at NSA Annapolis. The effectiveness of this INRMP will be evaluated annually in cooperation with the appropriate field-level offices of the USFWS and state fish and wildlife agencies. Evaluation of the successes and issues resulting from INRMP implementation will be facilitated by the web-based Metrics Builder tool on the Navy Natural Resources Data Call Station website (https://clients.emainc.com/dcs/navfac/index.asp).

Resource-specific natural resources program elements address relevant issues at NSA Annapolis. Existing conditions, baseline survey data, current management practices, and recommended management actions have been described for each program element. Management program elements described in this INRMP include:

- Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species Management
- Wetlands and Watershed Management
- Coastal/Marine Management
- Fish and Wildlife Management

- Migratory Bird Management
- Forest Management
- Vegetation Management
- Invasive Species Management
- Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Awareness
- Agricultural Outleasing
- Conservation Law Enforcement
- Cultural Resources Management

The management actions and projects identified for NSA Annapolis are intended to help installation commanders manage natural resources effectively, ensure installation lands remain available and in good condition, support the military mission, and ensure compliance with relevant environmental regulations. These actions incorporate the principles of ecosystem management and are consistent with Navy policy on sustainable, multiple use of natural resources on Navy property.

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ACRONYMS and ABBREVIATIONS

ACB Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
ANSI American National Standards Institute
APHIS Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

BCC biological carrying capacity
BMPs best management practices
BRAC base realignment and closure

C Celsius

CAA Clean Air Act

CCC cultural carrying capacity

CEQ Council on Environmental Quality

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability

Act

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

CNIC Commander, Navy Installations Command

CNO Chief of Naval Operations

CWA Clean Water Act

CZMA Coastal Zone Management Act
CZMP Coastal Zone Management Program

dbh diameter at breast height DoD Department of Defense

DoDI Department of Defense Instruction

DoN Department of the Navy

E estuarine

EAP environmental assessment EAP Encroachment Action Plan

EFH essential fish habitat EO Executive Order

EPA Environmental Protection Agency EPR Environmental Projects Request

EQIP Environmental Quality Incentives Program

ER Environmental Restoration
ERL Environmental Readiness Level
ERP Environmental Restoration Program

ERS Economic Research Service
ESA Endangered Species Act
°F degrees Fahrenheit

FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency

FIDS forest interior dwelling species FONSI finding of no significant impact FPPA Farmland Protection Policy Act

FR Federal Register
FY Fiscal Year

GCN greatest conservation need

ACRONYMS and ABBREVIATIONS (cont'd)

GIS Geographic Information System

GPS global positioning system GCN greatest conservation need

HAPC Habitat Area of Particular Concern

ICRMP Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan

IDA Intense Development Area

INRMP Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan

IPM integrated pest management

IPMP Installation Pest Management Plan ISA International Society of Arboriculture

L lacustrine

LDA Limited Development Area LID low-impact development LNG liquefied natural gas

M marine millimeters

MAPS Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship

MBTA Migratory Bird Treaty Act

MIPR Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request
MDE Maryland Department of the Environment
MDNR Maryland Department of Natural Resources
MDSPGP Maryland State Programmatic General Permit

MILCON military construction

Marine Mammal Protection Act **MMPA MOA** Memoranda of Agreement **MOU** Memoranda of Understanding **MWR** Morale, Welfare and Recreation Naval Academy Athletic Association NAAA **NAGA** Naval Academy Golf Association Naval Facilities Engineering Command **NAVFAC NEPA** National Environment Policy Act National Historic Preservation Act **NHPA**

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

NRCS Natural Resource Conservation Service NRHP National Register of Historic Places

NSA Naval Support Activity
NWI National Wetlands Inventory

O&MN Operations and Maintenance, Navy
OFRF Organic Farming Research Foundation
OMB Office of Management and Budget

OPNAVINST Chief of Naval Operations Operating Instruction

OSD Office of the Secretary of Defense

OTA Organic Trade Association

ACRONYMS and ABBREVIATIONS (cont'd)

P palustrine

ppt parts per thousand
PPV public/private venture
PWD Public Works Department

R riverine

RAB Restoration Advisory Board RCA Resource Conservation Area

RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

ROD Record of Decision

PMPAR Pest Management Performance Assessment Representative

RPM Remedial Project Manager

RSC Regulatory Services Coordination Office

SAIA Sikes Act Improvement Act SAV submerged aquatic vegetation SCA Student Conservation Association

SCS Soil Conservation Service

SECNAVINST Secretary of the Navy Instruction SHPO State Historic Preservation Office

SWAP State Wildlife Action Plan

SWPPP Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
USACE United States Army Corps of Engineers

USC United States Code

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

USFS U.S. Forest Service

USFWS United States Fish and Wildlife Service

USGS United States Geological Survey
USNA United States Naval Academy
VIMS Virginia Institute of Marine Science
WDCP Wildlife Diversity Conservation Plan

WS Wildlife Services

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1. **OVERVIEW**

A. PURPOSE

In accordance with the Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 4715.3 – Environmental Conservation Program, Chief of Naval Operations Operating Instruction (OPNAVINST 5090.1C; Environmental and Natural Resource Program Manual), Naval Facilities Procedural Manual 73 (NAVFAC P-73), and 16 U.S. Code (USC) §670a-f (Sikes Act), the Department of the Navy (DoN) is required to implement and maintain a balanced and integrated program for the management of natural resources. To facilitate the natural resources program, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Annapolis must prepare and implement an Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP). The purpose of the INRMP is to ensure consistency with the use of military installations to support military preparedness, while providing for the conservation and rehabilitation of natural resources on military installations; the sustainable multipurpose use of natural resources; natural resources stewardship; biodiversity protection; and ecosystem management. The INRMP must also ensure that natural resources management practices comply with all pertinent laws and regulations and are in accordance with Navy policy which, as summarized from OPNAVINST 5090.1C, is to incorporate ecosystem management as the basis for planning and management.

B. SCOPE

Section 101(a)(1)(B) of the Sikes Act requires that each Military Department prepare and implement an INRMP, unless the Secretary of Defense determines that the absence of significant natural resources on a particular installation makes preparation of such a plan inappropriate. Accordingly, this INRMP addresses natural resources management on those lands and near-shore areas at NSA Annapolis that are:

- Lands and near-shore areas owned by the United States and administered by the Navy;
- Lands and near-shore areas used by the Navy via license, permit, or lease for which the Navy has been assigned management responsibility;
- Lands and near-shore areas withdrawn from the public domain for use by the Navy for which the Navy has been assigned management responsibility; and
- Lands and near-shore areas leased on the installation and occupied by non- Department of Defense (DoD) entities.

NSA Annapolis consists of three main areas; the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA), NSAA North Severn, and the USNA Dairy Farm, all of which are located in Anne Arundel County, Maryland (Figure 1-1). This INRMP primarily concerns natural resources management of the undeveloped, natural areas at NSA Annapolis, USNA, and the USNA Dairy Farm, but also applies to natural resource issues in military academic, training and operational areas; developed areas such as support and administrative areas; and recreational areas.

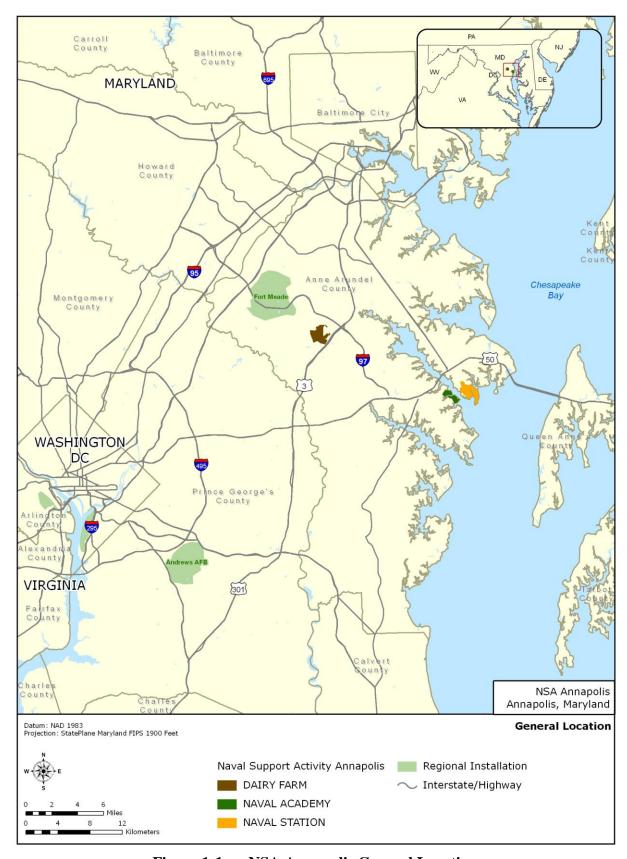


Figure 1-1. NSA Annapolis General Location

C. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The INRMP is a long-term planning document that guides implementation of the natural resources program at NSA Annapolis to help ensure support for the installation mission, while protecting and enhancing natural resources and providing a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities for DoD personnel, their dependents, and guests. Goals of the INRMP are to:

- Identify the responsible parties and stakeholders concerned with natural resources management;
- Describe the current and future installation mission and its requirements and constraints on natural resources;
- State the policies, management philosophy, and objectives of natural resources management;
- Provide information regarding the existing biological and physical conditions and the desired future conditions of the installation and the surrounding area;
- Identify key natural resource management issues and concerns at the installation and in the surrounding area;
- Identify and describe projects and management actions required to meet the objectives of natural resources management while ensuring no net loss in the capability of installation lands to support the military mission; and
- Identify scheduling priorities and funding opportunities for the implementation of natural resources projects and management actions.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibility for the development, revision, and implementation of INRMPs is shared by several command elements. The roles and responsibilities for Navy natural resources management are described in OPNAVINST 5090.1C and in the Navy guidance for INRMP development and implementation (U.S. Navy 2006). A summary of responsibilities for natural resources management at NSA Annapolis follows.

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) is the Echelon I command and serves as the principle leader to provide policy, guidance, and resources for the development, revision, and implementation of INRMPs. CNO also represents the Navy on issues and resolves high-level conflicts regarding development and implementation of INRMPs.

Commander, Navy Installation Command (CNIC) is the Echelon II command under the Chief of Naval Operations responsible for Navy-wide shore installation management. CNIC has overall shore installation management responsibility and authority as the Budget Submitting Office for installation support and the Navy point of contact for installation policy and program execution oversight (CNIC 2007). CNIC must ensure the programming of resources necessary to maintain

and implement INRMPs; participate in the development and revision of INRMPs; and provide oversight for all natural resources program elements.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Washington (NAVFAC Washington) is the regional facilities engineering systems command and supports the mission of CNIC with technical authority, project management, and contracts management as requested. NAVFAC Washington also provides technical oversight for forest management, agricultural outlease, and fishing and hunting permit projects; facilitates agency review and cooperative agreement of INRMPs; and reviews and signs INRMPs to ensure technical sufficiency.

The NSA Annapolis Commanding Officer must ensure preparation, completion, and implementation of the INRMP and should systematically apply conservation practices set forth in the plan. It is his/her responsibility to act as steward of installation natural resources and integrate natural resources requirements into the day-to-day decision-making process; involve appropriate operational and training commands in the INRMP review process to ensure no net loss of military mission; and endorse this INRMP via Commanding Officer signature.

The natural resources program at NSA Annapolis is in the Environmental Division under the jurisdiction of the NAVFAC Washington Public Works Department (PWD). The NAVFAC PWD Annapolis Natural Resources Manager is primarily responsible for implementing this INRMP and coordinating with other personnel on the installation. Some of the implementation responsibilities include identifying personnel, internal or external to the installation, with expertise to perform the work identified; identifying the appropriate funding source to accomplish the projects; and ensuring installation personnel are familiar with the contents of this INRMP. The natural resources manager is also responsible for ensuring this plan is reviewed in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

E. AUTHORITY

The DoDI 4715.3, OPNAVINST 5090.1C, 32 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 190 – DoD Natural Resources Management Program), and 16 USC §670a-f (Sikes Act) are the main authorities for the development and implementation of the INRMP for NSA Annapolis.

F. STEWARDSHIP AND COMPLIANCE

Environmental compliance requirements are those that are driven by federal and state regulations, such as such as the Clean Air Act (CAA), Clean Water Act (CWA), Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), Sikes Act, Endangered Species Act (ESA), National Environment Policy Act (NEPA), and Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA); DoDI; Executive Orders (EOs); and Memoranda of Agreements or Understanding (MOAs or MOUs). Environmental stewardship programs and projects are those that enhance the installation's natural resources,

promote proactive conservation measures, and support investments that demonstrate Navy environmental leadership and proactive environmental stewardship.

The 2008 DoN environmental strategy states that "Environmental stewardship protects and preserves the mission capabilities of our installations and training areas, ensures operational flexibility by meeting environmental laws and regulations, and sustains the resources and public support needed to carry out the mission" and that "Maintaining and improving environmental quality on installations and ranges helps ensure our ability to use them for their intended purposes, raises the quality of life for Sailors, Marines, and the local community, and avoids significant liabilities that require cleanup, restoration, or other actions, allowing our bases and operating areas continue to meet critical mission requirements" (Office of the Secretary of the Navy 2008).

This INRMP identifies both stewardship and compliance projects that help meet natural resources management goals at NSA Annapolis. However, funding priority will be given to projects that are required to meet compliance criteria. Stewardship efforts that rely on volunteer labor and enjoy the support of the military community, or have available alternate funding sources are also likely to be implemented.

G. REVIEW AND REVISION

This INRMP is a long-term planning document that requires periodic reviews of management goals and practices in order to provide the opportunity to incorporate new science and information as well as assess the performance of management actions. INRMPs must be reviewed and if necessary, revised, at intervals of not more than five years. Significant changes to the installations' mission requirements or their natural resources would warrant an INRMP revision.

Additionally, Navy policy states that INRMPs must be reviewed annually by the installation with the cooperation of the appropriate field-level offices of the USFWS and state fish and wildlife agency. The MDNR is the lead fish and wildlife agency in Maryland. Annual reviews will enable project tracking and assessment, and will help facilitate adaptive management. These reviews may be accomplished via correspondence or in a meeting between appropriate parties. The annual review is to verify that:

- Current information on all conservation metrics is available;
- All "must fund" projects and activities have been budgeted for and implementation is on schedule;
- All required trained natural resources positions are filled or are in the process of being filled;
- Projects and activities for the upcoming year have been identified and included in the INRMP (an updated project list does not necessitate revising the INRMP);

- All required coordination has occurred; and
- All significant changes to the installation's mission requirements or its natural resources have been identified.

This evaluation is facilitated by the web-based Metrics Builder tool on the Natural Resources Data Call Station. The Metrics Builder provides the means to evaluate performance in seven areas: (1) INRMP implementation, partnerships/cooperation and effectiveness; (2) team adequacy; (3) INRMP impact on the installation mission; (4) status of federally listed species and critical habitat; (5) ecosystem integrity; (6) fish and wildlife management; and (7) public use.

Use of the Metrics Builder to accomplish the INRMP Annual Reviews will also generate Navy conservation program metrics to measure effects of the conservation program on the installation mission and the status of the Navy relationship with the USFWS and state fish and wildlife agencies.

The Metrics Builder is available on the Data Call Station website: https://clients.emainc.com/dcs/navfac/index.asp.

H. COMMITMENT OF THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Under the Sikes Act Improvement Act (SAIA) of 1997, INRMPs are required to reflect mutual agreement with the USFWS and appropriate state agencies concerning the management of fish and wildlife. Such mutual agreement and cooperation will support the principles of ecosystem management by improving the management of ecosystems that cross federal, state, and private boundaries. Per Sikes Act requirements, the USFWS and MDNR agree to cooperate in the development and review of this INRMP as to operation and effect at least once every five years. In addition to the formal five-year review, Navy policy requires reviews be conducted in coordination with the Sikes Act partners on an annual basis.

Although mutual agreement is the goal with respect to the entire INRMP, it is only required with respect to fish and wildlife management elements of the plan. No element of the SAIA is intended to either enlarge or diminish the existing responsibility and authority of the USFWS or state fish and wildlife agencies concerning natural resources management on military lands.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND MISSION SUSTAINABILITY

A. SUPPORTING SUSTAINABILITY OF THE MILITARY MISSION AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

(1) Military Mission and Sustainable Land Use

The primary mission of NSA Annapolis is to provide general support, including underway seamanship and sail training; small arms weapons familiarization; and navigation and engineering professional development, for midshipmen enrolled at USNA. This mission depends on the continued availability of a functional, attractive campus with extensive parade grounds and athletic fields; training facilities including access to open waters, unimpeded firing ranges, and a healthy natural environment; and access to and community support facilities including medical and recreational areas.

The NSA Annapolis natural resources program strives to preserve and sustain conditions that are compatible with the activities educational and support missions. Mission requirements are met through the protection and enhancement of significant resources such as wetlands, rare species, and habitat for migratory birds and other at-risk species, land and watershed management, and invasive species control. Sustainable management of natural resources helps ensure compliance with environmental laws and regulations and the continued availability of the facility to meet mission requirements.

(2) Defining Impact to the Military Mission

Any loss in the installation's ability to enable the education, training, and development of midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically from natural resources constraints would represent an impact to the NSA Annapolis mission. Planned construction activities at USNA and NSAA North Severn would likely cause minor, temporary impacts to the installation mission. There are no natural resources management activities in this INRMP required by regulation or recommended as stewardship actions that would negatively impact or constrain the military mission.

(3) Management Strategy

Navy policy on natural resources management, as summarized from OPNAVINST 5090.1C, is to manage natural resources to support and be consistent with the installation mission, while protecting and enhancing those resources for multiple use, sustainable yield, and biological integrity. Land use practices and decisions must be based on scientifically sound conservation procedures and techniques, and use scientific methods and an ecosystem management approach.

DoDI 4715.3 further requires that INRMPs incorporate the principles of ecosystem management for natural resources under the stewardship and control of DoD. The goals of this strategy are to maintain and improve the sustainability and biological diversity of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems while supporting sustainable economies, human use, and the environment required for realistic military training operations. The basic principles and guidelines of ecosystem management are to:

- Preserve the function and integrity of natural ecosystems;
- Integrate human social and economic interests with environmental considerations;
- Involve all interested parties (stakeholders) in identifying management goals; and
- Adapt to changing conditions and requirements.

An ecosystem management approach encourages management decisions to be made on the community or ecosystem level rather than at a single species level. Maintaining or improving the quality, integrity, and connectivity of the ecosystem benefits both natural communities and individual species. In areas such as NSA Annapolis, where little remaining natural area occurs, efforts to protect, enhance, and restore natural ecosystems may be the most appropriate management strategy.

In order to maintain the function and integrity of the installation ecosystem, management goals and objectives must be identified and assessed on a periodic basis. Projects and actions to achieve these goals, with measurable objectives are described in Appendix 1. Appendix 1 also provides a summary table of projects and actions for quick reference. However, as there are always unknown factors and change always occurs, management goals and prescriptions must be adaptable. Adaptive management is an iterative cycle of planning, monitoring, evaluation, and adjusting management. Periodic reviews of management goals and practices provide the opportunity to incorporate new science and information as well as assess the performance of management actions. Prescribed actions should be considered experimental and subject to change if the expected results are not achieved.

(4) Relationship to Other Plans

a. Encroachment Action Plan

Per OPNAVINST 11010.40 CNO Encroachment Management Instruction, encroachment is "Any non-Navy or Navy action planned or executed in the vicinity of a naval activity or operational area which inhibits, curtails, or possesses the potential to impede the performance of the mission of the naval activity." The Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Defense Authorization Act includes a provision, codified as Title 10 USC 2684a, that provides for the execution of agreements with public and private partners to acquire real estate interests near installations to help preclude environmental restrictions on military training and testing operations. Partnering

agreements may involve the Navy acquiring land to reduce or eliminate or prevent encroachment likely to restrict military activities; partnering with private conservation organizations to or purchase land; or partnering with public agencies and conservation organizations to preserve or restrict land use on land parcels.

Although no official Encroachment Action Plan (EAP) is currently planned for NSA Annapolis, potential areas suitable for these encroachment partnering agreements have been identified during the development of this INRMP. Partnering opportunities primarily exist with state and local conservation organizations and universities on issues such as oyster and stream restoration that will help prevent further degradation or loss of Navy real property.

b. State Comprehensive Wildlife Plan

The Maryland Wildlife Diversity Conservation Plan (WDCP) was developed and is implemented by the MDNR Wildlife and Heritage Service (MDNR 2005). The WDCP is a 10-year strategic

plan that is required for continued funding through the State Wildlife Grant Program administered by the USFWS. The WDCP was developed with extensive input from other state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private citizens.

The Maryland WDCP is available online: http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/divplan_wdcp.asp.

The WDCP focuses on species and habitats of greatest conservation need (GCN) in Maryland; however, it is also an action plan for the conservation of all of the state's

wildlife. A total of 502 GCN wildlife species and 35 key wildlife habitats are assessed and threats, conservation actions, and research needs are recommended. The WDCP identifies significant threats including habitat loss, degradation, fragmentation, disturbances (both natural and anthropogenic), pollution, and outlines conservation actions and information needs for GNC species and key habitats.

The WDCP identifies a large number of conservation actions to address problems facing Maryland's at-risk species and key wildlife habitats. Twenty-four overarching state-wide actions recommended include coordination; education and outreach; enforcement; habitat management; land protection; planning; regulations, policy, and law; and species management. Additional specific recommendations are made for individual taxon and/or habitat type. Actions recommended in this INRMP that are generally aimed at habitat improvement, which will benefit a number of GNC species, as identified in the Maryland WDCP. Specific recommendation provided in this INRMP that support the state conservation efforts include:

- Mapping and protecting wetlands from drainage, ditching, filling, and other practices that alter hydrology;
- Management and operation of the Greenbury Point Nature Center;

- Forest restoration at Greenbury Point;
- Grassland enhancement at Greenbury Point;
- Invasive species assessment and control;
- Deer population control; and
- Implementing shoreline stabilization.

c. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

The NSA Annapolis Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) identifies and maps potential pollutant sources that may contribute to the contamination of the stormwater discharges from permitted outfall drainage areas (U.S. Navy 2001). Potential sources of pollutants include outdoor industrial activities and processing areas; material storage and handling areas; areas where hazardous material/hazardous waste/or petroleum, oil, and lubricant products are stored; construction and demolition sites; and land areas where chemicals are applied. The plan also describes stormwater management standards, stormwater management controls, and best management practices (BMPs) used at NSA Annapolis to maintain and protect water quality. The SWPPP was developed as a requirement of state and federal water pollution control regulations. Whenever there is a change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance that has a significant effect on the potential for the discharge of pollutants to the waters of the state, the SWPPP must be amended.

The CWA further requires operators of facilities that discharge stormwater associated with industrial activity obtain National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. NSA Annapolis currently has seven permitted outfalls, four of which are located at USNA and three of which are located at NSAA North Severn (U.S. Navy 2001).

The stormwater management program must ensure the quality of stormwater runoff leaving the facility meets minimum requirements established in the Maryland Stormwater Design Manual (MDE 2000). Stormwater monitoring, including sampling, analysis, and visual observations of stormwater discharges and implementing stormwater BMPs, help USNA meet these standards. Further improvements to stormwater quality may be obtained through utilizing additional BMPs that minimize pollutants and reduce runoff. Techniques such as infiltration trenches, sand filters,

and bioretention basins should be considered in the next SWPPP update and implemented where practicable to ensure no untreated stormwater leaves the facility.

In an effort to increase employee understanding and awareness of stormwater management, the Environmental Department also maintains an online stormwater pollution prevention training course that provides environmental awareness training to all employees as well as other The NSA Annapolis online stormwater pollution prevention course is available at: http://www.usna.edu/ENRP/final/index.html.

environmental professionals at NSA Annapolis. The course is designed to teach participants to:

- Understand the basic elements of a stormwater management program,
- Identify common sources of stormwater pollution, and
- Identify steps that can be taken to prevent stormwater pollution at work and at home.

Updating the online stormwater pollution prevention website with current NPDES permit information and up-to-date information on stormwater management would further benefit site users.

When appropriate, the natural resources and stormwater managers cooperate in preventing stormwater pollution. Natural resources actions such as enhancing forested riparian buffers, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area reforestation, implementing a soil conservation plan at the USNA Dairy Farm, and protecting the stations wetlands directly support of the stormwater management program.

d. Installation Pest Management Plan

An Installation Pest Management Plan (IPMP) that describes pest management requirements, resources, and procedures at NSA Annapolis was developed in 1997 and reviewed in 2004 (Kincaid 2004). In accordance with OPNAV 6250.4 Series, IPMPs and other contracts requiring the use of pesticides must be reviewed and approved by NAVFAC Atlantic Applied Biology and the Preventive Medicine Department. This includes contracts issued by non-appropriated activities and tenant commands on base. Pest control contracts are required to be monitored by a trained Pest Management Performance Assessment Representative (PMPAR).

A pesticide approval form must be submitted to the Pest Management Coordinator and Environmental Office prior to any pesticide application and a pest management record form must be submitted following application to track pesticide usage. A hard copy of all records is kept in the Pest Control Building at Perry Center. Under new requirements, contractors will report all herbicide use on line directly to NAVFAC.

It is Navy policy to employ an integrated pest management (IPM) approach to pest control. IPM is an environmentally sound approach to pest management that promotes non-chemical controls and stresses prevention to avoid unacceptable levels of pest damage. A variety of biological, cultural, and mechanical pest management strategies are used in IPM. The goal of IPM is to make decisions that produce economically and environmentally optimum results.

e. Environmental Restoration Program

NSA Annapolis recognizes that adverse impacts to natural resources addressed in this INRMP may result from the release of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants into the environment or from the actual restoration of contaminated sites. The DoN Environmental

Restoration (ER) program is responsible for identifying Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) releases, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) releases, and releases under related provisions and reporting such releases to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

When appropriate, the natural resources manager will help the ER program Remedial Project Manager (RPM) identify potential impacts to natural resources caused by the release of these contaminants. Also, when appropriate, the natural resources manager will make recommendations to the ER program RPM regarding cleanup strategies and site restoration. During initial monitoring protocols, the natural resources manager may suggest sampling and testing be accomplished so as to not impact sensitive or critical areas. Also during site restoration, the natural resources manager has the opportunity to recommend site restoration practices that are outlined within this INRMP.

A 42-acre ER site, located at the Navy Exchange complex, has been designated at NSA Annapolis. The EPA has reported that USNA is under a RCRA Corrective Action Permit and completed a Verification Investigation, Phase I Environmental Investigation, and Phase II Environmental Investigation of the Areas of Concern and Solid Waste Management Units (EPA 2008) (Figure 2-1).

f. Base Master Plan

An updated Base Master Plan (U.S. Navy 2007a) was developed to reassess previous planning efforts and to develop detailed analysis on specific functional requirements for the Main Campus of USNA and NSAA North Severn. An analysis of existing land use, land use conflicts and functional deficiencies, development constraints and opportunities for development, and recommendations for alternative land uses are presented. Implementation of the recommendations in the updated master plan would likely result in improved efficiency, historic integrity, and aesthetic appeal at NSA Annapolis. Proposed changes at the Lower and Upper Yards of USNA involve redevelopment and reutilization within the existing footprint and would therefore have little impact on natural resources. Proposed changes at NSAA North Severn include construction of a new Navy Exchange and Commissary, expanding the Brigade Sports Complex, a medical clinic, an Executive Learning/Conference Center, Department of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) cottages, as well as renovation of several existing facilities. Most of Greenbury Point would remain as a conservation area under this plan. Any new development at NSAA North Severn, however, must be cognizant of potential natural and cultural resources constraints such as wetlands, floodplains, and Chesapeake Bay Critical Area criteria. Any development activities must be coordinated through the natural and cultural resources programs. Regulatory agency coordination and permitting must be sought early in the planning process.

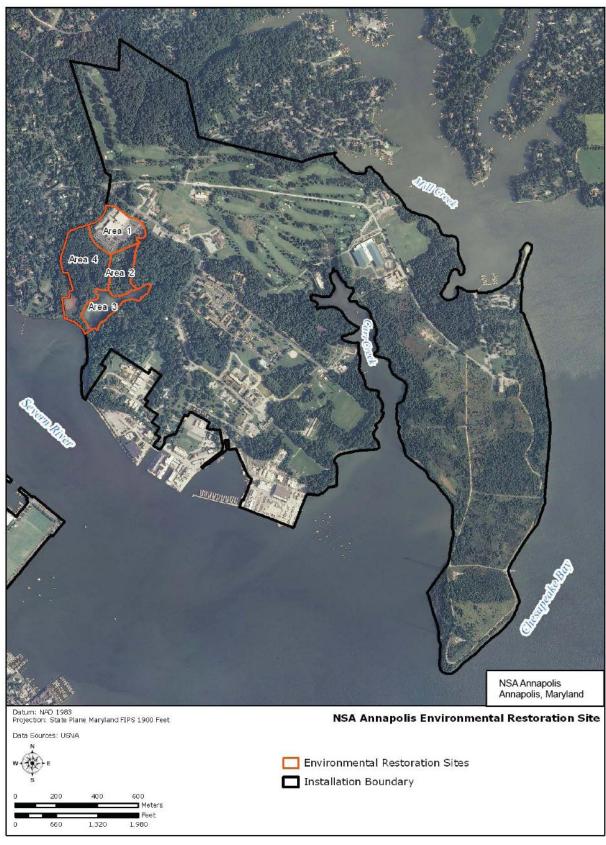


Figure 2-1. NSA Annapolis Environmental Restoration Site

g. NSAA North Severn Development Plan

An additional land use/land management plan was developed for the NSAA North Severn portion of NSA Annapolis in 2009 (U.S. Navy 2009a). The plan evaluates current land uses and development constraints, analyzes the constraints on development potential, and identifies three alternatives for maximizing development at NSAA North Severn. As with the base master plan, the Navy Exchange and Commissary, Brigade Sports Complex, medical clinic, and MWR cottages are identified as planned future expansions or development sites. Each alternative also includes fencing much of the central NSA Annapolis Command Headquarters and adding additional access gates. Two of the alternatives would limit development at Greenbury Point, though one alternative recommends relocating the small arms range to Greenbury Point. As with the base master plan, any development activities must be coordinated through the natural and cultural resources programs. Regulatory agency coordination and permitting must be sought early in the planning process.

h. Tree Survey and Management Plan for USNA

A Tree Survey and Management Plan, conducted in 2008 (U.S. Navy 2009b) at USNA, identified and assessed the condition of the urban shade trees and ornamental trees in the Upper and Lower Yards excluding those in natural areas. Recommendations and priorities for tree care and urban forest management were provided. Guidelines for tree care and management procedures also provided in the management plan are in compliance with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards.

i. Soil and Water Conservation Plan (USNA Dairy Farm)

A Soil and Water Conservation Plan, developed for the USNA Dairy Farm (Appendix 5), outlines requirements for the use of fertilizers and pesticides, and provides instructions with regard to conservation practices, maintenance of drainage ditches, and protection of wetlands and riparian buffers. In accordance with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, a Nutrient Management Plan must be approved by the Maryland Department of Agriculture and submitted to the Navy for concurrence. In compliance with the 1990 Farm Bill record keeping requirements, pesticide and herbicide application reporting is mandated in the soil and water conservation plan. The plan further requires the agricultural lessee to coordinate farming and grazing practices on the USNA Dairy Farm with the NAVFAC Washington Real Estate Contracting Officer and NAVFAC Washington Natural Resources personnel to facilitate the protection and enhancement of a diversity of natural ecological communities, including (1) fish and wildlife populations and their associated habitat; (2) wetlands, streams, and floodplains; and (3) rare, threatened, or endangered species.

j. Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan

Under Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), federal agencies are required to identify all cultural resources within their landholdings that are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Section 106 of the NHPA requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties and allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) an opportunity to comment on proposed actions. Implementing regulations for Section 106 of the NHPA are contained in 36 CFR Part 800.

To fulfill these requirements, an Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP) for NSA Annapolis was completed in 2000 (U.S. Navy 2000c) however, cultural resources inventory and evaluation is a continuing process and the ICRMP was updated in 2009). The ICRMP provides an inventory of known prehistoric, historic, archeological, and architectural resources for each of the activity's three main areas; USNA, NSAA North Severn, and the USNA Dairy Farm. The plan also provides a review of cultural resources management issues and recommendations for their management and defines the process for managing cultural resources at NSA Annapolis. The PWD Cultural Resources Coordinator at NSA Annapolis oversees all cultural resources issues

B. NATURAL RESOURCES REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The natural resources program at NSA Annapolis is responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable federal and state federal laws, EOs, as well as Navy policy on environmental stewardship. The primary elements of the natural resources program encompass traditional natural resource issues such as forestry, fish and wildlife management, and outdoor recreation as well as regulatory issues such as rare, threatened, and endangered species protection and wetlands and watershed management. An overview of regulatory requirements and general management practices for each program element relevant to the natural resources program at the three separate areas of NSA Annapolis follows.

(1) Threatened and Endangered Species and Species of Special Status

a. Federally Listed Threatened and Endangered Species

The primary regulatory protection for threatened and endangered species on federal lands is the ESA of 1973, as amended. The ESA is federal legislation that is intended to provide a means to conserve the ecosystems

The Endangered Species Consultation
Handbook is available on the USFWS website:
http://endangered.fws.gov/consultations/.

upon which endangered and threatened species depend and provide programs for the conservation of those species to prevent extinction of plants and animals. The law is administered by the Department of Interior USFWS and Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries), depending on the species. Section 7 of the ESA requires all federal agencies, in consultation with USFWS or NOAA Fisheries, to use their authorities to further the purpose of the ESA and to ensure that their actions are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or result in destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat.

In accordance with the ESA, contemplated federal actions with potential to impact a protected species must be assessed via biological assessment to determine whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect a listed species, proposed species, or designated critical habitat. The USFWS or NOAA Fisheries issue a biological opinion stating their opinion on whether or not a federal action is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. The terms and conditions under which incidental take may occur may be identified by the USFWS.

b. State Listed Threatened and Endangered Species

The primary Maryland state law that allows and governs the listing of endangered species is the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act (Annotated Code of Maryland 10-2A-01). This Act is supported by regulations (Code of Maryland Regulations 08.03.08), which contain the official State Threatened and Endangered Species list (MDNR 2008a). State regulations prohibit the taking, possession, transportation, exportation, processing, sale, offer for sale, or shipment within the state of endangered species and closely regulate these actions with regard to threatened species. The Maryland Natural Heritage Program is the lead state agency for the

identification, ranking, and protection of Maryland's rare species and significant natural areas. Secondarily, MDNR's Fisheries Service maintains an official list of game and commercial fish species that are designated as threatened or endangered in Maryland (Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.12).

The Maryland Natural Heritage Program website provides information on state and federally listed species:

http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/espaa.asp.

Although not strictly bound by state laws, it is Navy policy to protect state-listed species to the greatest extent practicable in order to prevent eventual listing as federally protected species and to honor the partnership established with MDNR for management of fish and wildlife resources at NSA Annapolis. Federally and state-listed threatened and endangered species known to occur in Anne Arundel County, Maryland are listed in Appendix 2.

c. Bald and Golden Eagles

The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 USC 668-668d) (BAGEPA) is an additional federal law that protects the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), which was removed from the federal list of threatened and endangered species in 2007, and golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*). The BAGEPA prohibits the taking, possession, and transportation of bald eagles and their parts, nests, and eggs for scientific, educational, and depredation control purposes. While the bald eagle was listed under the ESA, the USFWS authorized incidental take of bald eagles through take statements under ESA Section 7 and through Section 10 incidental take permits. In May 2008, a final rule extended BAGEPA authorizations to holders of existing ESA authorizations only (73 Federal Register [FR] 29075).

d. Marine Mammals

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) established a moratorium on the taking of marine mammals in waters or on lands under the jurisdiction of the United States (16 USC §1361-1407). The MMPA defines take as to harass, hunt, capture, collect, or kill, or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, collect, or kill any marine mammal. It also prohibits the importation of any marine mammal or marine mammal parts into the United States, unless it is for the purpose of scientific research or public display, as permitted by the Secretary of Commerce or Secretary of the Interior.

NSA Annapolis lies within the known range of 10 marine mammal species (six cetacean, three pinniped, and one sirenian species) that have regular or rare occurrences in the Chesapeake Bay. These include Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*), humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*), West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), common dolphin (*Delphinus delphis*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*), gray seal (*Halichoerus grypus*) and harp seal (*Pagophilus groenlandicus*) (U.S. Navy 2008).

(2) Wetlands and Watersheds Management

a. Wetlands

Intact, functioning wetlands are of extreme importance to the health of the ecosystem and the human environment because of services such as flood control, pollution abatement, erosion control, fisheries habitat, and more. A large number of federal state, and local laws, therefore, regulate land uses and actions that have the potential to impact wetlands and water quality. Wetlands are regulated by the CWA, EO 11990 – Protection of Wetlands, and Maryland state regulations. In addition, the Navy considers wetland protection a top priority as reflected by their "No Net Loss" wetland policy.

Section 404 of the CWA regulates the discharge of dredged, excavated, or fill material in wetlands, streams, rivers, and other waters of the United States. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is the federal agency authorized to issue Section 404 Permits for certain activities conducted in wetlands or other United States waters. Exemptions for discharges of dredged or fill material are provided for certain activities such as normal farming or forestry activities and construction and maintenance of forest roads in accordance with BMPs if the activity is part of an established operation. Activities that bring an area into farming or forestry, however, are not considered part of an established operation and do require appropriate permits.

Section 401 of the CWA requires additional certification from the appropriate state regulatory agency. In accordance with Section 401, federal agencies must obtain a water quality certificate from the state for any action requiring a federal license or permit. MDE oversees impacts to state waters and wetlands, including isolated wetlands in Maryland. Construction and other activities with the potential to disturb wetlands must be reviewed individually with regard to wetland impacts, and appropriate permits sought as needed.

To obtain the necessary permits, the Navy must submit a joint federal/state application to the Regulatory Services Coordination Office MDE, Water Management Administration. The Regulatory Services Coordination determines what type of permit is necessary and forwards the application to the appropriate governmental agencies. The review procedures and application package materials required vary depending on the size and type of project being proposed. Activities that are likely to cause more than minimal impact to wetlands require a USACE Standard Permit (Individual Permit), which is reviewed by the USACE, MDE, and local authorities, and is subject to public review.

A General Permit may be issued for activities that are similar in nature and would have only minimal individual or cumulative adverse environmental effects. General permits can be issued on a nationwide (nationwide permit) or regional (regional general permit) basis (EPA 2007). The Baltimore District Engineer has implemented a Maryland State Programmatic General Permit (MDSPGP). This regional permit is designed to continue to authorize certain activities previously covered by the nationwide permit program and institute an integrated federal and state regulatory process (USACE 2006). It is applicable to actions that will not individually and/or cumulatively result in direct or indirect impacts to more than 1.0 acre of waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands and navigable waters.

As part of the MDSPGP permit evaluation process used to authorize a particular project proposing to impact state waters (including wetlands), applicants must (1) establish that avoidance of impacts to state waters, including wetlands is not practicable; (2) demonstrate that all practicable efforts to minimize unavoidable impacts to state waters, including wetlands, have been taken in project design and construction plan; and (3) provide a plan for compensation for all unavoidable impacts.

Compensatory mitigation requirements are determined by district engineers on a case-by-case basis, after considering relevant and available information, such as the ecological conditions of the project site, the type of activity, the impacts of the activity on the aquatic environment and other public interest factors. Mitigation ratios recommended by the MDE (2008a) for various wetland types are generally as shown in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1. Mitigation Ratios

Wetland Type Replacement	Ratio
Emergent	1:1
Emergent, using a bank	1.5:1
Scrub-shrub to emergent conversion	1:1
Scrub-shrub to emergent conversion, using a bank	1.5:1
Forested to emergent conversion	1:1
Forested to emergent conversion, using a bank	1.5:1
Forested to scrub-shrub conversion*	1:1
Scrub-shrub	2:1
Scrub-shrub, using a bank	3:1
Forested	2:1
Forested, using a bank	3:1
Emergent (of special state concern)	2:1
Emergent (of special state concern), using a bank	3:1
Scrub-shrub (of special state concern)	3:1
Scrub-shrub (of special state concern), using a bank	4.5:1
Forested (of special state concern)	3:1
Forested (of special state concern), using a bank	4.5:1

*Some conversions of forested wetlands to scrub-shrub require mitigation

Source: MDE 2008a

Compensatory mitigation may be accomplished through the following ways:

• Mitigation Banks: A permit applicant may obtain credits from a mitigation bank, which is a wetland, stream or other aquatic resource area that has been restored, established, enhanced, or preserved. This resource area is then set aside to compensate for future impacts to aquatic resources resulting from permitted activities. The value of a bank is determined by quantifying the aquatic resource functions restored, established, enhanced, and/or preserved in terms of credits.

- In-Lieu Fee Mitigation: A permit applicant may make a payment to an in-lieu fee program that will conduct wetland, stream or other aquatic resource restoration, creation, enhancement, or preservation activities. In-lieu fee programs are generally administered by government agencies or non-profit organizations that have established an agreement with the regulatory agencies to use in-lieu fee payments collected from permit applicants.
- Permittee-Responsible Mitigation: A permittee may be required to provide compensatory
 mitigation through an aquatic resource restoration, establishment, enhancement, and/or
 preservation activity. This compensatory mitigation may be provided at or adjacent to
 the impact site, or at another location, usually within the same watershed as the permitted
 impact. The permittee retains responsibility for the implementation and success of the
 mitigation project.

b. Watersheds

The Chesapeake Bay is recognized as one of the most important and productive estuaries in the world and is protected by federal, state, and local regulations. The Navy is a signatory to a number of Chesapeake Bay agreements, including the 1994 Agreement of Federal Agencies on Ecosystem Management in the Chesapeake Bay, the 1998 Federal Agencies' Chesapeake Ecosystem Unified Plan, the 2000 Chesapeake 2000 Agreement, and the 2005 Resolution to

Enhance Federal Cooperative Conservation in the Chesapeake Bay Program. These agreements identify goals and commitments aimed at the preservation and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. Major goals of the Chesapeake Bay agreements include reducing nutrients and toxins, protecting stream corridors, enhancing and

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protecting wetlands, protecting priority watersheds, identifying and controlling invasive species on priority sites, and expanding conservation landscaping on federal facilities. The Joint Military Services' Chesapeake Bay Program supports installations in implementing projects that strive to meet DoD's commitment to theses agreements.

In land use planning, environmentally sensitive designs and low-impact development (LID) are the first steps in watershed protection and in 2007, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), signed a memorandum requiring the Navy to incorporate LID into all major renovation and construction projects on installations. The *Maryland Stormwater Management Guidelines for State and Federal Projects* (MDE 2001) provides LID design standards and guidelines to reduce runoff and pollution from development projects. Recommended practices such as infilling and redevelopment within developed areas, minimizing impervious surfaces, preserving trees and green space, and use of native species in landscape design are presented.

DoD has developed an additional tool for the assessment of impacts on watersheds. The Department of Defense Installation Watershed Impact Assessment Protocol is currently available to all DoD Services (http://www.usma.edu/dhpw/rci/documents/7.18.pdf) to assess impacts and develop solutions for watershed management.

Anne Arundel County has also implemented many strategies to protect the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Watershed protection is currently accomplished through a number of individual programs including watershed management plans, the erosion and sediment control program, the stormwater management program, stormwater NPDES, stormwater permits, and the Critical Area program. Anne Arundel County has completed watershed management plan for the Severn watershed and is in the process of preparing Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans for each of its watersheds, which will provide technical support for the development, implementation, management, and refinement of the existing programs. With the preparation of the Severn River Watershed Management Plan, a Watershed Management Tool for the County was developed that helps assess the data, prioritize where to focus restoration and preservation investment as well as selection of the most appropriate alternative solutions or best management practices (Anne Arundel County 2008b).

c. Floodplains

Floodplains perform important natural functions, including temporary storage of floodwaters, moderation of peak flows, maintenance of water quality, groundwater recharge, and prevention of erosion. Floodplains also provide habitat for wildlife, recreational opportunities, and aesthetic benefits.

As with wetlands, the USACE and MDE regulate discharges of dredged or fill materials within 100-year floodplains and a joint federal/state application, *Alteration of Any Floodplain, Waterway, Tidal or Nontidal Wetland*, must be submitted to the Regulatory Services Coordination Office MDE. Floodplains receive additional protection through EO 11988 – Floodplain Management, which instructs federal agencies to restore and preserve floodplains and to reduce the risk of flood-related loss. EO 11988 specifically directs federal agencies to:

- Avoid actions located in or adversely affecting floodplains unless there is no practicable alternative;
- Take action to mitigate losses if avoidance is not practicable;
- Establish a process for flood hazard evaluation based upon the 100-year base flood standard of the National Flood Insurance Program; and
- Issue implementing procedures.

The implementing procedures as described by Floodplain Management Guidelines for implementing EO 11988 provides an eight-step decision-making process for carrying out the

EO's directives. This eight-step process is: (1) determine if a proposed action is in the base floodplain; (2) provide for public review; (3) identify and evaluate practicable alternatives to locating in the base floodplain; (4) identify the impacts of the proposed action; (5) minimize threats to life and property and to natural and beneficial floodplain values and restore and preserve natural and beneficial floodplain values; (6) reevaluate alternatives; (7) issue findings and a public explanation; and (8) implement the action.

(3) Coastal/Marine Management

a. Coastal Zone Management

The federal CZMA encourages states to preserve, protect, develop, and, where possible, restore or enhance valuable natural coastal resources such as wetlands, floodplains, estuaries, beaches, dunes, barrier islands, and coral reefs, as well as the fish and wildlife supported by those habitats. Maryland's coastal zone includes 16 counties and Baltimore City (MDNR 2002). Anne Arundel County is located entirely within Maryland's coastal zone. Although federal lands and actions are exempt from state law jurisdiction, the CZMA requires activities on federal lands that are reasonably likely to affect use of lands or waters, or natural resources of the coastal zone beyond the boundaries of the federal property, to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the state's Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP). Federal consistency applies to any activity that is in, or affects land use, water use or any natural resource in the coastal zone, if the activity is conducted by or on behalf of a federal government agency, requires a federal license or permit, receives federal funding, or is a plan for exploration, development or production from any area leased under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (MDE 2004).

The Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Act, an enforceable policy of the Maryland CZMP, is a joint effort by state and local governments to address the impacts of land development on habitat and aquatic resources in the bay. In Maryland, the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area designation extends 1,000 feet inland from the mean high water mark or from the edge of tidal wetlands and is intended to significantly limit development on properties along significant tributaries to the Chesapeake Bay (MDE 2007).

b. Critical Areas Land Use Classifications

Three categories of land development within the Critical Area have been designated based on existing development and public services available as of December 1, 1985. The three designations are Intense Development Area (IDA), Limited Development Area (LDA), and Resource Conservation Area (RCA) (Figure 2-2).

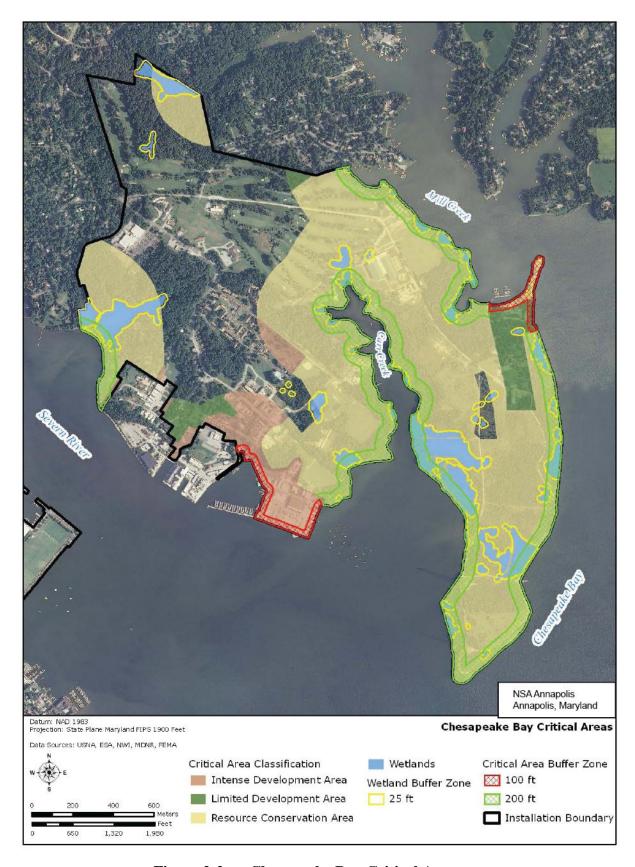


Figure 2-2. Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas

Grading, building, and land use must follow the Critical Area Criteria specific to each designation as follows:

- IDAs are defined as areas of twenty or more adjacent acres where residential, commercial, institutional, or industrial land uses predominate. New development or redevelopment in IDAs must reduce pollution from stormwater runoff by at least 10 percent below that of existing land use through the use of BMPs. LDAs can be developed with low to medium density housing (a maximum of less than 4 units per acre), commercial and small industrial uses according to the underlying zoning designation. Existing areas of natural habitat and wildlife corridors that ensure continuity of wildlife and plant habitat must be conserved in LDAs.
- RCAs are characterized by natural environments or by resource-based activities such as
 agriculture, aquaculture, commercial forestry or fishing. New commercial and industrial
 facilities are not permitted in RCAs. Residential development is limited to one dwelling
 unit per 20 acres. No forest cover may be removed without replacement and impervious
 surface cover is limited based on the size of the lot and when it was created.

c. Specific Requirements of the Critical Area Protection Program

The Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Act further requires that each local jurisdiction identify and provide for the establishment, preservation, and maintenance of Habitat Protection Areas. Habitat Protection Areas include: a naturally vegetated buffer; nontidal wetlands; the habitats of threatened and endangered species, and species in need of conservation, and their habitat; significant plant and wildlife habitat; and, anadromous fish spawning areas.

Tidal Wetland Buffer

A fundamental requirement of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Protection Program is the establishment, preservation, and maintenance of naturally vegetated, forested buffer landward from the mean high water line of tidal waters or from the edge of tidal wetlands and tributary streams. RCAs require maintenance of a 200-foot, whereas, LDAs require a 100-foot buffer (House Bill 1253 legislative changes, May 20, 2008). The buffer acts as a water quality filter for the removal or reduction of sediment, nutrients, and toxic substances found in runoff. The buffer also minimizes the adverse impact of human activities on habitat within the Critical Area. No disturbance of the buffer is permitted except those associated with water dependent facilities unless an applicant can meet the strict provisions for a variance.

Nontidal Wetlands

The minimum standards established by the state and adopted by the local jurisdictions for the conservation of nontidal wetlands in the Critical Area include: (1) the establishment and maintenance of a vegetated buffer of 25 feet around areas identified as nontidal wetlands; (2)

new development must not substantially damage or change the character of nontidal wetlands; and (3) only new development that is intrinsically water-dependent, or of substantial economic benefit to the public, is allowed to disturb nontidal wetlands. In the event of such development, measures must be taken to replace lost nontidal wetlands and to provide for water quality benefits and habitat protection equal to or greater than that provided by the original wetlands.

Threatened and Endangered Species

All local jurisdictions within the Critical Area have adopted protection programs for all federally and state endangered species and their habitat. The limited distribution of the habitats of these endangered species makes them highly susceptible to local land disturbances. The Critical Area Criteria suggest a variety of measures and approaches for the protection of these threatened and endangered species, including designation of areas of nondisturbance around essential habitat, establishment of conservation easements, and land acquisition.

Significant Plant and Wildlife Habitat

The Critical Area Criteria require the protection of plant and wildlife habitats that are of significance from a state wide or local perspective. Habitats identified for protection include colonial water bird (heron, egret, tern, etc.) nesting areas; aquatic areas of historic waterfowl concentration; riparian forests (forested areas of 300 feet in width along streams and the Chesapeake Bay shoreline); relatively undisturbed, large (100 acres or more) tracts of forest that support breeding populations of forest interior dwelling birds (FIDS) such as vireos, warblers, flycatchers, and woodpeckers; certain plant and animal communities that are the best examples of their kind in Maryland; and, other areas determined to be of local significance.

Native Trees and Shrubs Recommended for Planting in the Critical Area

Native shrubs and trees are the species indigenous to an area occurring prior to European contact. Over the past several hundred years, humans have imported or bred plants to suit their cultural, aesthetic, and environmental needs. A number of species have escaped from cultivated gardens or were planted intentionally into natural areas for wildlife benefit, only to cause havoc in the local ecosystem. While some of these plants do provide benefits to wildlife, the long range results are areas that cannot provide for the year round needs of wildlife and are aesthetically unpleasing.

Anadromous Fish Spawning Areas

Anadromous fish migrate from their primary ocean habitat to spawn, or breed, in freshwater areas. Anadromous fish are valuable recreational and commercial species, and also are an important component in the bay ecosystem. The Critical Area Criteria protect spawning areas by providing for prohibitions on the construction or placement of dams that would interfere with the movement of spawning fish or their larval forms and by providing time-of-year restrictions on

development activities occurring within or near streams. Channelization and other physical alterations, including the introduction of artificial surfaces (riprap, etc.) are also limited.

Forest Mitigation

Any clearing of forest cover for new development or redevelopment must be replaced so as to ensure that the total acreage in forest cover within the Critical Area is maintained or increased. Up to 20 percent of forest acreage on a project site may be removed, but must be replaced on an equal area basis. If between 20 percent and 30 percent of forest acreage is removed, reforestation must be provided at 1.5 times the total forest acreage cleared. If more than 30 percent of forest acreage is removed, reforestation must provide forest coverage at three times the removed acreage (MDNR 2007a).

d. Essential Fish Habitat

The Magnuson-Stevens-Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) sets mandates for the NOAA Fisheries, regional fishery management councils, and federal action agencies to identify and protect important marine and anadromous fish habitat. The regional fishery management councils, with assistance from NOAA Fisheries, are required to delineate essential fish habitat (EFH) in fishery management plans or fishery management plan amendments for all federally managed species. The Magnuson-Stevens Act further requires federal agencies consult with the NOAA Fisheries on activities that may adversely affect EFH or when the NOAA Fisheries independently learns of a federal activity that may adversely affect EFH.

EFH designations emphasize the importance of habitat protection to healthy fisheries and serve to protect and conserve the habitat of marine, estuarine, and anadromous finfish, mollusks, and crustaceans. EFH includes both the water column (including its physical, chemical, and biological growth properties) and its underlying substrate (including sediment, hard bottom, and other submerged structures). Under the EFH definition, necessary habitat is that which is required to support a sustainable fishery and the managed species' contribution to a healthy ecosystem. EFH may be designated for a species' complete life cycle, including spawning, feeding, and growth to maturity, and may be specific for each life stage (e.g., eggs, larvae).

In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, regional fisheries councils and NOAA Fisheries have identified EFH in major estuaries, bays, and rivers along the northeastern coast of the United States. EFH has been designated and described for 12 fish species within the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, including the Severn River (U.S. Navy 2008). Of these species, nine have designated EFH in the vicinity of NSA Annapolis. If land use changes, shoreline stabilization, or military operations with potential to impact these areas are planned, a consultation with NOAA Fisheries would be required under the Magnuson-Stevens Act. EFH

has been designated and described for the following species in the Severn River and its tributaries:

- Atlantic Herring (*Clupea harengus*). Atlantic herring are a pelagic schooling species found at various depths depending on lifestage, season, and geographic location. EFH for adult Atlantic herring includes the seawater salinity zone of the Chesapeake Bay.
- Windowpane Flounder (*Scopthalmus aquosus*). EFH for juvenile and adult windowpane flounder includes bottom habitats with a substrate of mud or fine-grained sand, water temperatures below 25° Celsius (C), and salinities between 5.5 and 36 parts per thousand (ppt).
- Summer Flounder (*Paralicthys dentatus*). EFH for juvenile and adult summer flounder includes demersal (i.e., bottom) waters, including tidal guts. Juveniles may use estuarine habitats such as submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) beds and open bay areas as nursery areas, and adults generally inhabit shallow estuarine waters during the warmer months.
- Bluefish (*Pomatomus saltatrix*). Bluefish is a highly migratory, schooling pelagic species found along the Atlantic coast. EFH for juvenile and adult Bluefish includes the pelagic water column, and inland within the mixing and seawater zones of between 0.5 and 25 ppt, and greater than 25 ppt salinity, respectively.
- Coastal migratory pelagic species including King Mackerel (Scomberomorus cavalla), Spanish Mackerel (Scomberomorus maculates), and Cobia (Rachycentron canadum). EFH has been designated for all life stages of these species in the Chesapeake Bay and Severn River. EFH includes sandy shoals of capes and offshore bars, high-profile rocky bottom and barrier island ocean-side water, and all coastal inlets. EFH also includes estuaries and SAV for Cobia.
- Red Drum (*Sciaenops occelatus*). EFH for the various life stages of red drum includes tidal inlets and creeks, salt marshes, SAV, and unconsolidated bottom.
- Red Hake (*Urophycis chuss*). Juvenile and adult red hakes are seasonal visitors in Chesapeake Bay that are common during the late winter and spring months. They occur in the deeper channels of the bay mainstem as well as the deep channels of Hampton Roads Harbor, and occasionally are found in the upper bay, extending as far north as the Patuxent River.

EFH that is either important to the long-term productivity of one or more managed species populations or deemed to be particularly vulnerable to degradation may be identified by fishery management councils and NOAA Fisheries as a Habitat Area of Particular Concern (HAPC). SAV beds of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries are considered HAPC for adult and juvenile summer flounder and all life stages of red drum.

e. Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

SAV refers to benthic macroalgae and seagrasses that grow in or attach to soft sediments or hard substrates in coastal habitats. SAV beds are considered Special Aquatic Sites, as defined in 40 CFR Part 230 (Section 404 (b)(1) and are an important resource that provides protection and

nursery habitat for a broad range of aquatic organisms and contributes to the oxygenation of the water. SAV is comprised of vascular plants that grow completely submerged below the low-tide line in water depths up to 9 feet (Chesapeake Bay Program 2009a). SAV is an important contributor to the primary and secondary production of the Chesapeake Bay. SAV beds provide food and habitat for waterfowl, fish, shellfish, and invertebrates. They also produce oxygen, filter and trap sediments, protect shorelines from erosion by reducing the energy of wave action, and remove excess nutrients from the water column (thereby reducing the occurrence of algal blooms) (Chesapeake Bay Program 2009a).

Seventeen species of SAV are commonly found in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries. Redhead grass (*Potamogeton perfoliatus*), sago pondweed (*Potamogeton pectinatus*), horned pondweed (*Pannichellia palustris*), and Eurasian milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) are common in the middle and upper portions of the bay where salinities are lower. Widgeon Grass (*Ruppia maritime*) is tolerant of both high- and low-salinity waters and is common through all regions of the bay (Virginia Institute of Marine Science [VIMS] 2007). Eelgrass (*Zostra marina*) is the dominant SAV species in areas of higher salinities in the lower portion of the bay.

Historically, SAV was present in more than 200,000 acres of the Chesapeake Bay, however, concentrations of SAV steadily declined from the late 1950s through the 1970s and by the 1970s less than 40,000 acres of SAV were present (Moore et al. 2004). VIMS has mapped SAV in different regions of the Chesapeake Bay regularly since 1971 using aerial photo-interpretation and ground verification. The entire bay was most recently mapped in 2005 (VIMS 2007) (Figure 2-3).

f. Oyster Reefs

Until the 1980s, oysters supported the most valuable fishery in the Chesapeake Bay. As a result of pollution, over-harvesting, and disease, the bay's native oyster population is now estimated as less than one percent of historic levels (USACE 2008). Native oysters are still an important part of the bay's ecology as they filter pollutants and provide habitat for many other aquatic organisms.

Oyster reefs consist of densely packed both live and dead oysters that exist in small clumps or large mounds (up to 10 millimeters (m) in diameter) on river or estuarine floors. They are generally found in a 3 to 10 m water depth, and in some cases down to a 30 m water depth. Within the Chesapeake Bay, oyster reefs are generally made up of the eastern oyster species (*Crassostrea virginica*), and are found in the subtidal areas and lower tributaries (Figure 2-4). They grow best on clean, hard surfaces, such as on rock, hard sand or mud, on other oyster shells, and in either brackish or high salinity (0.5 to 30 ppt) waters (Reshetiloff 2004).

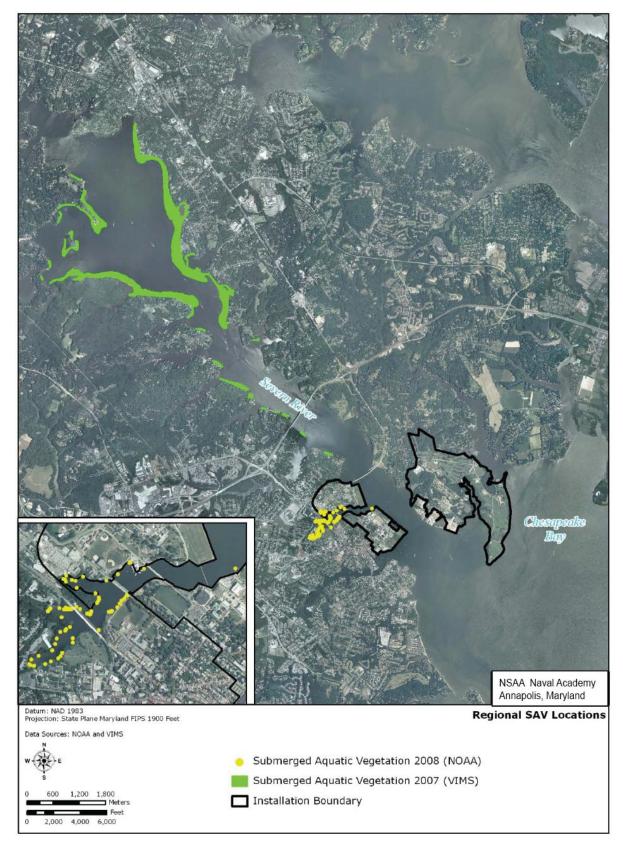


Figure 2-3. Regional SAV Locations

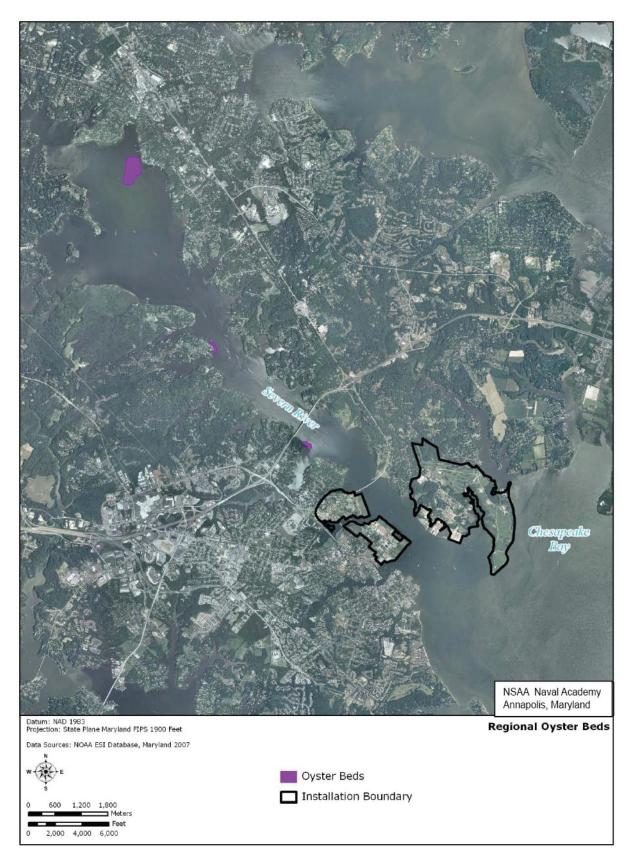


Figure 2-4. Regional Oyster Beds

Oysters help improve the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay by consuming phytoplankton, water-borne nutrients, small diatoms, bacteria and detritus, and thereby increasing light penetration through the water column. Oysters are filter feeders and they pump water through their gills and obtain food from the water in this manner. They also filter organic matter and sediments out of the water column, thus reducing the amount of pollutants (Reshetiloff 2004). They produce feces that are rich in organic matter which provide energy sources for organisms at the bottom of the food chain in the oyster reef community. When oysters die, their shell becomes a substrate for younger oysters. Oyster reefs in the bay are also good for the commercial and recreational fishing industries, in that they provide an abundant supply of eastern oysters, blue crabs, as well as various finfish species (U.S. Navy 2008).

Oysters grow best at salinities of about 15 ppt, which is higher than the average Severn River salinity, but since Dermo (*Perkinsus marinus*) requires higher salt concentrations than oysters, the Severn is considered a good site for oyster restoration projects and has been designated an oyster sanctuary where no shellfish harvest is allowed (MDNR 2008c). The diseases Dermo and MSX (*Haplosporidium nelsoni*) are parasitic organisms that are in part responsible for the decline of oysters in the bay.

A number of partner organizations including DoD, MDNR, MDE, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, and many local watershed groups such as Friends of College Creek and members of the USNA biology department and midshipmen are working together to restore oyster populations in the bay. An important restoration technique is the creation of oyster reefs. Oyster reef creation involves laying a bed of oyster shell or other appropriate material in a bed four to eight feet deep then planting hatchery-raised spat-on-shell on the created reef. Hatchery-raised spat are preferable for restoration projects because they are from select stock and are more likely to be disease free (MDNR 2008c).

(4) Fish and Wildlife Management

The Sikes Act is the primary federal law governing wildlife management on military installations. This act provides for cooperation by the DoD with the USFWS and state wildlife agencies in planning, development, and maintenance of fish and wildlife resources on military reservations and requires the cooperative development and implementation of an INRMP on installations with sufficient natural resources. In addition EO 12962 – Recreational Fisheries encourages the development and enhancement of recreational fisheries by federal agencies. The MBTA, MMPA, BAGEPA, ESA, and Magnuson-Stevens Act are other statutes that relate to fish and wildlife management. Fish and wildlife management, fish and wildlife-oriented recreation, and fish and wildlife habitat enhancement are elements of the INRMP required by the Sikes Act.

NSA Annapolis is located in a densely developed portion of Maryland, has little undeveloped acreage, and therefore has limited opportunity for wildlife management. Nuisance wildlife

control, habitat enhancement, and fisheries management are the primary fish and wildlife management issues of particular importance at NSA Annapolis.

a. Nuisance Wildlife

Nuisance wildlife are wildlife that, because of their feeding or nesting habits, interfere with the installation mission or well-being of domestic animals, other wildlife, or humans. Nuisance animals generally include birds, rodents, deer, and feral cats. Rats, mice, and other pests in buildings and structures are the responsibility of the PWD pest control officer and should be reported to the help desk. Nuisance wildlife including deer, geese, and feral cats, should be reported to the Environmental Office.

DoDI 4150.07, DoD Pest Management Program requires all federal, state, and local permits are obtained for pest management. Contractors that supply pest management services must also be permitted by Maryland laws and regulations to operate as a pest management business. In Maryland, permits are required for the control of all nuisance wildlife species, except nutria, woodchuck, European starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*), house sparrows (*Passer domesticus*), and pigeons (*Columba livia*); and mice, rats, moles, and voles when they are causing damage to personal property (MDNR 2008d). The state of Maryland issues a Wildlife Damage Control permit to control other nuisance wildlife. Deer and Canada geese are managed under separate permit held by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS). APHIS-WS provides wildlife damage management services when requested via an Interagency Agreement or Cooperative Service Agreement. Such an agreement was made with the Naval Academy Golf Association (NAGA) to conduct livecapture and removal of the resident Canada geese at the golf course. APHIS-WS submits an annual take report to the USFWS as a condition of their depredation permit.

Whitetail Deer

Whitetail deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) are the most abundant large herbivores in the United States and eastern Canada. Although whitetail deer populations were small and scattered during the early 1900s, populations have rebounded and are at or exceed biological carrying capacity (BCC) throughout much of their range (Northeast Deer Technical Committee 2008). When the number of deer surpasses the number that can coexist compatibly with humans as in many urban areas, cultural carrying capacity (CCC) can also be exceeded. With a lack of predators and other control factors, deer populations can expand to levels that have profound impacts on natural ecosystems, cause human/deer conflicts, and reduce deer herd health. The best approach to maintaining deer within BCC and CCC is an integrated approach that includes population management, habitat management, and monitoring.

<u>Population Management.</u> Regulated hunting programs are recognized by wildlife management agencies as the most efficient and effective deer population management tool

(Northeast Deer Technical Committee 2008). Regulated hunting programs achieve population management goals by manipulating the size and sex composition of the harvest through hunter bag limits and the issuance of antlerless permits, season type, season timing, season length, number of permits issued, and land-access policies.

Although expensive relative to regulated hunting, sharpshooting programs may be useful in urban and suburban areas by reducing the size of the local deer population where there is not sufficient undeveloped land to support traditional regulated deer hunting programs. A typical sharpshooting program involves the systematic culling of deer by skilled marksmen who are highly trained wildlife professionals. Venison harvested by sharpshooting programs is generally donated to local food banks.

Nonlethal deer population management options available to natural resources managers include contraception and translocation. Capture and translocation has been demonstrated to be impractical, stressful to the deer handled, and may result in high postrelease mortality (DeNicola et al. 2000). It may also not be feasible because deer populations are high throughout the eastern United States and sites that are capable of receiving deer are scarce.

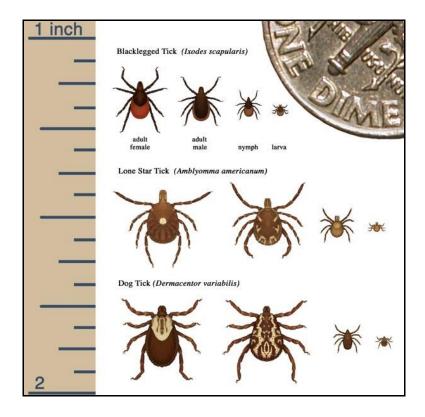
Implementing a contraception program for whitetail deer is a nonlethal method of population control that has become more tenable in over the past decade. Immunofertility agents have been successfully employed to control deer reproduction in both captive and free-ranging deer herds. Most promising is a program conducted by APHIS-WS at the Federal Research Center at White Oak, Maryland, using an immunocontraceptive vaccine, GonaConTM. Results of this study indicated fawning rates were reduced by 86 percent when compared to the reproductive success of untreated does at an adjacent federal facility. GonaConTM was initially formulated as a two-shot contraceptive agent, but has now been refined so that a single injection can produce infertility for multiple years (Gionfriddo et al. 2006).

<u>Habitat Management.</u> Although deer are generalist foragers and eat most any plant within reach when hungry, they do have preferences for certain plant species. Selecting less palatable herbaceous and woody plants can minimize deer browsing to ornamental plants. By maintaining a diverse landscape in terms of plants species and by planting those that are less favored by deer, the impact of deer browsing on the landscape can be reduced. A list of landscaping plants and their palatability by deer is in Appendix 3.

<u>Monitoring.</u> Prior to implementing deer population control measures, a monitoring program to assess baseline population estimates should be conducted. Annual population surveys should then be conducted to assess the effectiveness of the program. A variety of methods for estimating density exist including spotlight surveys, track counts, aerial infrared surveys, and pellet group counting.

Ticks

Ticks are another type of nuisance wildlife that occurs throughout the region. Whitetail deer serve as the primary host for a number of tick species, including deer ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*), which carry Lyme disease. Other diseases such as ehrlichiosis and Rocky Mountain spotted fever are also spread by ticks and are present in the eastern U.S. (Center for Disease Control 2010). Deer density directly influences tick survival and abundance and human exposure to these diseases (Wilson and Childs 1997), therefore measures to reduce the deer population may help control ticks and tick-borne diseases.



Common Ticks of the Eastern U.S.

(photo from: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/tickscommon.htm)

Preventive measures can also be taken that can greatly reduce the risks of contracting tick-borne diseases. Simple avoidance of areas where ticks are likely to be found may be effective, but not always practical. If activities must be undertaken where tick exposure is likely, light-colored clothing should be worn to allow ticks to be easily seen and pant legs should be tucked inside of socks. Repellents, such as those containing DEET or permethrin, should be used to discourage ticks. (NOTE: DEET should be used with caution when applied to children and permethrin may only be applied to clothing, not directly to skin). Additionally, thorough body checks should be conducted after at-risk activities. Adherence to these precautions may not prevent all tick bites; however, prompt removal of ticks will reduce the risk of disease transmission.

Additional studies aimed at reducing tick populations at NSA Annapolis are recommended. Tick control efforts in deer populations have been particularly effective using 4 poster deer treatment bait stations. The USDA has patented a device for the topical application of pesticides to deer for the control of ticks. The device, called a 4-poster deer treatment bait station, has paint rollers mounted on each corner that apply pesticide to the head and neck areas while deer feed from two troughs containing corn. Studies show that the use of the 4-poster bait station with approved tickicide has resulted in control of 92 to 100 percent to of ticks after 3 years of use with approved tickicide (Solberg et al. 2003). The EPA has approved a specially formulated 10 percent permethrin based tickicide for use in treating ticks on deer.

Canada Geese

The resident Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*) population has grown significantly throughout the eastern United States during the past several decades and Canada geese are now considered a nuisance in many places. Resident Canada geese are those that nest within the region in the months of March, April, May, or June, or that reside within the region in the months of April, May, June, July, and August (USFWS 2007). These large populations can damage grass areas through overgrazing, trampling, and through their excrement. Large amounts of fecal droppings around the facility create unsanitary work conditions, increase the transmission of fecal coli form bacteria, and create excess nutrients in the surrounding water resources, which can lead to water quality problems.

In 2006, the USFWS revised regulations that pertain to resident Canada geese (71 FR 45964). The regulation allows landowners to remove Canada geese at airports, in agricultural areas, and in other areas where they are causing conflicts with human populations. The Nest and Egg Depredation Order is an additional tool that will allow landowners to destroy resident Canada goose nests and eggs when necessary to resolve or prevent injury to people, property, agricultural crops, or other interests. Under this order no permit is required, but the landowner must register with the USFWS in order to conduct this activity. The landowner or land manager (including employees that may conduct the work) must register each year prior to taking nests and eggs. Nests and eggs may be taken only between March 1 and June 30.

Feral Pets

Pets that have been abandoned or left behind by owners often become serious pests on military installations. Feral pets may carry diseases such as rabies, distemper, and feline leukemia (in cats) and pose a serious health threat to humans and other family pets. It is therefore important to ensure that pets are properly vaccinated, tagged, and registered when brought onto NSA Annapolis. In addition, feral animals and loose pets, particularly cats, are known to be very damaging to migratory bird populations and other native wildlife. To reduce impacts to native wildlife and in accordance with OPNAVINST 5090.1C, privately owned animals are not

permitted to run at large on the installation. Pet owners should also be encouraged to neuter their pets to reduce the occurrence of unwanted animals.

The CNO Policy Letter of January 2002 on Preventing Feral Cat and Dog Populations on Navy Property states Navy policy on feral pets. Due to the potential of feral or free ranging cat populations to act as disease reservoirs, threatening human health, native wildlife populations and natural ecosystems, Navy commands shall not allow trap, neuter, release or similar programs on their lands. Increasing public awareness on the problems associated with feral cats is a primary factor in controlling feral pet populations. In accordance with Navy policy, NSA Annapolis must adopt proactive pet management procedures that prevent the establishment of free-roaming cat and dog populations and must ensure the humane capture and removal of feral cats and dogs if they occur. Installation personnel and residents should understand that feeding feral cats and dogs is an unacceptable practice that may cause feral and other predator populations such as raccoons to increase. Prompt garbage removal and keeping dumpster and refuse receptacles covered with tight-fitting lids are other important practices.

b. Habitat Enhancement

Vegetation Management

Because of the level of development at NSA Annapolis, the conservation and enhancement of any remaining natural habitat is important to protecting the installation's wildlife resources. Further efforts that focus on maintaining a diversity of habitat types that provide year-round food and cover (coniferous vegetation) as well as seasonal food and cover (mast producing deciduous vegetation) provide the greatest benefits for wildlife. Supplemental plantings of native trees and shrubs in maintained open areas and around building and recreational areas, where consistent with current and planned land uses, would help enhance habitat diversity and meet wildlife management objectives.

Nest Box Program

Artificial nest boxes are useful for enhancing habitat conditions for a number of bird and wildlife species in areas where there are few natural cavity trees or where competition from aggressive nonnative species such as house sparrows and European starlings is great. If they are not properly watched and maintained however,

The University of Maryland College of Agricultural and Natural Resources has informative publications on maintaining bird nest boxes and other structures: http://extension.umd.edu/publications/.

nest boxes can unintentionally increase populations of nonnative invasive species by providing additional nesting habitat. Placement of structures that benefit insectivorous birds in urban and housing areas also provides a benefit to people as these birds consume thousands of insects a day and provide enjoyment for human observers.

Eastern bluebirds (*Sialis sialis*), tree swallows (*Tachycineta bicolor*), Carolina wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*), house wrens (*Troglodytes aedon*), purple martins (*Progne subis*), various owls, wood ducks (*Aix sponsa*), mice, squirrels, and bats are species that commonly utilize artificial structures. Nest box construction and placement should consider the availability of appropriate habitat and structural requirements for the intended species. Other important considerations in nest box construction are competition from European starlings and house sparrows and predation by raccoons and cats. Closing nest boxes by plugging the entrance following nesting season and opening in mid-March and evicting house sparrows or European starlings that are seen to use the house are important measures that help ensure nesting success. Predictor guards should be installed or repaired, as necessary on all nest boxes.

c. Fisheries Management

In accordance with EO 12962 – Recreational Fisheries and OPNAVINST 5090.1C, Navy installations are directed to improve the quantity, function, sustainable productivity, and distribution of aquatic resources for increased recreational fishing opportunities by restoring degraded habitat, fostering conservation, and providing access and awareness of opportunities for recreational fishing.

The Chesapeake Bay has historically been a productive fishery in the nation. However, fish populations in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries have decreased significantly from historic numbers because of overconsumption, pollution, disease, and water quality degradation (Chesapeake Bay Program 2009b). A number of projects have been undertaken at NSA Annapolis in cooperation with local and regional partners to improve water quality and fish habitat. Included are shoreline stabilization efforts, riparian forest buffer enhancement, oyster restoration, and SAV plantings at various locations along the shoreline have also helped reduce erosion and improve aquatic habitats.

Nonnative, invasive aquatic species are becoming a major problem in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries (Chesapeake Bay Program 2009b). The introduction of invasive aquatics is largely caused by the release or escape of bait fish and other organisms released by anglers. Although the state of Maryland does not currently have restrictions on nonnative live bait, the Navy should be implemented proactive measures to protect native fish populations and prevent the spread of aggressive nonnative species by prohibiting use of all live bait other than night crawlers and bloodworms. Additional measures including prohibiting use of all live nonnative bait and the release of live bait (on land or water) would also help prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species. All unused bait should be put in a plastic bag or container and placed it in the trash for proper disposal. Use of nonnative alternative live baits such as Nuclear Worms (*Namalycastis abiuma*), will continue to be prohibited at NSA Annapolis.

The installation also participates in the state's Clean Marina Program (MDNR 2009). The Clean Marina Initiative is a voluntary program that encourages marina operators and recreational

boaters to protect coastal water quality by engaging in environmentally-sound operating and maintenance procedures. Certified marinas meet the rigorous pollution prevention standards established by the Maryland Clean Marina Committee and the MDNR. In January 2009, the Mill Creek Marina received a "Clean Marina Partner" designation from MDNR in recognition of efforts focused on environmental protection and conscientiousness. The Carr Creek Marina is still in the process of making improvements.

(5) Migratory Bird Management

Migratory birds are a large, diverse group of birds that utilize breeding grounds in the United States and Canada, and overwinter in southern North America, Central and South America, the West Indies, and the Caribbean. The MBTA, 16 USC §703-711 is the primary legislation in the United States established to conserve migratory birds. The MBTA prohibits the taking, killing, or possessing of migratory birds their eggs, parts, and nests unless permitted by regulation. As of March 2010, 1007 species were included on the list of migratory birds (75 FR 9282). Nonnative species such as house sparrow, European starling, rock pigeon, and mute swan are not protected by the MBTA.

The Final Rule on Take of Migratory Birds by the Armed Forces (50 CFR Part 21) allows for the incidental take of migratory birds by DoD during military readiness activities. This rule authorizes such take, with limitations, that result from military readiness activities. If DoD determines that a proposed or an ongoing military readiness activity may result in a significant adverse effect on a population of a migratory bird species, they must confer and cooperate with the USFWS to develop appropriate and reasonable conservation measures to minimize or mitigate identified significant adverse effects.

Military readiness activities include all training and operations of the Armed Forces that relate to combat, and the adequate and realistic testing of military equipment, vehicles, weapons, and sensors for proper operation and suitability for combat use. Military readiness does not include: the routine operation of installation support functions, such as: administrative offices; military exchanges; commissaries; water treatment facilities; storage facilities; schools; housing; motor pools; laundries; MWR activities; shops; mess halls; the operation of industrial activities; or, the construction or demolition of facilities listed above (72 FR 8931). During annual INRMP reviews, the Navy must report any migratory bird conservation measures that have been implemented and the effectiveness of the conservation measures in avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating take of migratory birds.

Additional protection for migratory birds on federal properties is provided by EO 13186 – Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds of 2001. This EO stresses incorporating bird conservation principles in agency management plans and requires federal agencies to enter into a MOU on migratory birds with the USFWS.

(6) Forest Management

The forest communities at NSA Annapolis are relatively small with little or no potential for commercial timber production. Therefore, forest management at the installation primarily concerns urban forest management and conservation and enhancement of existing forest resources. Although forest resources are not managed for timber production, they do provide a number of social, environmental, and economic benefits to the base. Specific benefits provided by urban forests and woodland communities include watershed protection, wildlife habitat, visual buffers, and recreational opportunities for installation personnel.

(7) Vegetation Management

The primary guidances on grounds maintenance practices on Navy properties are DoDI 4715.3 – Environmental Conservation Program and the 1994 President's Executive Memorandum on Environmentally and Economically Beneficial Landscape Practices on Federal Landscaped Grounds (60 Federal Register 40837). DoDI 4715.3 states that each installation shall, to the extent practical, use regionally native plants and other beneficial techniques for landscaping. The concept of beneficial landscaping emphasizes:

- Using regionally native plants;
- Using construction practices that minimize adverse effects on the natural habitat;
- Preventing pollution by reducing fertilizers and pesticides, using IPM techniques, recycling green waste, and minimizing runoff;
- Using water-efficient practices; and
- Creating outdoor demonstrations incorporating native plants, as well as pollution prevention and water conservation techniques, to promote awareness of the environmental and economic benefits of implementing this directive.

Beneficial landscaping integrates native vegetation and wildlife habitat into the landscape and minimizes the adverse effects that landscaping has on the natural environment. The use of regionally native plant species, which are generally better suited for local site conditions than nonnative species, reduces the need for intensive maintenance and the use of fertilizers and pesticides. Native plant species are also less likely to become invasive pests than nonnative species and serve as better sources of food and cover for native wildlife.

(8) Invasive Species Management

Invasive species are any species that are not native to a given ecosystem, and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm and/or harm to human health (EO 13112 – Invasive Species). Because of their ability to alter natural ecosystems and diminish the abundance or survival of native species, invasive species are recognized as a leading threat to natural ecosystems and biodiversity, as well as a leading cause of species becoming threatened

and endangered. It is estimated that 42 percent of the species protected by the ESA are at risk primarily because of nonnative, invasive species (Pimentel et al. 2005).

Several statutes and EOs, including the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, EO 11987 – Exotic Organisms, and EO 13112 – Invasive Species, address the control of invasive, nonnative species on federal facilities. EO 11987 specifically restricts the introduction of harmful exotic species into native ecosystems, and EO 13112 requires federal facilities, to the extent practicable and permitted by law, to:

- Prevent the introduction of invasive species,
- Detect and control such species,
- Accurately monitor invasive species populations,
- Provide for restoration of native species and habitats that have been invaded,
- Promote public education on invasive species,
- Conduct research on invasive species to prevent their introduction and provide for environmentally sound control, and
- Not authorize, fund, or carry out actions likely to cause or promote the introduction or spread of invasive species.

In addition, the Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 (7 USC 2814) provides for the control of noxious plants on lands under the control or jurisdiction of the federal government. Section 15 of the Act requires federal land management agencies to develop and establish a management program for control of undesirable plants that are classified under state or federal law as undesirable, noxious, harmful, injurious, or poisonous, on federal lands where similar programs are being implemented on state and private lands in the same area. Of the seven listed noxious weeds in Maryland (Maryland Deptartment of Agriculture 2010), two have been found at NSA Annapolis. Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) and Johnsongrass (*Sorghum halepense*) have been documented at both USNA and NSAA North Severn.

a. Detection and Monitoring

Early detection and rapid response are the principal strategies to successful invasive plant management (Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds 2003). Detection strategies include the use of remote imaging, random surveys, and roadside surveys. Such techniques are appropriate for use on large land areas when the goal is to detect nascent infestations before they become fully established. For small land areas or areas with known invasive species populations, pedestrian surveys using handheld global positioning system (GPS) units to document the location and extent of invasive species, provide the most accurate and useful information for detecting and assessing infestations.

Monitoring is important in assessing the spread of invasive species populations and/or the effectiveness of control efforts. To facilitate monitoring, precise treatment areas should be mapped or delineated in the field. Invasive species that have been identified, but not treated, should also be monitored periodically (approximately 2-3 year intervals) to assess site conditions. If the population is determined to be spreading, treatment options should be considered. An accurate assessment of the extent and location of invasive species is the first step to a successful invasive species control program.

b. General Control Methods

In accordance with DoD policy on pest management, invasive species management should employ the principles of IPM to help minimize use of pesticides. In IPM, the full range of pest control options (biological, mechanical, and chemical) may be employed after careful consideration of the pest's biology, the damage or infestation thresholds that require action, and the impacts each control alternative will have on the environment.

Biological controls involve the use of natural enemies that limit the spread of plants or other animals through parasitism, predation, disease, or feeding. The use of biological controls would require coordination with APHIS-WS, which is responsible for controlling introductions of species brought into the United States for biological control of plants. In some cases the natural enemy of the invasive species itself becomes a problem by attacking native species thus increasing disturbance and the overall problem. Biological controls are not generally recommended for use at NSA Annapolis.

Mechanical controls including mowing, cutting, pulling, girdling, and burning are frequently used to manage and eradicate invasive species. Small infestations may often be controlled by hand pulling, grubbing with a hoe, or by using other mechanical devices if incorporated into a long-term management plan. However, such methods cause soil disturbance, which can encourage reinvasion, incursions by other pests, and potentially increased soil erosion. These methods are also generally not practical in eradicating large infestations unless combined with chemical controls. Using a combination of mowing or cutting and a selective application of herbicide on targeted invasive plant species is often the most effective approach.

Herbicide use is the most commonly used method of controlling invasive species. Because of environmental risks, herbicide treatments that rely on selective application methods, which minimize the release of the herbicide into the environment, are generally preferred over broadcast methods. These methods help avoid or minimize impacts to desirable, non-target species and are more consistent with the Navy's policy on IPM and reduction in pesticide use (DoDI 4150.7). Direct foliar sprays, basal bark applications, and cut-surface (also called cut-stump) treatments are the selective application methods that are generally recommended for control of invasive species at NSA Annapolis. Any herbicide used at NSA Annapolis must be on the installation's list of approved pesticides as provided by the installation IPMP (U.S. Navy

1997). All installation pest management personnel who apply or supervise the application of pesticides must be trained and certified within two years of employment in accordance with the DoD Plan for the Certification of Pesticide Applicators and all contractor pesticide applicator must hold a Pesticide Applicator Certificate and License issued by the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

(9) Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Awareness

It is Navy policy to provide outdoor educational and recreational opportunities appropriate to the mission and the resources of Navy installations. In addition, the Sikes Act requires that installations provide public access for natural resources uses to the extent it is appropriate and consistent with the installation mission. The development of recreational fisheries opportunities are further promoted by EO 12962 – Recreational Fisheries, which requires federal agencies to improve the quantity, function, sustainable productivity, and distribution of aquatic resources for recreational fishing. An MOU between DoD and the Department of the Interior provides guidance on the management of natural resources for outdoor recreation.

Opportunities for natural resources-based outdoor recreation improve quality of life for Navy personnel and foster environmental awareness and a sense of stewardship among Navy personnel and guests. Outdoor recreation includes any consumptive or non-consumptive program, activity, or opportunity dependent on the natural environment. Consumptive outdoor recreation includes activities such as fishing and hunting. Non-consumptive outdoor recreation includes hiking, camping, bird watching, and other forms of nature study.

(10) Agricultural Outleasing

In accordance with OPNAVINST 5090.1C, the Navy must identify lands that are suitable for agricultural outlease purposes when compatible with military needs. Outleasing land that is suitable for agriculture and is not used in direct support of the installation mission is a practice that helps reduce maintenance costs to the installation, earns revenue for the installation that can be used to support other natural resources programs, and benefits the local economy. Each agricultural outlease must include a conservation plan that details the best management practices to protect the natural resources and government interests under the lease. NAVFAC provides the technical and administrative functions of this program in accordance with reference. In addition, the Navy must identify and minimize adverse effects of their actions on prime and unique farmlands in accordance with 7 USC 4201 et seq. (Farm Land Protection Policy).

(11) Wildland Fire Management

Although there is a low probability of wildland fire occurring at NSA Annapolis, prescribed burning may be used as a natural resources management tool at NSAA North Severn and is therefore included in this INRMP. Two DoD instructions that address wildland fire management

are DoDI 6055.06 (DoD Fire and Emergency Services Program) and DoDI 4715.3 – Environmental Conservation Program. DoDI 6055.06 directs installations to plan for and respond to wildland fires on using 2001 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy (Interagency Federal Wildland Fire Policy Review Working Group 2001); whereas DoDI 4715.3 states that all DoD components must manage fire in a manner to preserve health and safety, protect facilities, and facilitate the health and maintenance of natural systems.

(12) Conservation Law Enforcement

According to OPNAVINST 5090.1C, conservation law enforcement is the enforcement of laws aimed at protecting natural resources (and recreation activities that depend on natural resources). Military installations with active hunting and fishing programs or with federally protected species may be best served by including conservation law as integral part of a natural resources program. There is little need for conservation law requirement at NSA Annapolis and the USNA Security Department handles all law enforcement. If a natural resources violation were to occur, state and/or federal conservation officers would be permitted access to enforce natural resources laws after taking proper safety and security measures.

(13) Cultural Resources

Cultural resources consist of prehistoric and historic sites, shipwrecks, buildings, engineering structures, districts, artifacts, or any other physical evidence of human activities considered important to a culture, subculture, or community for scientific, traditional, religious, or other reasons. Cultural resources can be divided into three major categories: (1) archaeological resources (prehistoric and historic); (2) architectural resources; and (3) traditional cultural properties. Archaeological resources are locations and objects from past human activities. Architectural resources are those standing structures that are usually over 50 years of age and are of significant historic or aesthetic importance to be considered for inclusion in the NRHP. Traditional cultural resources are those that hold importance or significance to Native Americans or other ethnic groups in the persistence of traditional culture.

Prehistoric occupation in the Mid-Atlantic region, including Anne Arundel County, is divided into three major periods that reflect technological and social adaptation and development. These periods are the Paleo-Indian, Archaic, and Woodland. The Archaic and Woodland periods are further divided into Early, Middle, and Late subperiods.

Paleo-Indian period (10,000–7500 B.C.) sites are characterized by the presence of portable, versatile toolkits containing finely crafted, fluted stone projectile points, usually made of high quality cryptocrystalline stone.

The Archaic period (7500–2000 B.C.) is marked by the onset of a gradual warming period that brought about technological and cultural adaptations. The Early Archaic subperiod (7500–6000 B.C.) serves as a transitional phase as smaller projectile point styles were introduced (DoN

2006e). During the Middle Archaic subperiod (6000–4000 B.C.) food technologies changed, including the introduction of ground stone tools for food preparation, and an increased reliance on fishing and shellfish gathering. The Late Archaic subperiod (4000–2000 B.C.), also known as the Terminal Archaic or Transitional period, had a large increase in population and social complexity.

The Woodland period (2000 B.C.–A.D. 1600) is defined by the introduction of pottery. By the Late Woodland subperiod (AD 900–1600), horticulture became a significant part of the overall subsistence system. Hundreds of prehistoric archaeological sites have been recorded in the Chesapeake Bay region, including along the Severn River and its tributaries.

Historic archaeological sites ranging from the Colonial period through the early twentieth century are also numerous in the project region. The Chesapeake Bay and other area waterways have served as vital routes of transportation and trade from Colonial times to the present. Beginning in the seventeenth century, the earliest European settlers established large estates along the larger rivers that flowed to the Chesapeake Bay.

Anne Arundel County and Annapolis, in particular, are rich in history and cultural resources. Cultural resources at NSA Annapolis sites have been found to represent almost every identified phase of Mid-Atlantic region human occupation and settlement. Sites range from small prehistoric activity sites and shell middens to the remains of domestic, agricultural, commercial, and military complexes dating from the seventeenth through the nineteenth century.

C. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT COMPLIANCE

NEPA of 1969, 42 USC §4232 et seq., requires all federal agencies take into consideration the potential environmental consequences of proposed actions in their decision-making process. The objectives of NEPA are to ensure that the government makes informed decisions and the public is included in the decision-making process and that all reasonable alternatives for an action are considered.

NEPA is a procedural law that requires review and compliance with other laws. These include, but are not limited to: the CAA; CWA; CZMA; MMPA; NHPA; Research and Sanctuaries Act; Pollution Prevention Act; and ESA.

Per Section 102 of NEPA, all agencies of the federal government must address the following environmental planning requirements:

- Utilize a systematic, interdisciplinary approach to ensure the consideration of natural resources and the environment in planning and decision making;
- Prepare a detailed statement (i.e., an Environmental Impact Statement) for major federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the environment;

- Study, develop, and describe appropriate alternatives to actions that use or impact natural resources or the environment;
- Recognize the worldwide and long-range character of environmental problems; and
- Initiate and utilize ecological information in the planning and development of resourceoriented projects.

The Secretary of the Navy Instruction (SECNAVINST) 5090.6A and OPNAVINST 5090.1C establish Navy policy, procedures, and responsibilities for NEPA documentation for Navy actions. It is Navy policy to initiate the NEPA processes at the earliest possible time to be an effective decision-making tool in the course of identifying a proposed action and to develop and carefully consider a reasonable range of alternatives for achieving the purpose of the proposed action.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) defines an INRMP as a major federal action requiring NEPA analysis. As a result, the Navy Office of General Counsel has determined that Sikes Act requirements for INRMP implementation necessitate the preparation of NEPA documentation prior to INRMP approval. It is expected that updates and revisions would be covered under the original NEPA documentation unless there has been a major change in installation mission or program scope.

An environmental assessment (EA) was developed for the implementation of the USNA INRMP in 2001 (U.S. Navy 2001a). The EA resulted in a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). No major change in program scope has occurred since that time; therefore, no new NEPA documentation nor opportunity for public review are required for this INRMP update. Individual projects and actions identified in the INRMP, however, may require further NEPA documentation.

To ensure compliance with NEPA and other substantive regulations, the proponent of any action at NSA Annapolis with the potential to impact the environment or that requires state or federal permits must contact the Asset Management Branch who fill out appropriate environmental checklists, which ensure planners and natural resource managers are actively involved with and aware of the various projects that require environmental review and coordination. Two environmental forms; the NEPA Worksheet/Record of Decision (ROD) and Project Environmental Permits Record of Decision are required and are available on the PWD Annapolis share drive.

D. BENEFICIAL PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIVE RESOURCE PLANNING

The development of partnerships with state and federal natural resources agencies as well as local conservation and academic institutions makes such expertise available to natural resources personnel to accomplish set goals and objectives. An added benefit of cooperating with volunteers and conservation groups to assist with natural resources projects is that it fosters good

community relationships and allows the volunteers to become invested in the area's natural resources. The following is a list of groups and agencies that have formed or may be available to form significant partnerships with the NSA Annapolis natural resources program.

- The USFWS is a primary stakeholder in the development and review of this INRMP and provides assistance in matters that concern the conservation, protection, and management of fish and wildlife species.
- The MDNR Wildlife and Heritage Service assists in matters that concern the conservation, protection, and management of fish and wildlife species.
- The MDNR Natural Heritage Program provides information and guidance related to threatened and endangered species information.
- Anne Arundel Community College Environmental Center, the Severn River Association, and the Anne Arundel County Soil Conservation District provided assistance with shoreline erosion control and the creation of beach strand and tidal marshes.
- The MDNR Forest Service assisted with prescribed burns of the native grasses and provided technical advice for a six-acre pine plantation.
- The MDNR Fisheries Service cooperated on a terrapin study and exhibit at the Greenbury Point Nature Center.
- Friends of College Creek has worked to improve the health of College Creek watershed. Projects include inventory storm water outfalls, trash pickup, locating abandoned boats, turning a lawn area at USNA into a butterfly meadow, and investigating the feasibility of removing a bulkhead along USNA shores and restoring marshlands.
- The Severn River Tributary Team holds monthly meetings and sends email updates on local events, in which the natural resources manager participates.
- Partners in Flight provided for the establishment and monitoring of Migratory Avian Productivity and Survivorship mist-netting stations.
- The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay provides assistance in meeting the mandates of the Agreement of Federal Facilities on Ecosystem Management in the Chesapeake Bay.
- The Chesapeake Bay Program is a regional partnership that's been directing and conducting the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay since the signing of the historic Chesapeake Bay Agreement of 1983. The Navy is a key partner in the program. The Bay Program and its partners offer multiple grant opportunities to help fund restoration projects of all sizes across the Chesapeake Watershed. The DoD Chesapeake Bay Program provides assistance in meeting the mandates of the Agreement of Federal Facilities on Ecosystem Management in the Chesapeake Bay and other Chesapeake Bay Agreements.
- The Midshipmen Action Group is a community relations program organized and maintained by the Brigade of Midshipmen. The Midshipmen Action Group supports a variety of educational, environmental, and social service volunteer projects.

• The National Aquarium in Baltimore provides volunteers through partnership to support conservation projects in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

E. INRMP IMPLEMENTATION

(1) Preparing Prescriptions and Projects

During development of this INRMP, the natural resources manager and cooperating parties have defined goals, identified legal drivers, and collaborated to develop natural resources management objectives at NSA Annapolis. A list of management prescriptions necessary to meet these goals and objectives was also developed. Detailed management prescriptions including recommended actions, cost estimates, funding classification, and an implementation schedule are in Appendix 1.

(2) Achieving No Net Loss

The Sikes Act states that an INRMP shall provide for no net loss in the capability of military installation lands to support the military mission of the installation. Therefore, mission requirements and considerations have been integrated into this INRMP and the capability to support the mission is a natural resources priority. Natural resources activities that reduce soil erosion; protect rare species to prevent them from becoming federally listed; protect and restore land and waterways from invasive nonnative species infestation; and promote the protection and enhancement of wetlands and floodplains help achieve no net loss of the NSA Annapolis mission.

(3) Use of Cooperative Agreements

A Cooperative Agreement is used to acquire goods or services or stimulate an activity authorized by Federal statute. Use of cooperative agreements requires substantial involvement between the federal agency and recipient during performance of the activity. Sikes Act Cooperative Agreements may be used to accomplish work identified in the INRMP and may be entered into with states, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and individuals to provide for the maintenance and improvement of natural resources or to benefit natural resources research on DoD installations. Cooperative Agreements authorized by the Sikes Act are not subject to the provisions of the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act, but must comply with the procedural requirements of the DoD Grant and Cooperative Agreement Regulations. In accordance with the Sikes Act, funds approved for a particular fiscal year may be obligated to cover the costs of goods and services provided under a Cooperative Agreement during any 18-month period beginning in that fiscal year. Using cooperative agreements to accomplish projects is an efficient means to implement INRMPs and can be administered through the NAVFAC Washington office.

(4) Funding INRMP Implementation

a. Project Classification

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the EPA require federal agencies to classify natural resources projects based in part on compliance requirements. DoDI 4715.3, Enclosure 4, provides detailed guidance on programming and budgeting natural resources projects. The priority classifications (Class 0 through Class III) are summarized below.

Class 0: Recurring Natural Resources Conservation Management Requirements. Includes activities needed to cover the recurring administrative, personnel, and other costs associated with managing the DoD conservation program. Recurring costs consist of manpower, training, supplies, hazardous waste disposal, recycling activities, permits, fees, testing and monitoring and/or sampling and analysis, reporting and record keeping, maintenance of environmental conservation equipment, and compliance self-assessments.

Class I: Current Compliance. Includes projects and activities needed because an installation is currently out of compliance; has a signed compliance agreement; has received a consent order; has not met requirements based on applicable federal or state laws, regulations, standards, presidential EOs, or DoD policies; and/or are immediate and essential to maintain operational integrity or sustain readiness of the military mission.

Class II: Maintenance Requirements. Includes projects and activities not currently out of compliance but which will be out of compliance if projects or activities are not implemented in time to meet an established deadline beyond the current program year.

Class III: Enhancement Actions Beyond Compliance. Includes those projects and activities that enhance conservation resources or the integrity of the installation mission, or are needed to address overall environmental goals and objectives, but are not specifically required under regulation or EO and are not of an immediate nature.

An additional Navy funding classification consists of four Environmental Readiness Levels (ERLs). Environmental Readiness Level 4 are "must fund" conservation requirements that meet recurring natural and cultural resources conservation management or current legal compliance needs, including EOs.

Specifically, Environmental Readiness Level 4:

- Supports all actions specifically required by law, regulation or EO (DoD Class I and II requirements);
- Supports all DoD Class 0 requirements as they relate to a specific statute such as hazardous waste disposal, permits, fees, monitoring, sampling and analysis, reporting and record keeping;

- Supports recurring administrative, personnel and other costs associated with managing environmental programs that are necessary to meet applicable compliance requirements (DoD Class 0);
- Supports DoD policy requirement to comply with overseas Final Governing Standards and Overseas Environmental Baseline guidance Document; and
- Supports minimum feasible Navy executive agent responsibilities, participation in Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) sponsored inter-department and inter-agency efforts, and OSD mandated regional coordination efforts.

Environmental Readiness Level 3:

- Supports all capabilities provided by ERL4
- Supports existing level of Navy executive agent responsibilities, participation in OSD sponsored inter-department and inter-agency efforts, and OSD mandated regional coordination efforts;
- Supports proactive involvement in the legislative and regulatory process to identity and mitigate requirements that will impose excessive costs or restrictions on operations and training; and
- Supports proactive initiatives critical to the protection of Navy operational readiness.

Environmental Readiness Level 2:

- Supports all capabilities provided under ERL3;
- Supports enhanced proactive initiatives critical to the protection of Navy operational readiness:
- Supports all Navy and DoD policy requirements; and
- Supports investments in pollution reduction, compliance enhancement, energy conservation and cost reduction.

Environmental Readiness Level 1:

- Supports all capabilities provided under ERL2;
- Supports proactive actions required to ensure compliance with pending/strong anticipated laws and regulations in a timely manner and/or to prevent adverse impact to Navy mission; and
- Supports investments that demonstrate Navy environmental leadership and proactive environmental stewardship.

An additional assessment level is assigned to projects to assist in recognizing appropriate funding sources in environmental program requirements exhibits. The following descriptions of Navy Assessment Levels are summarized from the Navy Environmental Requirements Guidebook (CNO 2003). Navy Level 1 requirements are those prescribed by state or federal laws, regulations, and EOs; Level 1 requirements include OMB/EPA Class 0, I, or II projects and ongoing efforts. Navy Level 2 requirements are derived from DoD or Navy policy; Level 3

requirements are for pending regulations; Level 4 requirements meet future requirements; and Level 5 requirements are leadership initiatives.

All conservation, compliance, and stewardship projects must be entered into the Environmental Projects Request (EPR)-web system and receive approval up the chain of command. CNO N45 is the final authority for designating the appropriate Environmental Readiness Level. Proposed projects necessary to implement this INRMP, an implementation schedule, funding level, and proposed funding source are described in Appendix 1. All actions contemplated in this INRMP are subject to the availability of funds properly authorized and appropriated under federal law. Nothing in this INRMP is intended to be nor must be construed to be a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 USC 1341 et seq.).

b. Funding Sources

Operations and Maintenance, Navy (O&MN) environmental funds are the primary sources of resources to support OMB/EPA Classes 0, I, and II and ERL4 actions. Other special DoD initiatives to fund natural resources projects also become available on a limited basis. In addition, alternate funding sources for special projects and initiatives may be sought from cooperative grants and partnership programs. These grants require a written proposal and often are cost sharing opportunities. A list of funding resources is in Table 2-2.

(5) Geographic Information Systems Management

Geographic data and information are an integral part of natural resources and environmental protection and planning at NSA Annapolis. A geographic information system (GIS), created by Eagan, McAllister Associates, Inc., was maintained by the natural resources program until 2002. The NSA Annapolis GIS is now maintained as part of the NAVFAC GeoReadiness Repository. This repository was developed to provide geospatial information relative to the Navy's Real Property Inventory to support functional areas including facilities management, environmental management, antiterrorism/force protection, base development/planning, regional planning, and range management. The GeoReadiness Repository, completed in 2004, provides a single source of authoritative strategic-level geospatial data for Class I (land) and Class II (facilities) properties (Carlen and Bason 2004). The GeoReadiness Repository enforces the Spatial Data Standards for Facilities, Infrastructure, and Environment. The GeoReadiness Repository provides a corporate resource for sharing existing data at the Regional level and must be kept current by updates from the NSA Annapolis and NAVFAC Washington natural resources managers.

(6) Training of Natural Resource Personnel

The Sikes Act requires, to the extent practicable using available resources, the Navy ensure that sufficient numbers of professionally trained natural resources management personnel and natural resources law enforcement personnel are available and assigned responsibility to perform tasks

necessary to carry out natural resources management programs. In support of this requirement, a variety of formal Navy environmental training courses are available through (1) the Naval School, Civil Engineer Corps Officer, Port Hueneme, California; (2) Naval Occupational Safety and Health and Environmental Training Center, Norfolk, Virginia; and (3) the Interservice Environmental Education Review Board.

The list of courses offered and billet-specific environmental training requirements are identified in Appendix P of OPNAVINST 5090.1C.

Other courses that are pertinent to natural resources management at NSA Annapolis include:

- Wetlands Regulations
- Wetlands Delineation & Practicum
- CZMA/Chesapeake Bay Act/Coastal Consistency Determinations
- Invasive Species Control
- Coastal Ecology/Shoreline Stabilization

Annual National Military Fish and Wildlife Conference

Table 2-2. Traditional and Alternative Funding Sources

Funding Source	Description	Proposal Deadline
Navy Funding		
Operations and Maintenance Navy (O&MN)	Annual appropriations for the operation and maintenance of the Navy. Includes such costs as operations, civilian salaries and awards, travel, fuel, minor construction projects up to \$750K, installation maintenance and operations support.	see POM
Operations and Maintenance, Navy Reserve (O&MNR)	Annual appropriations for the operation and maintenance of the Navy Reserves	See POM
Commercial Forestry Funds	Supports commercial forestry operations at Navy installations or commands incurring obligations for the production and sale of forest products. Forest management program obligations must be related directly to the economic production and sale of forest products and the enhancement, protection, conservation and management of Navy forests. Reimbursable obligations do not include expenses that are for the protection of forests that are incapable of economic production of forest products.	Annual Increment (plan for upcoming fiscal year due no later than 1 May
Forestry Reserve Project Funds	DoD Forestry Reserve Account funds may be used on Navy installations for: improvement of forest lands; unanticipated contingencies in the administration of forest lands and the production of forest; natural resource management that implements approved plans and agreements.	No later than 1 February
Agricultural Outleasing Funds	Available to Navy installations for natural resources conservation projects. These funds may be used for the development, update, and implementation of stewardship projects such as wildlife habitat enhancement, agricultural improvements, and equipment maintenance as listed in the INRMP. Priority is given to funding agricultural outleasing program expenses.	No later than 1 Sept
Recycling Funds	Installations with a Qualified Recycling Program (QRP) may use proceeds for some types of natural resource projects. Up to 50 % of net proceeds may be used for pollution prevention/abatement projects such as wetlands or riparian forest restoration or outdoor recreation projects such as trail construction and maintenance.	Based on Regional Instructions
Alternative Funding		
Legacy Resources Management Program (Legacy)	Supports a range of DoD efforts to preserve natural and cultural resources on regional level. Partnerships are generally required. https://www.dodlegacy.org/legacy/index.aspx	Variable, check website
National Public Lands Day	Small grants up to \$6,500 available for base-level projects that use volunteers to improve and enhance the public lands. http://www.publiclandsday.org/managers/funding_and_awards.htm	No later than 1 June
Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP)	DoD environmental science and technology program that funds environmental research and development through a competitive process. Funding opportunities are offered for four core focus areas; environmental restoration, munitions management, sustainable infrastructure, and weapons systems platforms. http://www.serdp.org/funding/.	Variable, check website
The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Offers matching grants for on-the-ground conservation projects for the conservation of fish, wildlife, plants and the habitats on which they depend. Grant programs include Pulling Together, Native Plant Conservation Initiative, and Regional IPM Competitive Grant Program. http://www.nfwf.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Grants/GrantGuidelines/defau lt.htm	Project proposals are received on a year- round, revolving basis with two decision cycles per year.
Chesapeake Bay Program	The Chesapeake Bay Program and its partners offer multiple grant opportunities to help fund restoration projects of all sizes across the Chesapeake watershed. http://www.epa.gov/region03/chesapeake/grants.htm	Variable, check website
USFWS Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Grants Program	Provides matching grants for the protection and management of neotropical migratory bird populations. Grant requests must be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 3:1 by non-federal funds. http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/index.shtm.	November
USFWS North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Program	Supports projects that involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats. Grant requests must be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1:1 by non-federal funds. http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/index.shtm	Variable, check website
NOAA Community-based Restoration Program (CRP)	Provides financial and technical assistance that helps communities implement sound habitat restoration projects including tidal wetlands, shellfish reefs, submerged aquatic vegetation, and coastal streams. http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/funding_opportunities/funding_ner.html	Variable, check website

3. REGIONAL HISTORY AND ENVIRONMENT

A. GENERAL LOCATION

NSA Annapolis is located in Anne Arundel County, Maryland and is approximately 30 miles east of Washington, DC and 20 miles southeast of Baltimore. The activity is comprised of the 342 acres of the USNA Main Campus, 827 acres of NSAA North Severn, and 857 acres of the USNA Dairy Farm, and totals 2,023 acres. Anne Arundel County is in the Western Shore Region of Maryland and is bordered to the east by the Chesapeake Bay.

USNA and NSAA North Severn are in the eastern portion of Anne Arundel County. USNA lies on the western shore of the Severn River and is divided into two parcels, the Upper Yard and Lower Yard, by College Creek. NSAA North Severn lies on the river's eastern shore and is bounded by the Chesapeake Bay to the south and east. The USNA Dairy Farm is located in north-central Anne Arundel County, 17 miles northwest of USNA in Gambrills, Maryland.

B. REGIONAL HISTORY

The land currently occupied by NSA Annapolis has a long history of human habitation and use (U.S. Navy 2000c). Archeological evidence indicates indigenous peoples have occupied the coastal region of Maryland from the Paleo-Indian/Early Archaic period through the Woodland period. The discovery of a fluted projectile point near the head of the Severn River indicates the presence of humans there as early as 10,000 years ago. Traces found in the Broadneck area date to the Late Archaic period. During the Late Woodland period, seasonal camps were located along the coastline for fishing, clamming, and hunting, and permanent villages and croplands were located inland along the Severn River (Anne Arundel County 2009b). Before European settlers arrived in Maryland, Algonquin-speaking tribes occupied the region. The Algonquin tribes lived in small hamlets along the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay and rivers where they farmed, fished, hunted, and traded. By the time of English settlement, however, the Algonquin tribes had been forced out by raiding parties of the Susquehannock tribe, who used the area as hunting grounds (Brugger and Requardt 1996). The early European settlers signed a treaty with the Susquehannocks in 1652. The Susquehannocks then moved northward where, in 1661, they began a period of warfare with the Cayugas and Senecas. The Susquehannocks were defeated after smallpox killed over half of their warriors in 1674. After the withdrawal of the Susquehannocks, other Indians-primarily Choptanks, Mattaponys, and Piscataways frequented the area briefly, but the Severn had become dominated by English settlements (Anne Arundel County 2009b).

In 1649, a settlement was founded on the north shore of the Severn River at Greenbury Point by Puritan exiles from Virginia. The town of Providence was located near Mill Creek and it is believed that the first meeting house was constructed at the head of Carr Creek. Several other structures were constructed at the settlement, including a fort at the end of Greenbury Point as

protection from the Susquehannock. By 1660, Providence had grown considerably and increasing trade prompted the need for a seaport. The best site was determined to be across the Severn and slightly upriver from Providence. The site was first surveyed by Thomas Todd in 1651 and soon became known as Proctor's Landing or Town at Proctor's, then Town at the Severn, and later Anne Arundel Town, after the wife of Lord Baltimore.

The town was nearly surrounded by water, and a wall was constructed from Acton's Cove on Spa Creek to Crocus Creek, which was a cove of Dorsey Creek (now College Creek) (Severn River Commission 2008). In 1694, the state capitol was moved from St. Mary's to the site and in 1695 the town was renamed Annapolis in honor of the Princess Anne (Brugger and Requardt 1996).

In the mid-1770s, at the beginning of the Revolutionary War, forts and gun emplacements were built overlooking the harbor at Greenberry Point and Windmill Point to provide defenses for the strategically important Annapolis port. After the war, the State House briefly served as the capitol of the new nation and is where Washington resigned his commission.

In 1808, renewed tension with Britain led to the building of forts to protect American ports. One of these was Fort Severn. It was built on a ten-acre site at Windmill Point and had a circular brick rampart and a ten-gun battery. Fort Madison, slightly larger, was built across the river at the same time. Another important feature of the time was the lighthouse on Greenberry Point, which stood from approximately 1846-1878. However, the site was destroyed by erosion (since 1849 Greenberry Point has been reduced approximately 500 feet) (Severn River Commission 2008). In 1845, the Army transferred Fort Severn to the Navy for use as a training school for officers.

C. REGIONAL LAND USE

Based on Maryland Department of Planning 2002 GIS land use data, Anne Arundel County is 30 percent (114,007 acres) open water and 70 percent (265,347 acres) land. Land uses/land cover classifications for the county is 30 percent (111,620 acres) urban, 11 percent agriculture (42,225 acres), 29 percent (14,214 acres) forest, less than 1 percent (1,646 acres) wetland, and less than 1 percent (596 acres) barren land or beaches.

USNA is adjacent to the city of Annapolis. Annapolis is a relatively small city, though it is the state capitol, with a population of 36,600 (U.S. Census Bureau 2009). Downtown Annapolis, located between Spa Creek and College Creek, supports business, government, and housing. The city's historic core, a largely intact pre-industrial colonial city, is designated a National Historic Landmark (City of Annapolis 2008). Residential neighborhoods surround the city's core area. USNA, St. John's College, and the Maryland State Government are the major institutions located in downtown. The maritime industry is another key part of the Annapolis economy. Maritime businesses including sailing, fishing, and recreational boating as well as marine related trades are concentrated along Annapolis' waterfront areas.

The NSAA North Severn site is located across the Severn River from USNA on the Broadneck Peninsula. The peninsula supports sparse residential and commercial development, recreation, and agriculture. The town of Arnold, Maryland, population 24,400 (U.S. Census Bureau 2009), Anne Arundel Community College, and Sandy Point State Park are located on Broadneck Peninsula.

The USNA Dairy Farm is located in a rural portion of the county with low density residential development, though urban encroachment from Washington and Baltimore threaten the rural character of the area. The USNA Dairy Farm lies within a planned "Greenways Network", which is an interconnected network of protected corridors of woodlands and open space that will protect ecologically valuable lands, provide open space and recreational benefits, and preserve wildlife habitats (Anne Arundel County 2008a). Fort Meade and the Patuxent Research Refuge are other major federal facilities located near the USNA Dairy Farm.

D. GENERAL PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

(1) Climate and Weather

The winter climate in Maryland is intermediate between the cold of the northeastern United States and the mild weather of the South. Extremely cold air masses from the interior of the continent are moderated by passage over the Appalachian Mountains and in the Annapolis area, by the nearby Chesapeake Bay. Summer is characterized by considerable warm weather including hot, humid periods; however, nights are usually quite comfortable. January is the coldest month with a normal average low of 25.4 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) (Table 3-1) and July is the warmest month with a normal average high of 88.2°F (Southeast Regional Climate Center 2008). The average annual precipitation is 43.6 inches, which is distributed relatively evenly throughout the year, with March and August receiving slightly greater amounts. No more than a few inches of snow typically accumulates and such events usually last only a few days.

Table 3-1. Annapolis, Maryland Monthly Climate Summary (1951-2005)

| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Ave. Max Temp (F)	43.3	46.2	54.8	66.7	76.3	84.2	88.2	86.2	80.2	68.4	57.6	46.7	66.6
Ave. Min Temp (F)	25.4	27.5	34.4	44.3	53.8	62.4	67.5	66.3	60.0	47.7	38.1	29.0	46.4
Ave. Annual Precipitation (in)	3.06	2.94	4.27	3.47	4.03	3.56	4.00	4.26	3.84	3.21	3.40	3.54	43.6
Mean Snowfall (in)	4.0	3.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.9	11.0
Ave. Snow Depth (in)	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center 2009

(2) Physiography, Geology, and Soils

Anne Arundel County is in the Atlantic Coastal Plain physiographic province in Maryland (Maryland Geological Survey 2001). The Atlantic Coastal Plain province extends from Cape Cod south to Florida along the Atlantic Ocean and west to Texas along the Gulf Coast. The Coastal Plain Province is underlain by a wedge of unconsolidated sediments including gravel, sand, silt, and clay. The sediments are complexly stratified, forming a sequence of aquifers and confining beds. The sediments of the Coastal Plain dip eastward at a low angle, generally less than one degree, which thickens to more than 8,000 feet at the Atlantic coast line. In Anne Arundel County the Coastal Plain deposits range in thickness from a few tens of feet along its northwestern boundary with Howard County to as much as 2,500 feet at the Chesapeake Bay shore (Maryland Geological Survey 2007).

The sediments of the Coastal Plain range in age from Triassic to Quaternary periods. The younger formations crop out successively to the southeast across Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore. A thin layer of Quaternary gravel and sand covers the older formations throughout much of the area (Maryland Geological Survey 2001). The primary geologic formations underlying the Anne Arundel County area include Lowland Deposits from the Quaternary period, and the Aquia, Matawan, Brightseat, Magothy, and Nanjemoy formations from the Tertiary period (Maryland Geological Survey 1968). There are no major geographical structural features and no fault lines in the area and no earthquakes have been recorded since 1876 (Maryland Geological Survey 2003).

The soils of Anne Arundel County formed in unconsolidated marine sediments and are generally deep and well-drained to excessively-drained. Exceptions to the well-drained soils are the hydric soils. Hydric soils are defined by the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils as soils that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part. These soils, under natural conditions, are either saturated or inundated long enough during the growing season to support the growth and reproduction of hydrophytic vegetation.

Many of the soils in Anne Arundel County are also classified as prime farmland, which is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics to meet the food and fiber needs of the country (USDA, NRCS 2008), or farmland of state importance. Farmland of state importance includes land that does not meet the criteria for prime, but is considered to be statewide importance for the production of food, feed, fiber, forage, and oilseed crops. It may include tracts of land that have been designated for agriculture by state law. Prime farmland and farmland of state importance are regulated under the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA [7 USC §4201 et seq.]). The FPPA restricts actions of the federal government that would cause the irreversible conversion of prime and unique farmland to nonagricultural uses. Construction for national defense purposes however is not subject to the FPPA.

(3) Hydrology

a. Watersheds

NSA Annapolis is located in the Upper Chesapeake hydrologic subregion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed (Figure 3-1). The Chesapeake Bay watershed is the largest estuary in the United States and encompasses more than 64,000 square miles including portions of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia New York, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia (Chesapeake Bay Program 2008b).

On a more regional level, USNA and NSAA North Severn are located in the Severn River watershed within the Lower Western Shore tributary basin (Anne Arundel County 2008b). The Severn River watershed covers an 81 square mile-area and empties into the Chesapeake Bay just past Spa Creek.

The USNA Dairy Farm is primarily (approximately 93 percent) located in the Little Patuxent watershed within Patuxent River tributary basin. The Little Patuxent River joins the Patuxent River just southeast of the Patuxent Research Refuge between the towns of Bowie and Crofton.

The drainage area of the Little Patuxent River watershed is 103 square miles (MDE 2008b). A smaller portion of USNA Dairy Farm land (approximately 7 percent) drains eastward into Jabez Branch, which is in the Severn River watershed. Jabez Branch is a watershed of high concern, as it is the only natural trout stream in the Coastal Plain physiographic province.

b. Wetlands

Wetlands are defined as those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions (Environmental Laboratory 1987). Wetlands provide a valuable ecological service by acting as filters to cleanse polluted waters, protect shorelines from erosion and recharge aquifers. Additionally, wetlands are highly productive ecosystems that support both terrestrial and aquatic life, and act as climate stabilizers and carbon sinks on a global scale (Armentano and Menges 1986).

Based on the Cowardin wetland classification system (Cowardin et al. 1979), wetlands can be divided into five major types: marine (M), estuarine (E), riverine (R), lacustrine (L), and palustrine (P). Each system is further divided into a series of subsystems and classes.

Estuarine

Estuarine wetlands are those that are periodically flooded with tidally influenced salty or brackish waters with salinity greater than 0.5 parts per thousand ppt. Estuarine wetlands may be subtidal (E1) if the substrate is continuously submerged or intertidal (E2) if the substrate is exposed and flooded by tides.

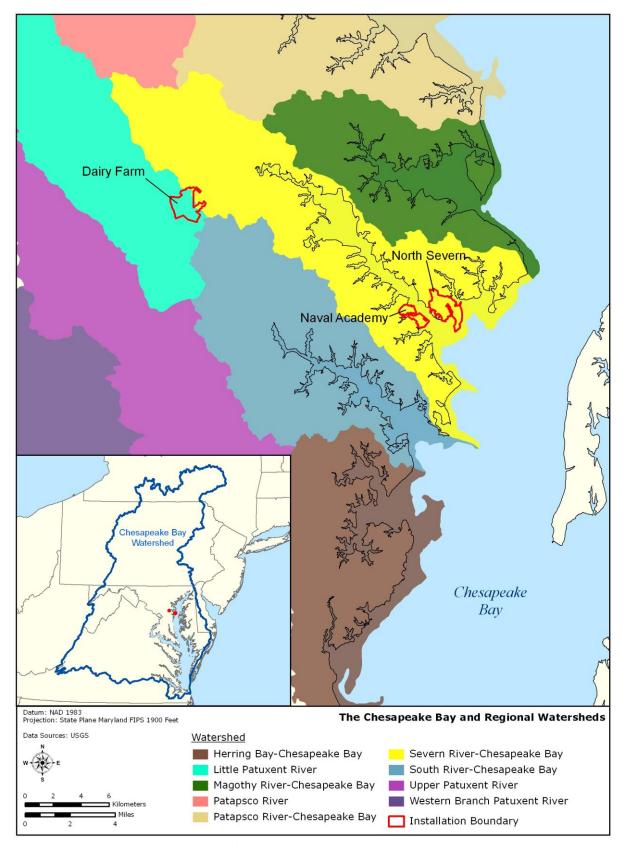


Figure 3-1. The Chesapeake Bay and Regional Watersheds

Riverine

The riverine system includes natural or artificially created wetlands that are contained within a channel and are not dominated by persistent vegetation nor have salinity greater than 0.5 ppt. Riverine systems may be tidal (R1) if water velocity fluctuates under tidal influence; perennial (R2 or R3) if there is a constant flow of water throughout the year; or intermittent (R4) if the channel contains water for only part of the year.

Lacustrine

The lacustrine system includes areas of open water that are greater than 20 acres or deeper than 6.6 feet at low water. Lacustrine waters may be tidal or nontidal, but must have salinity less than 0.5 ppt. Lacustrine wetlands lack trees, shrubs, and persistent emergent vegetation.

Palustrine

Palustrine wetlands are nontidal vegetated wetlands or open water habitats less than 20 acres or 6.6 feet deep that have salinity less than 0.5 ppt. Palustrine wetlands can include unconsolidated bottom (PUB), emergent (PEM), scrub-shrub (PSS), and forested (PFO). Mixed categories can also occur.

c. Floodplains

Anne Arundel County is prone to three types of flooding: nontidal flooding from rivers and streams; tidal flooding from storm surges and tides; and coastal flooding caused by intense winds and heavy rains from tropical storms and hurricanes (Anne Arundel County 2008a). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is the federal agency responsible for floodplain management. Floodplains are defined as an area likely to be inundated by a flood with a particular degree of frequency. One hundred- year flood levels for the Severn River and its tributaries that could pose a potential flood-threat to NSA Annapolis are established in the FEMA maps. FEMA defines the 100-year flood as an area that has a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year and is the standard used by federal agencies for floodplain management. Rarer, but potentially more devastating 500-year floods also occur at USNA. A 500-year flood has a 0.2 percent chance of occurring in any given year. Currently, FEMA is working in partnership with MDE to update floodplain studies and associated mapping for 17 Maryland counties. Anne Arundel County's updated floodplain study is expected to be completed in 2011 and will more accurately estimate the flooding risk in the county (Maryland 2011).

d. Surface Water

The Chesapeake Bay and Severn River are the major surface water features in the vicinity of NSA Annapolis. The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuarine system in the United States and is located along the mid-Atlantic coastal region bordering Maryland, Virginia and Washington

D.C. (Reshetiloff 2004). The bay is almost 190 miles in length and varies from 4 miles wide at its narrowest point 35 miles at the mouth of the Potomac River. It has an average depth of 21 feet, though there is a relatively deep (65 to 95 feet) one-half mile-wide channel extending down the central axis. Including the broad shallow areas that flank each side of the long central channel, the surface of the Chesapeake Bay covers over 64,000 square miles (Kemp et al. 2005). Salinity is one of the primary factors influencing the physical make up of the Chesapeake Bay. Salinity in the bay ranges from tidal freshwater (salinity <0.5 practical units [psu]) in northern reaches to polyhaline (salinity >18 psu) conditions near the mouth of the bay (Marshall et al. 2005).

The 23-mile long Severn was declared a Scenic River by the General Assembly of Maryland in 1971 and has also been listed by the MDE as an impaired waterway by failing to maintain water quality adequate to sustain its designated uses. The Severn was listed as impaired based on sediments, nutrients, fecal coliform in tidal portions of the basin, and impacts to biological communities (MDE 2009). Commercial and residential development, shoreline erosion, runoff from farms, urban runoff, and in adequate public sewers and private septic systems, however, all contribute to the low water quality of the Severn (Chesapeake Bay Alliance 2003). The Severn ranges in salinity from approximately 10 to 15 psu, depending on season and rainfall (U.S. Navy 2008).

e. Groundwater

Anne Arundel County relies primarily on ground water pumped from the Upper Patapsco, Lower Patapsco, and Patuxent aquifers (Maryland Geological Survey 2007). The city of Annapolis owns and operates its own water supply system and uses groundwater from the Magothy and Patapsco aquifers. The Magothy aquifer has elevated iron concentrations, which make it less appealing for residential use; therefore it is used primarily for irrigation and minor public supply.

As water demand increases with population growth, groundwater levels are lowered. Water levels measured in observation wells in any of the aquifers Anne Arundel County generally do not exceed 75 feet below sea level; however, in response to pumping, water levels have declined to as much as 90 feet below sea level. Pumpage from the well fields has also caused significant cones-of-depression in several locations across the county. Water-levels in the Upper Patapsco, Lower Patapsco, and Patuxent aquifers have declined at rates of up to 1.5 feet per year (Maryland Geological Survey 2007). Water levels have declined at rates ranging from 0.2 to 1.4 feet per year in the Aquia aquifer and 0.7 to 0.9 feet per year in the Magothy aquifer (Maryland Geological Survey 2002).

Groundwater from Maryland's confined aquifers are regulated in order to assure a continued supply of water and to prevent dewatering of the confined aquifer. Applications for groundwater appropriation permits are evaluated by MDE to determine whether the water-level decline resulting from those withdrawals exceeds a management level (Maryland Geological Survey

2007). Special management considerations are also taken into account when permitting withdrawals for the Aquia aquifer in the Annapolis Neck area of Anne Arundel County to prevent saltwater intrusion (MDE 2007).

Although natural groundwater quality is generally good, some areas have been shown to have elevated levels of iron, radium, copper, lead, barium, nitrate, and other contaminants. Surveys of naturally-occurring radionuclides in groundwater have shown that portions of the Magothy, Patapsco, and Patuxent aquifers in Anne Arundel County are subject to high levels of radium. Radium, lead, cadmium, aluminum, and other contaminants were also found to exceed EPA standards for drinking water in the western portion of the county near Gambrills (Maryland Department of Health 2007). MDE and the Department of Health have worked with Anne Arundel County to address groundwater contaminants in the aquifers in the northern portion of the county. The county health department currently requires new wells in the affected area to be sampled for gross alpha and radium, and if test results indicate radionuclides above the drinking water standard, owners must employ treatment to remove the radium prior to obtaining a certificate of potability for the well (MDE 2007).

E. REGIONAL BIOTIC ENVIRONMENT

(1) Flora

According to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Ecological Units of the United States (USFS 2005) Maryland encompasses portions of three ecological provinces; the Eastern Broadleaf Forest Province, Central Appalachian Broadleaf – Coniferous Forest Province, and Outer Coastal Plain Mixed Forest Province. The eastern portion of the state is in the Outer Coastal Plain Mixed Forest Province. More specifically, Anne Arundel County is in the Northern Atlantic Coastal Plain Section, which is characterized by forests of oak – hickory, oak – pine, and loblolly – shortleaf pine cover types (USFS 2005). Various forest alliances including white oak (*Quercus alba*) – northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*), hickory (*Carya* spp.) and loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*) – white oak forests occur on dry upland sites, whereas sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) – red maple (*Acer rubrum*) and sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) – ash (*Fraxinus* spp.) – sugarberry (*Celtis occidentalis*) forests occur in forested wetlands (MDNR 2004).

Three federally listed plant species, sensitive joint vetch (*Aeschynomene virginica*), swamp pink (*Helonias bullata*), and American chaffseed (*Schwalbea americana*) are known to occur in Anne Arundel County (MDNR 2007). None of these has been documented at NSA Annapolis.

(2) Fauna

a. Mammals

Ecoregions in Maryland are highly diverse, ranging from vast open water areas to forested mountains, providing a rich array of wildlife habitat that is crucial for faunal abundance and diversity. Including introduced and native species, 75 species of land mammals are estimated to occur within the state (MDNR 2005). Mammals inhabiting terrestrial and wetland areas across Maryland and in most of its counties include smaller insectivores and rodents like the northern short-tailed shrew (Blarina brevicauda), eastern mole (Scalopus aquaticus), eastern gray squirrel (Sciurus carolinensis), southern flying squirrel (Glaucomys volans), Norway rat (Rattus norvegicus), and several species of mice, including the house mouse (Mus musculus) and whitefooted mouse (Peromyscus leucopuss). Other common small mammals include the eastern cottontail (Sylvilagus floridanus), big brown bat (Eptesicus fuscus) and little brown bat (Myotis lucifugus). Larger to medium-sized mammals include whitetail deer, American beaver (Castor canadensis), Virginia opossum (Didelphis virginiana), red and gray foxes (Vulpes vulpes, Urocyon cinereoargenteus, respectively), muskrat (Ondatra zibethicus), river otter (Lutra canadensis), striped skunk (Mephitis mephitis), groundhog (Marmota monax), raccoon (Procyon lotor), and coyote (Canis latrans). The coyote, originally a western animal, is now found in all Maryland counties (MDNR 2006, 2007b).

b. Marine Mammals

NSA Annapolis lies within the known range of 10 marine mammal species (six cetacean, three pinniped, and one sirenian species) that have regular or rare occurrences in the Chesapeake Bay. These include the North Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*), humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*), West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), common dolphin (*Delphinus delphis*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*), gray seal (*Halichoerus grypus*) and harp seal (*Pagophilus groenlandicus*). Of these, three baleen whale species (North Atlantic right, humpback, and fin whale) and one sirenian species (West Indian Manatee) are listed as endangered under the ESA (U.S Navy 2008). With the exception of grey and harp seals, which are sporadic (rare) visitors, the other eight species occur regularly in the Chesapeake Bay (U.S Navy 2008). The bottlenose dolphin and harbor porpoise are expected to be the most common species in Chesapeake Bay with others generally present at very low densities. However, no stranding, bycatch, or sightings have been documented for NSA Annapolis for any of the marine mammals (U.S Navy 2008).

c. Sea Turtles

Five species of sea turtles have been recorded in the Chesapeake Bay and may occur, if rarely, in the vicinity of NSA Annapolis. These include the leatherback (*Dermochelys coricea*),

loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp's ridley (*Leipidochelys kempii*), Atlantic green (*Chelonia mydas*), and Atlantic hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricate*) turtles. The ESA categorizes the leatherback, Kemp's ridley, and hawksbill turtles as endangered, with the loggerhead and green turtles listed as threatened (U.S. Navy 2008).

Areas in the Chesapeake Bay designated as 'primary occurrence' are those areas and habitats where the species is expected to be primarily found; areas of 'secondary occurrence' are areas and habitats where the species may be found, especially during anomalous environmental conditions (hurricanes, etc.); and areas of 'rare occurrence' are where the species is not expected to be found with any regularity (U.S. Navy 2008).

Based on research to date, the vicinity of NSA Annapolis is designated as an area of primary occurrence for Kemp's ridley and green turtles from May to October; an area of secondary occurrence for the loggerhead from May to June and September to October; and an area of rare occurrence for the leatherback from May to October. During the months of July and August, the mouth of the Severn River is designated a primary area of occurrence and the tributaries secondary areas of occurrence for the loggerhead turtle. Hawksbill turtles are considered extralimital in the Chesapeake Bay as only three hawksbills have been encountered within the Bay since 1979. No stranding, bycatch, or sightings have been documented for NSA Annapolis for any of the sea turtles (U.S. Navy 2008).

d. Birds

The diverse ecological communities in Maryland provide habitat for a variety of migratory and resident bird groups including wetland-open water species, woodland species, successional-scrub species, grassland species, and urban species. The avian community is the most diverse faunal community in Maryland and reflects the wide variety of available habitats. Over 400 species of birds have been identified on the *Official List of the Birds of Maryland* (MDNR 2007b). Additionally, Maryland is an important stop in the Atlantic Flyway, a major migratory flight route in North America. Migratory birds are a large, diverse group of species and portions of Maryland serve as an important stopover for their breeding and overwintering, especially wintering waterfowl and wading birds in summer. Many breed in the state, others overwinter on their migration from the north and some simply pass through the state during spring and fall migrations (MDNR 2005).

Familiar birds common to the region's urban settings, open fields and forested areas include the house sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), house finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*), blue jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*), American crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), rock pigeon (*Columba livia*), mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*), Carolina chickadee (*Poecile carolinensis*), chimney swift (*Chaetura pelagica*), European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), northern mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*), American robin (*Turdus migratorius*), northern cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*), killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*), northern bobwhite quail (*Colinus virginianus*), American kestrel (*Falco*)

sparverius), eastern bluebird, brown thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*), wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*), barn owl (*Tyto alba*), eastern screech owl (*Otus asio*), and a variety of warblers, wrens and woodpeckers.

The area's coastal environment is a significant raptor habitat for bald eagles, osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*), turkey vultures (*Cathartes aura*), and red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*). Wetlands and open water habitats support a variety of wading birds and waterfowl, including the redwinged blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*), great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*), yellow-crowned night heron (*Nycticorax violacea*), great egret (*Ardea alba*), various sandpiper and tern species (*Calidris* spp. *and Sterna* spp. respectively), wood duck, mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), American black duck (*Anas rubripes*), grebes (*Podiceps* spp.), pelicans (*Pelecanus* spp.), and Canada goose. Common gulls include the herring gull (*Larus argentatus*), laughing gull (*Larus atracilla*) and ring-billed gull (*Larus delawarensis*) (MDNR 2007b).

Rare, threatened, and endangered birds, as identified by the ESA, and birds of conservation concern, as identified by the USFWS (2008) that occur in the region are listed in Appendix 2.

e. Fish

Fish are another abundant wildlife group that inhabits the tidal waters off the shore of NSA Annapolis. Regional fish surveys (MDNR 2003a, USGS 1997, USACE 1996) indicate a number of species of environmental and/or economical importance are indigenous to the estuarine reaches of the Patuxent River and its tributaries. About 350 species of fish are known to occur in the Chesapeake Bay (Chesapeake Bay Program 2008a). The bay and its tributaries, such as the Severn River, serve as important spawning or nursery sites for many important commercial and recreational finfish and shellfish species. Several of these species are anadromous fish, which spend their adult life in the bay then migrate to the brackish or freshwater tributaries to spawn. Included are American and hickory shad (*Alosa sapidissim* and *Alosa mediocris*), blueback and alewife herring (*Alosa aestivalis* and *Alosa pseudoharengus*), and striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*).

Fish that occur in the Severn are affected by salinity, with freshwater fish dominating the fresher tidal headwater areas of the tributaries and the more salt tolerant marine fish dominating the major tidal waters. Fish that spawn in the freshwater ends of the Severn's tidal tributaries include pumpkinseed sunfish (*Lepomis gibbosus*), brown bullhead (*Ameiurus nebulosus*), and the invasive nonnative chain pickerel (*Esox niger*) and common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*). The tidal Severn supports American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*), white perch (*Morone Americana*), and smaller species such as Atlantic herring (*Clupea harengus*), hogchokers (*Trinectes maculates*) and banded killifish (*Fundulus diaphanus*). Saltwater fish that may enter the Severn River and its creeks include bluefish (*Pomatomus saltatrix*), spot (*Leiostomus xanthurus*), and the anadromous American shad, striped bass and needlefish (*Strongylura marina*) (Anne Arundel County 2008b).

Finfish and shell fish of the zones with higher salinity are species such as spot, croaker, striped bass, flounder, menhaden, herring, and shad as well as Blue Crabs, oysters, and clams.

f. Herpetofauna

Maryland is home to 90 herpetofauna species, a large number relative to the state's land mass. However, amphibians and reptiles are declining at alarming rates, with one of three species globally threatened. Habitat loss and degradation, biological and chemical contaminants, incompatible agricultural practices, disease, introduced invasive species, and global climate are some of the leading causes for declining populations (MDNR 2005). Frogs, especially, are highly sensitive to changes in the environment. With permeable skin that allows water and air to pass through without being filtered by the stomach, frogs are more vulnerable to harm by environmental pollutants and pathogens than many other animals. As such, frogs are considered biological indicators of ecosystem health (Bishop et al. 2003). Since the mid-1990s the incidence of frog malformations has gained international attention. The wide geographic distribution of malformed frogs and the variety of malformations are a concern to resource managers, research scientists, and public health officials. Any deformities observed in frogs at NSA Annapolis will be reported to the Reporting Center for Amphibian Malformations.

Commonly occurring amphibians in Maryland include frogs, toads, and salamanders. Several of the common frog and toad species are the American bullfrog (*Lithobates catesbeiana*), green treefrog (*Hyla cinerea*), gray treefrog (*Hyla chrysoscelis*), Cope's gray treefrog (*Hyla chrysoscelis*), northern green frog (*Lithobates clamitans melanota*), wood frog (*Lithobates sylvaticus*), eastern cricket frog (*Acris crepitans crepitans*), southern leopard frog (*Lithobates sphenocephalus utricularius*), northern spring peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*), upland chorus frog (*Pseudacris feriarum*), and American and Fowler's toads (*Bufo americanus* and *Bufo woodhousii fowleri*, respectively). Common salamanders include the marbled salamander (*Ambystoma opacum*), spotted salamander (*Ambystoma maculatum*), eastern red-spotted newt (*Notophthalmus viridescens viridescens*), eastern red-backed salamander (*Plethodon cinereus*), northern dusky salamander (*Desmognathus fuscus*), northern two-lined salamander (*Eurycea bislineata*), and the four-toed salamander (*Hemidactylium scutatum*) (MDNR 2007b).

Maryland reptiles of common occurrence include a wide variety of snakes, lizards, and turtles. Common snakes include the common ribbon snake (*Thamnophis sauritus sauritus*), eastern rat snake (*Pantherophis alleghaniensis*), eastern garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis*), eastern hognose snake (*Heterodon platirhinos*), eastern king snake (*Lampropeltis getula getula*), eastern worm snake (*Carphophis amoenus amoenus*), northern black racer (*Coluber constrictor constrictor*), northern brown snake (*Storeria dekayi dekayi*), northern copperhead (*Agkistrodon contortrix contortrix*), northern ring-necked snake (*Diadophis punctatus edwarski*), northern rough green snake (*Opheodrys aestivus*), northern water snake (*Nerodia sipedon sipedon*), smooth green snake (*Opheodrys vernalis vernalis*), and southern ring-necked snake (*Diadophis*

punctatus punctatus) (MDNR 2007b). Common lizards include the eastern fence lizard (Sceloporus undulatus), common five-lined skink (Pleistiodon fasciatus), and broad-headed skink (Pleistiodon laticeps). Common turtles include the eastern snapping turtle (Chelydra serpentina serpentina), northern red-bellied scooter (Pseudemys rubriventris), eastern box turtle (Terrapene carolina carolina), eastern mud turtle (Kinosternon subrubrum subrubrum), spotted turtle (Clemmys guttata), eastern painted turtle (Chrysemys picta picta), and the stinkpot (Sternotherus odoratus) (MDNR 2007b).

4. U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

A. Installation Information

(1) General Location

USNA encompasses 342 acres located on the west bank of the Severn River, adjacent to the town of Annapolis, Maryland. It is divided by College Creek into two areas; the Lower Yard and Upper Yard. The Lower Yard area is east of College Creek and houses the majority of the academic functions. The Upper Yard is located to the west of College Creek and has administrative, medical, and housing functions (DoN 2007).

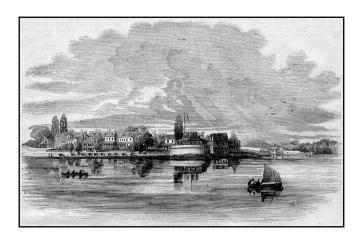
(2) Military Mission

USNA is an undergraduate professional four-year service academy for the Navy that prepares men and women to become professional officers in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. The mission of USNA is to "develop midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty in order to provide graduates who are dedicated to a career of naval service and have potential for future development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government" (U.S Navy 2007a). The 4,000 men and women at USNA train at naval bases and on ships of the fleet each summer, while subjects such as small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval engineering, naval weapons, leadership, ethics, and military law are taught during a four-year program. Bachelor of Science degrees specifying a major field are awarded to midshipmen upon graduation. They are commissioned as ensigns in the U.S. Navy or second lieutenants in the U.S. Marine Corps and will serve at least five as naval officers.

(3) Installation History

USNA was established as the Naval School in 1845 on approximately 10 acres of the abandoned Fort Severn at the junction of the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay. The old fort buildings were initially used to support the functions of the new school. The Naval School was reorganized in 1850 as USNA with a four-year basic curriculum and summer program to train aboard ships.

Between 1846 and 1892 additional acreage was purchased and a series of expansions



General View of the Naval Academy, W. R. Miller, 1853

and modernizations were conducted. In 1895, comprehensive plans for rebuilding the Naval Academy using a French Renaissance design by architect Ernest Flagg were begun. The last building under this plan was completed in 1908. Just before the turn of the century, spoil from dredging operations was used to extend USNA shoreline to its current extent.

In 1932, Congress passed legislation authorizing USNA to confer the Bachelor of Science degree upon all graduates and enrollment climbed, reaching a peak of 3,100 midshipmen in 1941. In subsequent years, the Manning Commission (1947) and the Moreell Commission (1961) were appointed to re-examine the growth of USNA and modernization of the programs. In 1965, a new master plan was adopted that addressed the modernization and expansion of academic, athletic, and support facilities and utility systems necessary to support 4,000 plus midshipmen.

In 1963, USNA was designated a National Historic Landmark and placed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1977, as defined by the National Register of Historic Places, a historic district was delineated at USNA. The district includes the entire main facility, excluding the family housing area north of Maryland Route 450 and the Perry Center complex.

(4) Operations and Activities

Operations and activities at USNA are in support of the education, training, development, and care of the 4,000 enlisted midshipmen. Operations are generally separated into different land use areas at the Academy. Included are:

- Academic
- Physical Education and Athletics
- Community Support
- Facilities Maintenance

Facilities at the Upper Yard include the facilities maintenance area, which is concentrated at the Perry Center and contains the Public Works contractors. A large housing area, now a public/private venture (PPV) operated by Lincoln Properties is located on a hill on the western edge of the Upper Yard overlooking the Severn River. Facilities at the Lower Yard include most of the athletic and academic facilities and Bancroft Hall, which houses the midshipmen (Figure 4-1).

Although future land use changes will likely affect the percentages of land dedicated to each operation and activity, currently approximately 102 acres (31 percent) on the Main Campus are dedicated to academics, 113 acres (33 percent) to athletics, 76 acres (23 percent) to community support, and 33 acres (10 percent) to facilities maintenance and industrial activities. Several small areas of field and forest, with no dedicated land use, also occur.

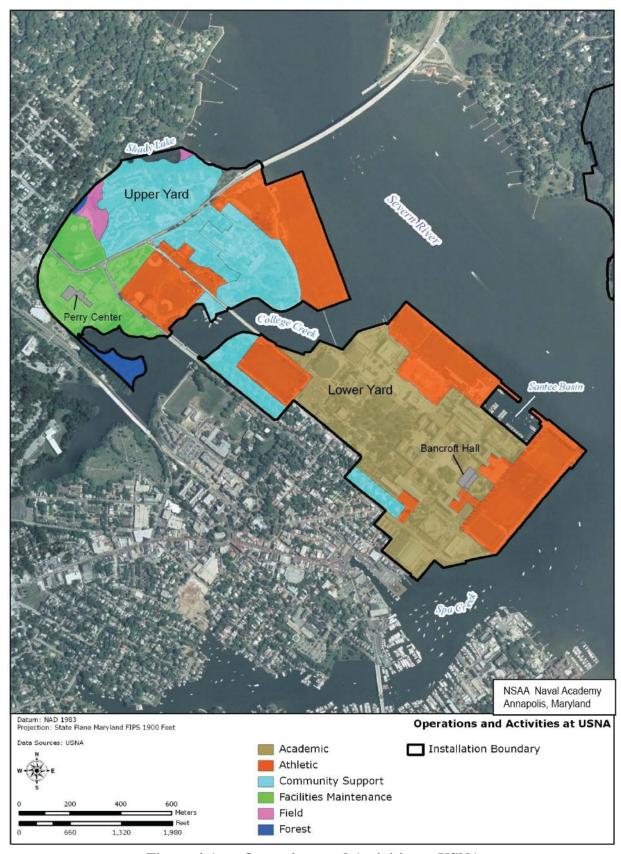


Figure 4-1. Operations and Activities at USNA

B. CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The dense concentration of development is the primary constraint to future development and land use change at USNA. Approximately 80 percent (272 acres) of the Main Campus is developed (buildings, parking and roads or other impermeable surface) or consists of athletic fields and parade grounds. These facilities are important to the USNA mission and are considered operational constraints to future development at the Academy.

A small area of wetlands (2 acres) on the Upper Yard presents a natural resources constraint to future development and land use change at USNA. Flooding is another constraint, as experienced during the 2003 Hurricane Isabel. However, as a large portion (42 percent) of USNA was developed within flood zones (FEMA 1996), flood damage reduction measures such as elevating any new construction and use of flood walls and berms are the facility's best option for avoiding flood damage. The historic district at USNA occupies another 54 acres. SAV beds are considered Special Aquatic Sites, as defined in 40 CFR Part 230 and are HAPC for a number of species. Therefore, the SAV that occurs off the USNA shoreline could pose an additional environmental constraint to development. Figure 4-2 illustrates the areas constrained by natural and cultural resources at USNA.

Overall, approximately 322 acres (94 percent) at USNA have operational, environmental, and/or cultural resources constraints. Areas with little or no constraints provide the best opportunities for mission growth and change. The 2007 USNA master plan update addresses the best options for consolidation, moving existing activities, and reutilization of developed parcels. Only 20 acres are not constrained by natural or cultural resources or existing operational activities.

C. GENERAL PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

(1) Physiography, Topography, and Soils

USNA is located in the Western Shore Lowlands Region of the Coastal Plain physiographic province. The area is characterized as a series of low (generally below 50 feet elevation) fluvial and estuarine terraces, beaches, and drowned river mouths that fringe the Western Shore Uplands (Maryland Geological Survey 2008). USNA occupies a relatively low profile along the adjacent Severn River. The lowest areas of USNA are along College Creek and the predominantly bulkheaded shoreline, which vary in elevation from sea level to approximately 10 feet (Figure 4-3). The highest point at USNA is at approximately 80 feet in elevation and is located at the staff housing area in the northwest portion of the facility. Steep slopes are generally restricted to the area north of College Creek and east of Bowyer Road. The USDA, NRCS has published several soil surveys for Anne Arundel County. The previous 1973 version (USDA, SCS 1973) was updated in 2002 and made available on the internet-based Web Soil Survey (USDA, NRCS 2008).

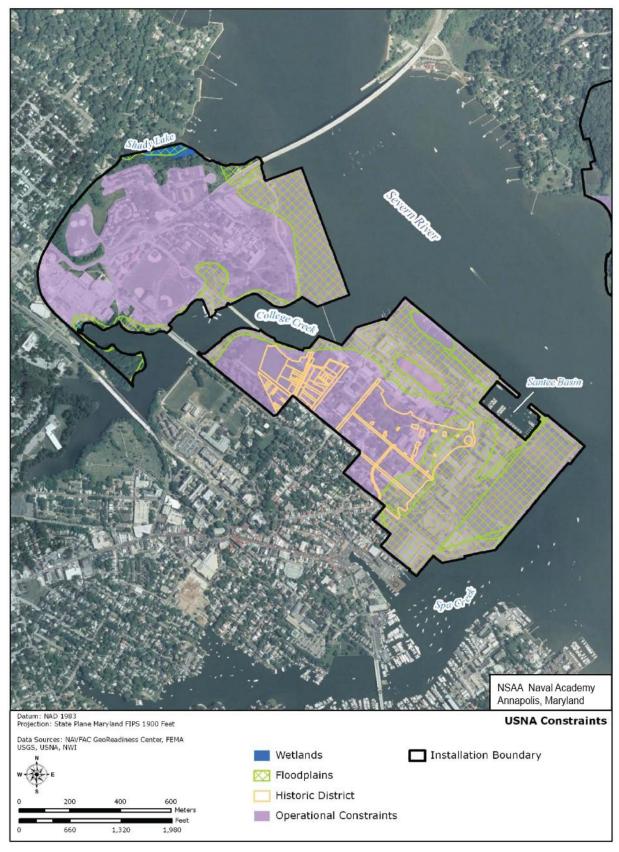


Figure 4-2. USNA Constraints

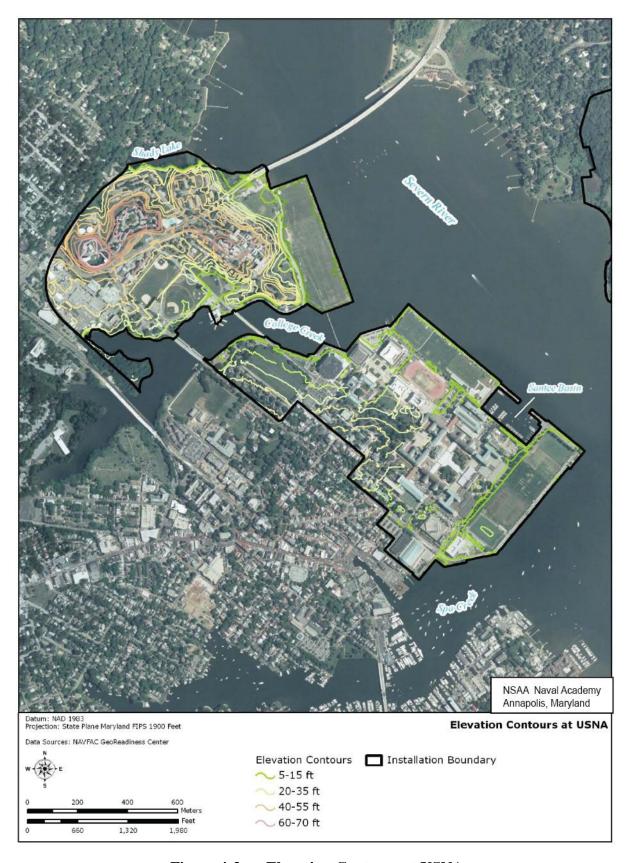


Figure 4-3. Elevation Contours at USNA

The updated soil survey indicates a large portion of the Academy consists of Udorthents, which are soils in cut and fill areas and other areas where the soil material has been highly disturbed, and Urban land, which are areas on which more than 80 percent of the surface is covered by asphalt, buildings, or other impervious materials (Table 4-1; Figure 4-4). There are six major soil series encompassed by the USNA grounds. Included are the Annapolis, Collington-Wist, Cumberstone-Mattapex, Donlonton, Udorthents, and Urban series. Of these, the Donlonton series is listed as a hydric soil of the United States (USDA, NRCS 2009). Only 4.2 acres (1.2 percent) of the soils at USNA are classified as hydric.

Table 4-1. USNA Soils

Label	Soil Series	Drainage Class	Acres
	Hydric		1
DuB	Donlonton-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	4.2
	Non-Hydric		
AsA	Annapolis fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Well drained	2.3
AsE	Annapolis fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Well drained	3.3
AuB	Annapolis-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	50.9
AuD	Annapolis-Urban land complex, 5 to 15 percent slopes	Well drained	9.9
CoC	Collington-Wist complex, 5 to 10 percent slopes	Well drained	6.2
СрВ	Collington-Wist-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	42.7
CpD	Collington-Wist-Urban land complex, 5 to 15 percent slopes	Well drained	47.5
CSE	Collington, Wist, and Westphalia soils, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Well drained	9.4
СуВ	Cumberstone-Mattapex-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Somewhat poorly drained	4.6
UxB	Udorthents, loamy, sulfidic substratum, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	87.1
Uz	Urban land	Onsite determination	70.7
Total			338.8

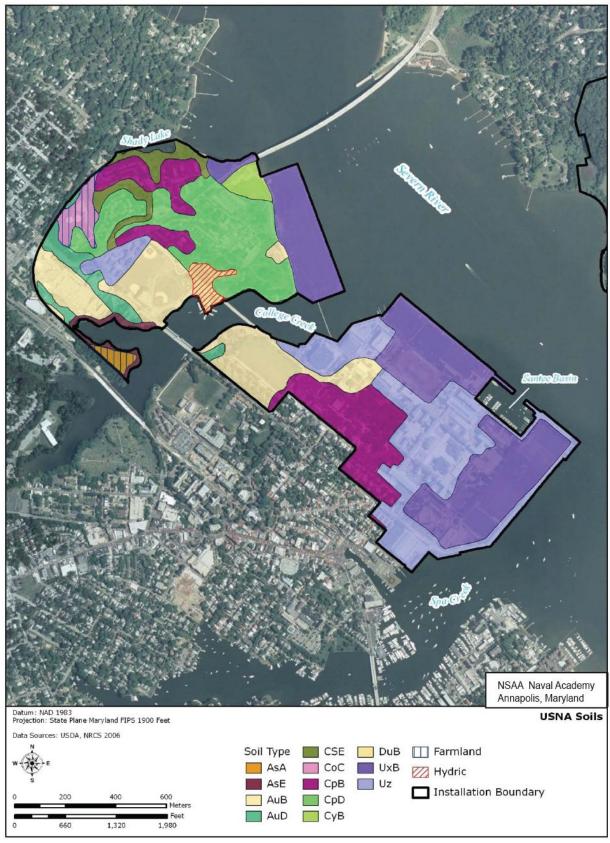


Figure 4-4. USNA Soils

D. PROGRAM ELEMENTS

(1) Threatened and Endangered Species and Species of Special Status

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

Threatened and endangered species management at USNA includes both federal and state-listed threatened and endangered species and species proposed for such listing, as well as other species that may be considered rare or sensitive. The NAVFAC PWD Annapolis Natural Resources Manager is responsible for rare, threatened and endangered species management and ensuring compliance with pertinent regulations and coordination with the USFWS and MDNR. The USFWS and MDNR Wildlife and Heritage Division provide guidance on rare species management issues and projects.

A survey for unique natural communities and rare, threatened and endangered species was conducted in 1996 at USNA (U.S. Navy 1997). Survey efforts focused on birds, plants, and butterflies. No state or federally listed threatened, endangered or candidate species were identified. Aquatic surveys of the creeks and rivers adjacent to USNA were not conducted; however, regional data from the Severn River Commission, MDNR Fisheries Services, and local watershed associations are available for these areas. One species of SAV, clasping-leaved pondweed (*Potamogeton perfoliatus*), which is classified as very rare (S2) by the MDNR Wildlife and Heritage Division, has been mapped in College Creek adjacent to USNA (NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office 2008).

Two state rare bird species; the bald eagle (S3.1B; rare to uncommon and extremely rare for breeding populations) and American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) (state-rare and in need of conservation), are present within the general area of USNA. Bald eagles are known to inhabit the Chesapeake Bay area, however, they are not known to nest at USNA or close enough for activities at the facility to affect them. The closest bald eagle nest is documented near Moss Pond (Therres 2009), south of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, approximately two miles east of Greenbury Point. A pair of peregrine falcons has been documented on the Route 50 Bridge over the Severn River (Severn Riverkeeper 2007) less than two miles from USNA. Table 4-2 summarizes the rare species that have been observed near USNA.

b. Management Goals

The overall goal of this program element is to ensure compliance with the ESA, the BAGEPA, and applicable state regulations, and to protect and enhance rare species populations and their habitats where practicable.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank ¹	State Rank ²	State Status ³	Federal Status
Bird Species					
American Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus anatum	G4T4	S2	I	-
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	G5	S3.B1	-	-
Plant Species					
Clasping-leaved Pondweed	Potamogeton perfoliatus	G5	S2	-	-

Table 4-2. Rare Species Known to Occur at or Near USNA

¹G5 = Demonstrably secure globally G4 = Apparently secure globally S2 = Very Rare

 $^{2}S1 = Extremely Rare$

 $^{3}E = Endangered$ T = Threatened

_T = Infraspecific taxon is ranked

S3 = Rare to Uncommon

I = In need of conservation

differently than the full species S_B = Breeding Status Sources: MDNR 2010a, 2010b

Management Practices c.

No rare, threatened, or endangered species are known to occur at USNA, nor, because of the lack of suitable habitat, are any expected to occur. However, in order to meet management goals, the natural resources manager must ensure appropriate surveys are undertaken prior to beginning any activity with potential to impact rare, threatened, and endangered species. The action proponent must fill out a NEPA Worksheet/ROD and Project Environmental Permits Record of Decision with assistance of the Asset Management Branch who then forwards them to the Environmental Office. Reviews must be conducted during the early stages of planning for the most effective results. Appropriate consultation with the USFWS will be initiated if it is determined that there is potential to affect any federally listed species.

(2) Wetlands and Watershed Management

Program Description and Current Conditions a.

Wetlands and watershed management address tidal and nontidal wetlands, floodplain, and watershed management at USNA. The Air and Water Programs Manager and natural resources manager have responsibility for managing these resources. When necessary, the natural resources manager coordinates wetlands permitting and management activities with the USACE, USFWS, and MDE. The primary regulations driving this program include the CWA, the CZMA, EO 11990 – Wetland Protection, EO 11988 – Floodplain Management, and various Chesapeake Bay Program agreements and initiatives.

Wetlands

Although detailed wetland mapping has not been conducted, the NWI conducted by the Department of the Interior identified approximately two acres of estuarine emergent and scrubshrub wetlands adjacent to Shady Lake. The Shady Lake site is comprised of a shallow tidal lagoon connected to the Severn River by a narrow tidal connection. The southern shore owned

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Entrance to Shady Lake

Emergent Herbaceous and Woody Wetland Vegetation

by USNA is a low-lying tidal marsh dominated by common reed (*Phragmites australis*), smooth cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*), hightide bush (*Baccharis halimifolia*), and marsh elder (*Iva frutescens*). The northern shore is occupied by private properties where much of the historic tidal wetlands have been replaced by structural shoreline stabilization. A portion of the lagoon has been hardened with riprap. Wetland classifications at USNA were assigned using the Cowardin system (Cowardin et al. 1979) and include tidally influenced estuarine wetlands with areas of emergent herbaceous vegetation and woody shrubs (Table 4-3; Figure 4-5).

CodeCowardin ClassificationAcresE1UBLEstuarine subtidal unconsolidated bottom1.38E2EM1PEstuarine intertidal emergent persistent, irregularly flooded0.41E2EM2PEstuarine intertidal emergent nonpersistent, irregularly flooded0.15E2SS1PEstuarine intertidal scrub-shrub broad-leaved deciduous,0.14

irregularly flooded

Table 4-3. Wetland Types at USNA

Watersheds

Total

USNA is in the Severn River watershed, which is a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. There are a number of minor drainage basins at USNA, which discharge into the Chesapeake Bay via College Creek, Shady Lake, or Spa Creek (Figure 4-6; U.S. Navy 2001b). The largest portion of the academy, approximately 57 percent, is in the College Creek watershed, 19 in the Weems Creek watershed, and 24 percent is in the Spa Creek watershed.



Figure 4-5. USNA Wetlands

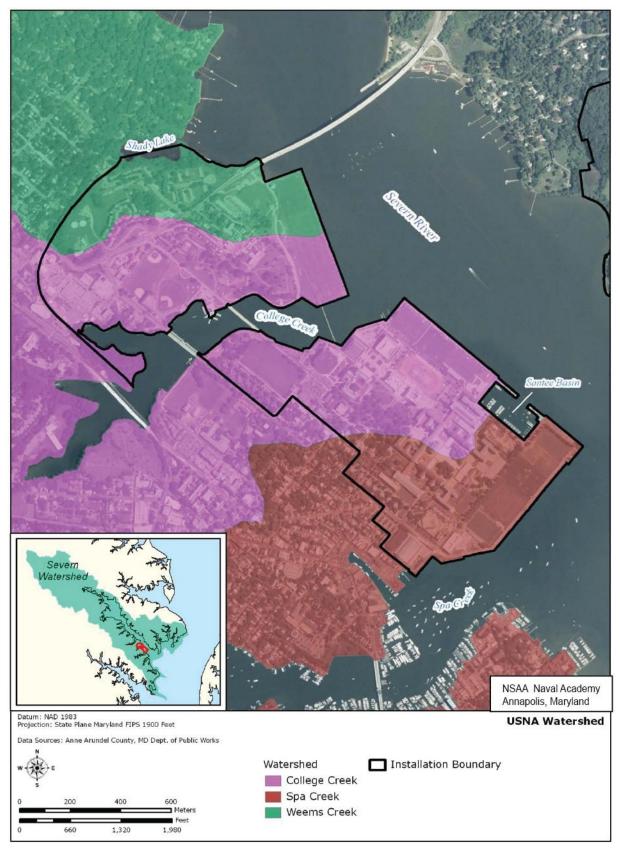


Figure 4-6. USNA Watersheds

Floodplains

Because of its low elevation and proximity to the Severn River, College Creek, Spa Creek, and the Chesapeake Bay, extensive floodplains exist at USNA (Figure 4-7). Historically, much of the development at USNA occurred in floodplains and efforts to prevent flood damage relied on seawalls. Approximately 125 acres (36 percent) of USNA falls within the 100-year floodplain and another 20 acres (6 percent) percent occurs within the 500-year floodplain. In 2003, Hurricane Isabel caused extensive flooding and damage at the academy indicating the need for better planning and flood awareness.

Groundwater

Shallow groundwater in unconfined sediments is susceptible to contamination through discharges of industrial and residential chemicals leaching through soils and erosion of natural deposits of minerals. Deep groundwater aquifers such as the Patapsco formation in the Annapolis area are less susceptible to contamination. USNA obtains water from three groundwater wells owned and maintained by USNA, identified as Well Numbers 15, 16, and 17 (U.S. Navy 2007b). These wells withdraw groundwater from the Patapsco Aquifer, approximately 700 feet below the ground surface.

b. Management Goals

The overall goals of wetlands and watershed management are to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal regulations as well as the protection and enhancement of wetland communities and watersheds at USNA to the greatest extent practicable. Specific management goals for the program include:

- Protect and enhance the biodiversity, function, and value of wetlands, watersheds, and floodplains;
- Maintain no net loss of installation wetlands;
- Support Navy and regional wetland and watershed protection initiatives; and
- Comply with existing state and federal wetland regulations.

c. Management Practices

Wetlands Management

In support of Navy efforts to protect wetlands and in compliance with the CWA, all wetlands at USNA are avoided to the greatest extent practicable during ground disturbing activities and other activities with potential to disturb wetlands. The NWI provides a coarse, planning level wetland

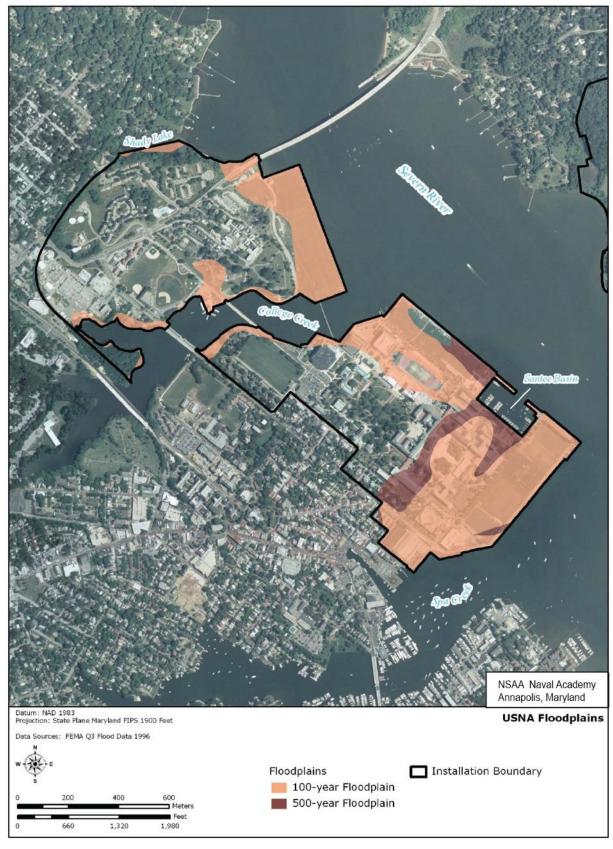


Figure 4-7. USNA Floodplains

delineation that can be used as an approximation of wetland location and extent. Conducting an updated base-wide wetland delineation (using GPS technology or traditional survey methods) would improve planning capabilities and wetlands protection at USNA. Preserving the small remaining area of wetland that occurs on USNA is a natural resources priority. Continuing to control common reed through annual spot treatments and including the site in annual Clean the Bay Day activities would help maintain the integrity of the site improve its wildlife and aesthetic value.

Watershed Management

Because of the highly developed nature of USNA, most watershed protection measures on the Main Campus must be addressed through stormwater management and land use planning. In accordance with LID principals, all new development identified in the 2007 Master Plan (U.S. Navy 2007a) are based on the redevelopment and reutilization within the footprint of existing buildings and impermeable surface.

Additional measures for watershed protection are limited, but could be accomplished through initiatives such as establishing or enhancing riparian buffers along unprotected waterways and enforcing the buffer zones in which disturbance is prohibited. Reducing the frequency of mowing or establishing no mowing zones along wetland edges to increase vegetative filters; and planting appropriate native trees, shrub, and ground cover vegetation as wetland buffers are effective methods of establishing riparian buffers. In 2000, two sites were identified in the Navy's *Chesapeake Bay Riparian Forest Buffer Site Assessment* (U.S. Navy 2000b) as potential site for riparian buffer enhancement. A 300-foot long area adjacent to College Creek at the Lower Yard and a 50-foot long area on the Severn River at the Upper Yard were identified. Planting options, species lists, and site maps were provided for each site. Implementing the riparian buffer planting plans would help the Navy meet its goals of supporting the Chesapeake Bay Agreements as well as contribute to watershed protection at USNA.

Floodplain Management

In order to protect the floodplains at USNA, any changes to the built environment at USNA should be restricted to previously developed sites and all undeveloped areas within floodplains should be preserved. All project proposals are reviewed by Environmental Division personnel to ensure floodplain protection. As floodplains change over time with landscape and climate change, up-to-date FEMA or other floodplain data must be consulted for any development activity.

Groundwater Management

In 2003, the NSA Annapolis water treatment plant underwent a major renovation, replacing filters, aerators, chemical systems, and other associated systems. The levels of all contaminants,

including radium and other substances known to occur in Anne Arundel County, were less than the Maximum Contaminant Levels prescribed by the EPA and MDE (U.S. Navy 2007b).

(3) Coastal/Marine Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

Coastal zone resources include the shorelines and the adjacent waterbodies at USNA. USNA has approximately four miles of shoreline (21,198 feet) along the Severn River, College Creek, and Spa Creek. Under the federal CZMA, activities on federal lands that are reasonably likely to affect use of lands or waters, or natural resources of the coastal zone beyond the boundaries of the federal property, must be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the state's Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP). Maryland's CZMP is a comprehensive program, based on existing laws and authorities including Section 404 of the CWA, the CZMA, and state laws and authorities including the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program, the Tidal Wetlands Act, the Non-Tidal Wetlands Protection Act, and the state's authority under Section 401 of the CWA. MDNR is the state's lead agency for the Coastal Zone Program.

The Air and Water Programs Manager and **PWD** Environmental Division Natural Resources Manager have responsibility for meeting requirements under these authorities. USNA has cooperated with the Friends of College Creek, and the Spa Conservancy, two local coalitions institutions and citizens interested in protecting and restoring the College Creek and Spa Creek watersheds. From the spring of 2007 through the fall of 2007, the Friends of College Creek SAV. conducted surveys assessing macroinvertebrates, and upland stream



Spa Creek Cleanup by USNA Midshipmen (Spa Creek Conservancy 2009)

conditions (Friends of College Creek 2008). USNA's Center for Chesapeake Bay Observation and Modeling participated in water quality sampling for this assessment. USNA midshipmen have also partnered with the Spa Creek Conservancy during creek cleanups and invasive species removal projects (Spa Creek Conservancy 2009).

b. Management Goals

The goals of coastal and marine management at USNA are to preserve, protect, and, where possible, restore and enhance the resources of the coastal zone and to maintain consistency with Maryland's Coastal Zone Program and its associated regulations.

c. Management Practices

Shoreline Stabilization

Shoreline erosion is a major concern at USNA; therefore, nearly all of the facility's shoreline has been hardened by seawall, bulkheads, or revetments. Hardened shorelines however, provide little pollution filtering or habitat function. They also don't dissipate wave action as a natural shore does, which can prevent underwater grasses from taking root. The best opportunity to protect coastal and marine resources is therefore to enhance or restore portions of the USNA shoreline to a natural condition where practicable. Actions such as replacing bulkheads with living shorelines, riparian forest buffer enhancement, and marsh creation are recommended to improve shoreline habitat and benefit SAV, fish, and benthic invertebrates within the area. A site assessment conducted in 2008 by the PWD Environmental Division Natural Resources Manager and NAVFAC Washington Natural Resources Specialist identified one potential restoration sites along USNA shoreline. St. John's College recently completed a shoreline restoration project on approximately 800 feet of College Creek, which can serve as a model for restoration efforts.

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

Ongoing mapping of SAV by organizations, such as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and local watershed groups, such as Friends of College Creek, have mapped SAV in several of the rivers and creeks around NSA Annapolis. Mapping efforts in the Severn River, Spa Creek, and College Creek indicate SAV occurs in the area, but is generally limited to upper portions of the creeks. SAV beds planted during the St. John's College living shoreline restoration have been successfully established (Bergstrom 2009). USNA/NSA Annapolis may consider partnering with the Friends of College Creek to conduct additional restoration in areas that could support SAV. A site assessment that analyses salinity, turbidity, and water depth should be conducted prior to beginning such a project.

Oyster Restoration

USNA has partnered with a number of organizations to restore oyster populations in the bay. An important restoration technique is the creation of oyster reefs. Since 1977, midshipmen have participated in an oyster recovery effort by moving oyster shell bars from a nursery in Mill Creek to an oyster bar at the mouth of the Severn River. NSA Annapolis also provides access to a pier at the MWR Marina. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, a USNA partner, uses the location to meet local citizens who are dropping off oysters to be placed on nearby bars by the Foundation. In 2007, the Academy signed a MOU with the CBF to provide a planting area adjacent to the riprap along Turner Joy Road.

USNA may consider partnering with Friends of College Creek and the Spa Creek Conservancy to construct oyster reefs in appropriate habitat in the waters around the Academy. Site assessments that analyze salinity, turbidity, and water depth should be conducted prior to beginning such a project. Site monitoring should be continued for three to five years to assess the effectiveness of the project.

(4) Fish and Wildlife Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

The availability of wildlife habitat and diversity of habitats at USNA is limited by the level of development at the facility and species that occur at USNA are generally those that are well adapted to urban environments. Other than the 1997 rare, threatened, and endangered species habitat survey, few fish or wildlife surveys have been conducted at USNA and species that have been observed are incidental observations by natural resources personnel. Several bird survey points from the annual Christmas Bird Count conducted at NSA Annapolis between 1999 to 2003 were located at the Academy (Anne Arundel Bird Club Observers 1999, Bystrack 2002 and 2003) and one herpetofaunal survey point was surveyed in 2000 (Wood 1998). Only redbacked salamanders were observed during the herpetofaunal survey at USNA. General observations of mammalian species at USNA include whitetail deer, groundhog, raccoon, eastern cottontail, eastern gray squirrel, and Virginia opossum. Although incomplete, wildlife species lists of species known to occur at USNA are in Appendix 2.

The Natural Resources Manager in the PWD Environmental Division has responsibility daily planning, budget controls, and general administrative functions of the program. Temporary Student Conservation Association (SCA) interns and volunteers have, at times, been available to provide technical support. The USFWS and MDNR are cooperating agencies and are available to provide guidance on management issues and projects.

Fish and wildlife management activities at USNA are primarily related to wildlife management in urban settings such as nuisance wildlife control. Recreational fishing is limited and there are no opportunities for hunting or trapping. The facility is kept well manicured to support a formal appearance; therefore there is little opportunity for habitat enhancement for wildlife other than initiating improvements in landscaping and installation of artificial nest boxes.

b. Management Goals

The natural resources program at USNA strives to protect and enhance wildlife resources within the constraints of the installation mission. The basic long-range goals of fish and wildlife management are to:

• Protect, conserve, and manage fish and wildlife populations and their habitats at a level compatible with the facility mission; and

• Ensure that wildlife populations do not conflict with the facility mission.

c. Management Practices

Nuisance Wildlife Management

Currently there are no reports of nuisance animals or wildlife on USNA. Should nuisances animals become an issue, complaints and sightings should be reported to the Natural Resources office. Depending on the nature of the compliant, the Natural Resources Manager may contact other agencies, such as MDNR or APHIS-WS, for assistance in population surveys and other control measures.

Feral Pets

In accordance with Navy policy on feral cats and dogs, the natural resources manager must ensure the humane capture and removal of feral pets when reported. Every effort should be made to find homes for adoptable animals through local animal shelters. Educational notices that serve to increase public awareness on neutering pets, not feeding feral cats, and other issues regarding feral animals can be published periodically on the Natural Resources Website.

Nest Box Program

USNA does not currently have bluebird or other nest boxes or platforms for ospreys. Although there is little available habitat for wildlife, there is some potential to provide additional nesting opportunities for cavity nesting species at the facility. Ideal habitat for bluebirds and tree

swallows consists of an open area near water for foraging, such as mowed lawn that is fringed by shrubs and hardwood trees. Wood ducks primarily nest in tree cavities in wooded swamps and marshes at the edges of ponds. One to two wood duck boxes could be installed along the edge of Shady Lake and several bluebird and/or tree swallow boxes could be set up along the

Contact the Anne Arundel Bird Club (http://danhaas.com/AABIRDCLUB/) and Maryland Bluebird Society (http://www.mdbluebirdsociety.org/links.htm) for assistance with nest box projects.

wood edge west of the water plant (building 591) or USNA Cemetery. Periodic surveys for the target species should be conducted throughout the breeding season prior to installing nest boxes to ensure the presence of the species. Mapping nest box locations using GPS technology and annual maintenance and monitoring are essential for the success of this program.

Fisheries Management

Fisheries resources at and in the immediate vicinity of the installation include the brackish/saltwater fisheries of the Severn River, College Creek, and Spa Creek. There is currently no formal fishing program at USNA; however, fishing is permitted at the seawall

below Hospital Point. Enforcing state fishing regulations and implementing proactive measures to prevent the spread of aggressive nonnative species are the primary actions including prohibiting use of all live bait other than night crawlers and bloodworms and prohibiting use of all live nonnative bait will help protect native populations. Posting signs that educate anglers on live and nonnative bait restrictions would help prevent further introduction of nonnative species into the bay and its tributaries.

Wildlife Surveys and Monitoring

Most of the wildlife surveys at USNA were conducted as a minor component of surveys conducted at Greenbury Point on NSAA North Severn. The resulting data for USNA are not readily available as separate species lists. Many of the surveys were conducted in the late 1990s and are in need of updating in order to provide a better understanding of the current conditions at USNA. Baseline surveys and monitoring protocols for breeding and migratory landbirds, waterfowl, aquatic organisms, herpetofauna, and bats and other mammals should be developed and implemented. It is critical to develop written protocols, GPS-located survey points, and a digital database for each survey so that future monitoring can be accomplished.

(5) Migratory Bird Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

Limited bird surveys have been conducted at USNA, though it is expected that birds inhabiting the facility are those that are typical of urban environments. Migratory bird management at USNA focuses on the conservation and enhancement of migratory birds in support of the MBTA and EO 13186 – Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds. Because of the level of development and lack of diversity of habitats at USNA, enhancements efforts are limited to artificial nest boxes and implementing grounds maintenance and landscaping improvements that benefit a range of migratory bird species.

During annual INRMP reviews, the natural resources manager and cooperating parties must assess migratory bird conservation measures that have been implemented and the effectiveness of the conservation measures in avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating take of migratory birds.

The NAVFAC PWD Annapolis Natural Resources Manager is responsible for initiating migratory bird enhancement projects, whereas the PWD Facilities Maintenance Branch oversees the facility maintenance contract. Local bird clubs such as the Anne Arundel Bird Club and Maryland Bluebird Society are available to support migratory bird monitoring projects.

b. Management Goals

The goals of migratory bird management at USNA are to support the conservation of migratory birds through habitat conservation and enhancement and to avoid the incidental take of migratory

birds through military readiness actions in accordance with the MBTA to the greatest extent practicable.

c. Management Practices

The installation of nest boxes as described in Section 4.B(4)c would improve habitat for a number of cavity nesting species including eastern bluebirds, various wrens, tree sparrows, and wood ducks at USNA. Monitoring and maintenance of these structures will improve the program's effectiveness and value to migratory bird populations.

Grounds maintenance and landscaping improvements that would benefit migratory birds are described in the Forest Management and Vegetation Management sections of this INRMP. Generally included are preserving existing forested areas, creating structural diversity in vegetation, and providing a wide range of forage and cover species. Implementing an IPM approach to grounds maintenance and minimizing the use of herbicides to the greatest extent practicable, while maintaining the Academy's formal appearance, will also benefit migratory birds.

(6) Forest Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

A forest inventory and forest stand assessment was conducted during the summer and autumn of 2000 by a USFWS biologist prior to developing the 2001 INRMP (U.S. Navy 2001c). The primary natural wooded area at USNA is a 4-acre woodland on the peninsula reaching into College Creek south of the Perry Center area and adjacent to Roscoe/Rowe Boulevard (Figure 4-8). This site is dominated by chestnut oak (*Quercus prinus*) with scattered white oak (*Quercus alba*), southern red oak (*Quercus falcata*), and black oak (*Quercus velutina*). The most common species in the understory layer include flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*), sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*), spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), privet (*Ligustrum* spp.), and maple-leaf viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*). Approximately 6 acres of wooded areas also occur along the western border of the Upper Yard and adjacent to Shady Lake.

Forest management at USNA is largely the responsibility of the NAVFAC PWD Annapolis Natural Resources Manager. The MDNR Forest Services (i.e., the Tree-mendous Program, PLANT Community Awards Program), USDA Forest Service, USFWS, and volunteers such as the Midshipmen Action Group and local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops also assist with forest enhancement projects undertaken at USNA.

b. Management Goals

The primary objectives of forest management are to:

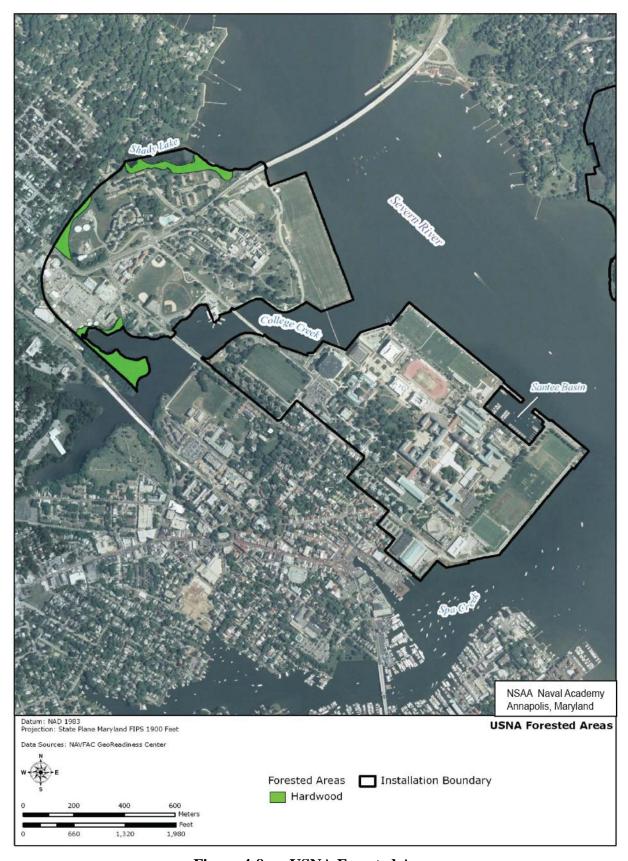


Figure 4-8. USNA Forested Areas

- Conserve and enhance existing forested areas that contribute to overall ecosystem function; and
- Increase forested acreage through reforestation where practicable, within the constraints of the installation mission.

c. Management Practices

Although commercial timber production is not an objective of forest management at USNA; management of the forested area is necessary to maintain this valuable resource. The primary issues concerning the forested areas are land development and invasive plant species. In accordance with the 2007 Base Master Plan, current development plans are based on the redevelopment and reutilization within the footprint of existing buildings and impermeable surface (U.S. Navy 2007a). Future installation plans should continue to conserve the Academy's limited forested area.

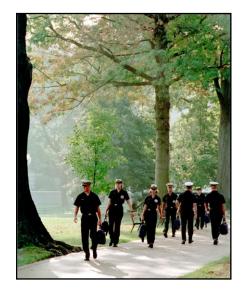
Privet was identified in the 2000 inventory of the forested area at USNA. Privet is a nonnative invasive species that is particularly problematic in lowland forests and can become a dominant understory species if not controlled. Initiating an invasive species mapping and treatment program to control privet and other invasive species that may occur would help restore the biological integrity and function of this resource.

(7) Vegetation Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

Vegetative management includes grounds maintenance on improved grounds, landscaped areas, and other non-forested areas at USNA. The management of naturally forested areas was discussed in Section 4D(6) and is excluded from this section. Grounds maintenance is largely the responsibility of the PWD Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division, which oversees the facility maintenance contract including tree maintenance and pruning in the developed portions of the Academy. The NAVFAC PWD Annapolis Natural Resources Manager supports vegetation management through providing guidance on landscape planting species lists (Appendix 3) as well as initiating habitat improvement projects such as tree plantings, and riparian buffer enhancements. The MDNR Forest Services (i.e., the Tree-mendous Program), USDA Forest Service, USFWS, and volunteers such as the Midshipmen Action Group and local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops can also assist with habitat enhancement projects undertaken at USNA.

An urban tree inventory, conducted in 2008, Tree Survey/Management Plan for the Unites States Naval Academy (U.S. Navy 2009b), identified and assessed the condition of every tree on the Upper and Lower Yards excluding natural forested areas. The urban forest composition was found to be fairly diverse, with 26 species were accounting for 69 percent of the inventory. Eleven of the 27 species are nonnative with crepe myrtle (Lagerstroemia indica) being the most abundant; over 200 individuals were counted. Common diseases maintenance issues observed were discussed and recommendations to address these issues were made. Typical maintenance problems encountered were that trunks and buttress roots are buried too deeply in soil and/or mulch, there was frequent weedeater damage, and poor



USNA Shade Trees

pruning practices were common. In addition, a number of sites with soil erosion issues were noted and recommendations made. The inventory was provided in electronic format and can be put into the Regional Navy GIS.

b. Management Goals

The overall goal of vegetation management is to improve the appearance of the installation through the preservation of existing natural and landscaped areas and through developing appropriate new urban forest and landscape plantings. Urban forest and grounds maintenance practices must also prevent the station from contributing to pollution from vegetative debris, sedimentation, and excess nutrients and pesticides. The goals of vegetative management and grounds maintenance are to:

- Provide an attractive, well-maintained working environment using beneficial landscaping practices, and
- Enhance landscaped areas to better contribute to overall ecosystem function.

c. Management Practices

Ensuing that tree care practices including pruning, maintenance, and planting recommendations provided in the USNA tree survey and management plan are implemented under the grounds maintenance contract or a separate tree care contract would greatly improve the condition and longevity of the urban forest at USNA. Tree care including should overseen by qualified tree care professionals. Tree planting and tree care that meet International Society of Arboriculture standards are provided in Appendix 3.

Maintaining a diversity of native trees and shrubs that include evergreens for winter cover, mast bearing species such as oaks, and fruit bearing species such as dogwoods, native cherries, and viburnums would enhance the value of landscaped areas for wildlife. The NAVFAC PWD Annapolis Natural Resources Manager can support the Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division in identifying additional areas to be planted and should review tree and shrub selections to ensure appropriate native species are used.

Implementing beneficial landscaping practices, as outlined in Section 2.B(7), throughout the Academy is another important aspect of vegetation management. In particular, the amount of fertilizers and pesticides should be reduced to the minimum amount necessary to maintain the Academy's formal appearance. Conducting an annual review of the grounds maintenance contract and basing applications on site assessments rather than prescheduled treatments would help reduce unnecessary chemical use. A pesticide approval form must be submitted to the IPM Coordinator and Environmental Office prior to any pesticide application and a pest management record form must be submitted following application to track pesticide usage.

(8) Invasive Species Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

Invasive plant species were identified at USNA during the forest survey conducted prior to developing the 2001 INRMP (U.S. Navy 2001c) and during field studies for the urban forest inventory in 2008 (U.S. Navy 2009b). A large percentage of species occurring in the natural areas and urban forest was identified as nonnative, though a smaller number of these are considered invasive. The most problematic invasive species identified at USNA include privet, common reed, English ivy (*Herdera helix*), tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), and wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*). The locations and extents of these species have not been mapped. No surveys have been conducted for nonnative or invasive animal species, though there is potential for Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*), northern snakehead fish (*Channa argus*), and other invasive aquatic species to occur (Invasive Species Specialist Group 2009).

The NAVFAC PWD Annapolis Natural Resources Manager and the PWD Facilities Maintenance Branch share responsibility for invasive species control at USNA. The natural resources manager can initiate invasive species control projects (particularly in natural areas) through the INRMP whereas Facilities Maintenance can include invasive species treatments (particularly in landscaped areas) in the facility maintenance contract. The Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds, The Nature Conservancy, and the Maryland Natural Heritage Program may provide guidance on invasive species management issues and projects. Volunteers such as the Midshipmen Action Group and local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops can support for invasive species control projects undertaken at USNA.

b. Management Goals

The overall goal of invasive species management is to protect ecosystems and native plant and animal species from invasive species through compliance with EO 13112. Specific objectives include developing a facility-wide invasive species survey, site specific assessments and recommendations, and implementing a control program.

c. Management Practices

A thorough inventory of invasive species has not been conducted at USNA to date. USNA is highly developed with a large proportion of disturbed area, making the site vulnerable to invasion by exotic species. To comply with EO 13112, a formal survey for invasive species should be conducted and the location and extent of invasive species mapped. Regularly monitoring for new populations of invasive species allows for early control of infestations, since management efforts are more effective when population sizes are small.

Invasive species treatment may be conducted as part of routine grounds maintenance, as recommended in the urban forest management plan (U.S. Navy 2009b) and through special projects initiated by the natural resources office. Volunteers can be used to cut and pull vegetation, however, for effective eradication; herbicides may be needed, which will require the use of a certified pesticide applicator. A pesticide approval form must be submitted to the IPM Coordinator and Environmental Office prior to any pesticide application and a pest management record form must be submitted following application to track pesticide usage. Following treatment, annual monitoring should be conducted to identify the presence of exotic or invasive species and to recommend control actions. Early control of these species would minimize maintenance costs and adverse effects on native species.

(9) Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Awareness

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

Because of the urban nature and relatively small size of the installations, there are few natural resource-based outdoor recreational opportunities available at USNA. Picnicking at USNA is authorized at the Hospital Point recreation area site (Price Memorial). Consumptive uses of the natural resources is limited to fishing and is permitted from the seawall below Hospital Point. Access is restricted to active and retired military and their dependents and civilian personnel. Fishing and crabbing restrictions were identified in USNAINST 1700.9A, which was developed in 1995 and may need to be updated to reflect the realignment of NSA Annapolis.

b. Management Goals

The primary goals of outdoor recreation and environmental awareness management at USNA are to:

- Provide outdoor recreational opportunities for station personnel, their dependents, and the military community to the maximum extent possible within the constraints of the installation mission and capability of the natural resources; and
- Foster understanding and awareness of the environment through educational conservation programs.

c. Management Practices

Environmental Awareness

Organizing activities for Earth Day, National Public Lands Day, and Arbor Day that are open to midshipmen, Navy personnel, and the general public is an effective method of increasing environmental awareness at USNA. Events that promote active participation are particularly effective in developing environmental values and developing a sense of responsibility.

Participating in volunteer programs such as the Midshipmen Action Group and partnerships with local environmental groups such as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Friends of College Creek, and the Spa Creek Conservancy provides other opportunities for midshipmen, Academy staff, and other Navy personnel to become engaged in environmental awareness activities. Environmental personnel actively seek opportunities to partner with these organizations, which benefits the USNA community as well as the environment.

Fishing

All active duty and retired military members and their dependents and non-temporary civilian employees assigned to NSA Annapolis are eligible to fish and crab within the confines of the USNA. Fishing and crabbing are restricted to Hospital Point seawall areas and College Creek (Hill Bridge to Hubbard Hall west boundary) (subject to limitations stated in USNAINST 1700.9A). Posting signs that educate anglers on live and nonnative bait restrictions would help prevent further introduction of nonnative species into the bay and its tributaries.

(10) Agricultural Outleasing

There are no lands suitable for agricultural use at USNA.

(11) Wildland Fire Management

The urban environment of USNA precludes the occurrence of wildland fire; all fire and emergency services at USNA are handled by the USNA Fire Department.

(12) Conservation Law Enforcement

There is no requirement for a separate conservation law enforcement program at USNA; all law enforcement is accomplished through the USNA Security Department.

(13) Cultural Resources Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

The NSA Annapolis ICRMP (U.S. Navy 2000c) provides an inventory of known prehistoric, historic, archeological, and architectural resources and provides recommendations for their management of cultural resources at USNA. Most significantly, USNA was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1961 (Figure 4-9). This historic district includes over 100 contributing elements including buildings, monuments, structures, and open spaces that define the character of the Academy (U.S. Navy 2000c). The PWD Cultural Resources Coordinator at NSA Annapolis oversees all cultural resources issues. Cultural resources maps will be consulted and any proposed activity with potential to impact these resources at NSA Annapolis must be coordinated through the SHPO.

b. Management Goals

The goals of cultural resources management are to protect all significant cultural resources to the greatest extent practicable and meet the compliance requirements of federal laws.

c. Management Practices

To avoid disturbing cultural resources at USNA, planning and consultation with the cultural resources staff is necessary before any potentially ground-disturbing activities are carried out. The NSA Annapolis ICRMP has detailed maps of known site locations and should be consulted prior to project planning. It is possible that currently buried and unknown archeological resources may be uncovered during ground-disturbing activities. If any archeological resources are encountered during ground disturbing activities, the ICRMP provides standard operating procedures to follow. The Cultural Resources Coordinator and NAVFAC Regional Historic Preservation Officer must be notified to ensure compliance with the NHPA. All construction work would be suspended until a qualified archaeologist could determine the significance of the encountered resource(s). In addition, new structures or buildings with architectural design elements that are incompatible with surrounding historic properties would impact the integrity, character, and/or feeling of the historic property. Therefore, any plans for construction at USNA would require consultation with the SHPO prior to construction.

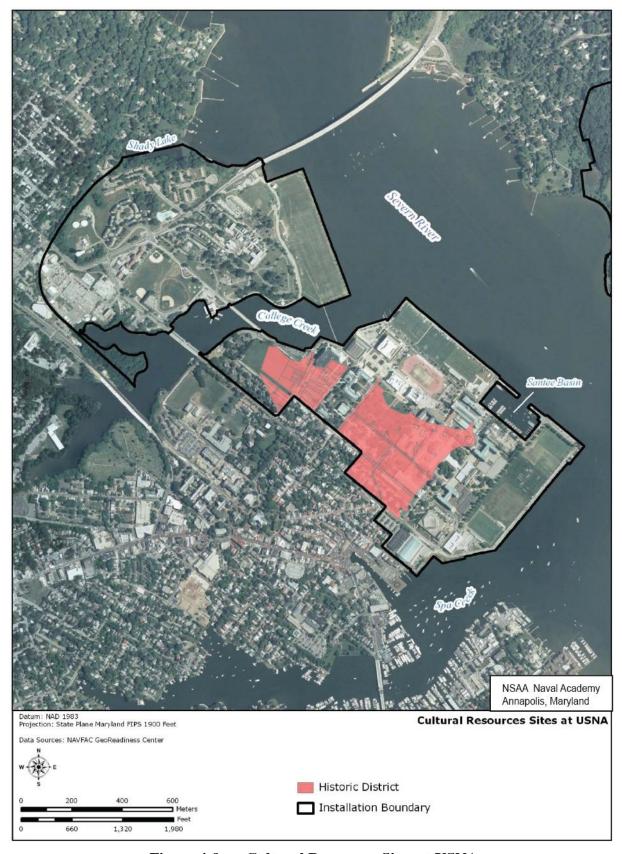


Figure 4-9. Cultural Resources Sites at USNA

5. NSAA NORTH SEVERN

A. Installation Information

(1) General Location

The NSAA North Severn site, including NSA Annapolis, the USNA Golf Course, and Greenbury Point, encompasses 827 acres and is located across the Severn River from USNA on Broadneck Peninsula. The David Taylor Research Center is a 46-acre waterfront site located at NSAA North Severn that was decommissioned in 1999 and is now owned by Anne Arundel County.

(2) Military Mission

The primary mission of the activity is to provide base operations support.

(3) Installation History

Much of NSAA North Severn was purchased by the Navy in 1909 for use as a dairy farm in order to provide safe dairy products to midshipmen during a time when tuberculosis was common. From 1911 to 1917, part of the site was also used for the first Naval Air Station. From 1918 to 1996, Greenbury Point was used as a radio research and transmission site. During the Cold War, Greenbury Point was a key communications center for the Navy's submarine fleet. The antennas transmitted Very Low Frequency signals capable of penetrating the ocean, allowing communications with submerged submarines. By the early 1990s, however with advances in satellite communications, the antennas became obsolete. A 1991 base realignment and closure (BRAC) decision lead to the decommissioning of the radio towers. The final demolition of 16 of the 19 former Navy radio towers on Greenbury Point took place in 1999 (though the concrete footings are still on-site). Three towers remain and were turned over to Anne Arundel County for telecommunications or training purposes. Since 1999, much of Greenbury Point has been managed as the Greenbury Point Conservation Area.

(4) Operations and Activities

Operations and activities at NSAA North Severn include providing administrative, technical, and procedural support services to USNA; housing and community support; port operations; public works functions; and natural resources conservation (Figure 5-1). The USNA maintains a fleet of more than 250 Yard Patrol and sail craft; operates an Industrial Repair Department; employs divers to ensure the underwater integrity of all operations; and provides various competitive, combat, and general use pistol and rifle ranges (DoN 2007).

The major facilities located at NSAA North Severn include the Navy Exchange, Commissary, Child Development Center, Family Service Center, MWR family camp grounds, PPV housing,

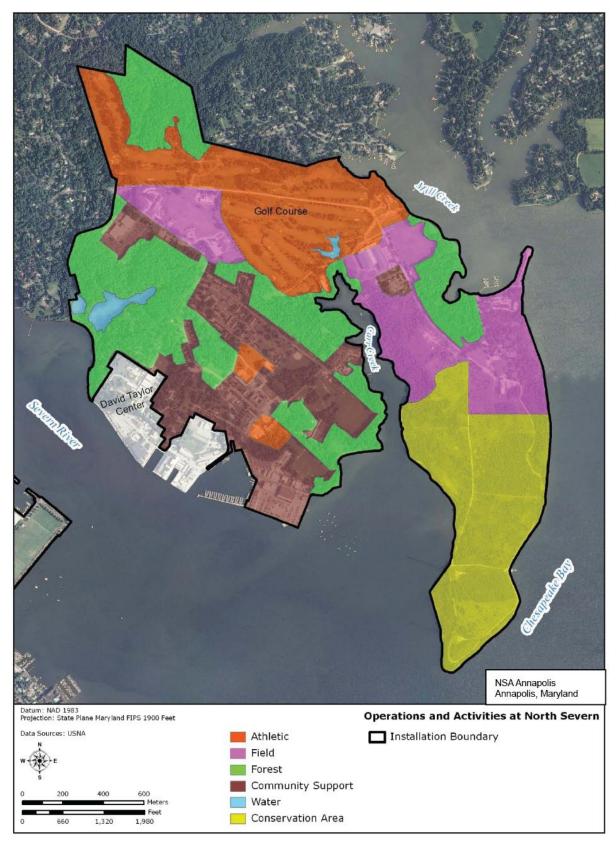


Figure 5-1. Operations and Activities at NSAA North Severn

Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, USNA Golf Course, athletic (rugby) field, marinas, firing range, and the Greenbury Point Nature Center.

(5) Constraints and Opportunities

Current and future land uses at NSAA North Severn have several constraining factors. Natural and cultural resources related constraints include wetlands, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, and sites on which significant cultural resources occur. Approximately 584 acres are constrained by natural resources such as wetlands, floodplains, and the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area; and 8 acres are constrained by cultural resources. Any future land development should attempt to avoid impacts to these resources and if avoidance is not possible, all impacts must be mitigated. Recreational development is compatible with goals of the Critical Area Law and waterdependent facilities are permissible in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. Other restrictions on mission and land use are due to operational, existing development, and safety constraints. Currently approximately 460 acres (55 percent) of NSAA North Severn are constrained by operations and activities. Included are 42 acres that are constrained by potential environmental concerns related to site contamination and 106 acres that fall within firing fans from the pistol and rifle ranges. A total of 740 acres (65 percent) of NSAA North Severn are constrained from future land use changes and development (Figure 5-2). The remaining tower footings may create a constraint for some land use purposes and could be GPS-located and added to these constraint maps. The NSAA North Severn development plan (U.S. Navy 2009a) also identifies several additional sites with planned development.

Areas with few or no constraints provide the best opportunities for mission growth and change. Approximately 86 acres (less than 10 percent) of NSAA North Severn are unconstrained and provide opportunity for land use change (Figure 5-3).

B. GENERAL PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

(1) Physiography, Topography, and Soils

NSAA North Severn is in part in the Western Shore Lowlands Region and Western Shore Uplands Region of the Coastal Plain physiographic provinces ((Maryland Geological Survey 2008). The NSAA North Severn site occupies a relatively low profile adjacent to the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay. The highest elevation on Greenbury Point peninsula is slightly more than 20 feet above mean sea level and the lowest elevation is at sea level. Consequently, the point is relatively flat with only small isolated areas along the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay and the Severn River that have a greater than 10 percent slope. The elevation on the eastern and southern shoreline is significantly higher than sea level due to extensive bulkheading and backfill. The northern portion of the site, including the golf course exhibits a more rolling terrain, rising to a high point of 80 feet above mean sea level at the USNA Family Services Center and Clipper Recreation Center adjacent to Kinkaid Road at the station (Figure 5-4).

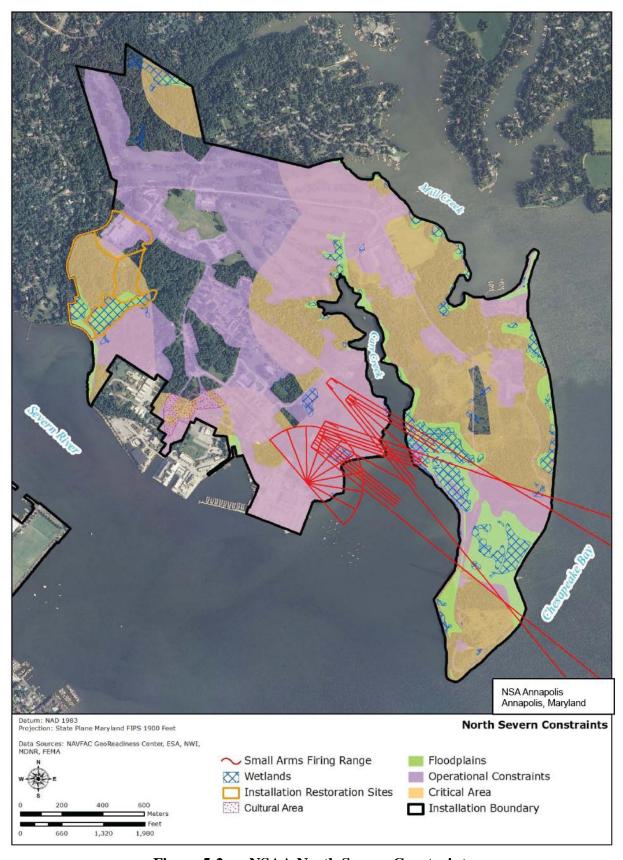


Figure 5-2. NSAA North Severn Constraints

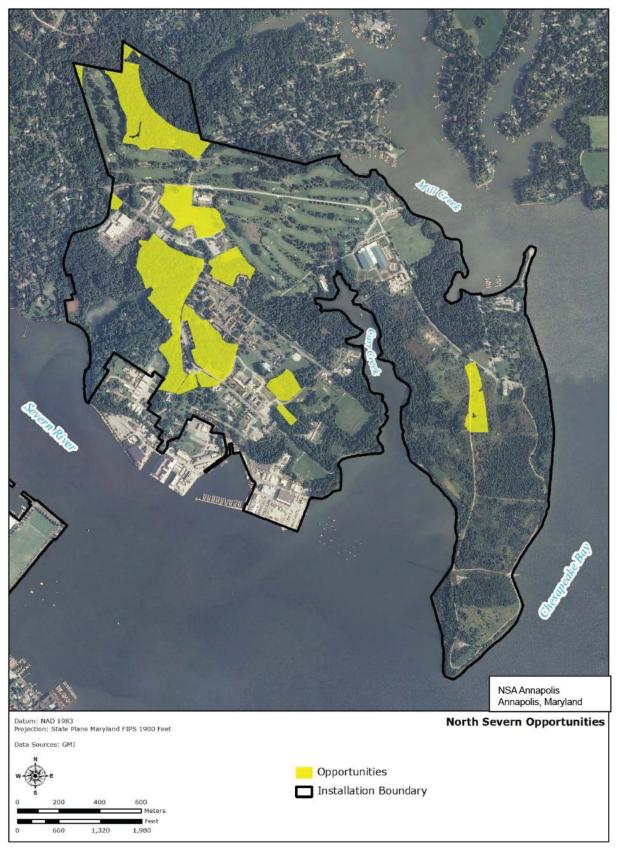


Figure 5-3. NSAA North Severn Opportunities



Figure 5-4. Elevation Contours at NSAA North Severn

The 2002 USDA, NRCS soil survey for Anne Arundel County indicates there are 14 major soil series at NSAA North Severn (USDA, NRCS 2008). Of these, the Colemantown, Deale-Shadyoak complexes, Donlonton, Mispillion and Transquaking, and Widewater and Issue soils are hydric and are prone to flooding (Table 5-1). With the exception of previously built areas, several of the Annapolis, Collington-Wist, Cumberstone-Mattapex, Downer-Phalanx, Patapsco-Evesboro, Russett, and Sassafras soils, are classified as prime farmland or farmland of statewide importance (USDA, NRCS 2006). Approximately 13 percent of the soils are classified as hydric and 44 percent are prime farmland or farmland of statewide importance (Figure 5-5).

C. PROGRAM ELEMENTS

(1) Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

Rare, threatened, and endangered species management at the NSAA North Severn site includes both federal and state-listed threatened and endangered species and species proposed for such listing, as well as other species that may be considered rare or sensitive. A survey for unique natural communities and rare, threatened and endangered species was conducted in 1996 at Greenbury Point, but no other portion of NSAA North Severn (U.S. Navy 1997). Survey efforts focused on birds, plants, and butterflies. No federally listed threatened, endangered, or candidate species have been identified at Greenbury Point. A number of state-listed bird species, however, were documented. Included are three state-endangered species, mourning warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*), royal tern (*Thalasseus maximus*), and short-eared owl (*Asio flammeus*); one state-threatened species, least tern (*Sternula antillarum*); and two species listed as in need of conservation, American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) and Nashville warbler (*Vermivora ruficapilla*). The bald eagle and a number of other species that are considered rare in the state (S1, S2, or S3) have also been observed at Greenbury Point (Table 5-2).

None of the state-listed species are confirmed breeders at Greenbury Point. Although not known to nest on the facility, two of the state-listed rare bird species; the bald eagle (S3.B1) and American peregrine falcon (state-rare and in need of conservation), are known to nest in the area. A pair of peregrine falcons has been documented on the Route 50 Bridge over the Severn River (Severn Riverkeeper 2007), whereas eagles have been documented on the banks of Moss Pond, south of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, approximately two miles east of Greenbury Point (Therres 2009).

In the 1996 survey also identified three state-rare plant species; fall witchgrass (*Digitaria cognata* syn. *Leptoloma cognatum*), honeyvine (*Cynanchum laeve*) and Lancaster's sedge (*Cyperus lancastriensis*), were documented on several sites. Of the plant species observed at

Table 5-1. NSAA North Severn Soils

Label	Soil Series	Drainage Class	Acres
	Hydric		
CmA	Colemantown silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Poorly drained	0.6
DcA	Deale-Shadyoak complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Somewhat poorly drained	9.9
DeA	Deale-Shadyoak-Urban land complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Somewhat poorly drained	29.6
DnA	Donlonton fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	7.6
MZA	Mispillion and Transquaking soils, 0 to 1 percent slopes, tidally flooded	Very poorly drained	51.1
WBA	Widewater and Issue soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	Poorly drained	7.1
	Non-Hydric		
AoB	Annapolis loamy sand, 2 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	9.7
AsA	Annapolis fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Well drained	18.1
AsB	Annapolis fine sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	21.2
AsC	Annapolis fine sandy loam, 5 to 10 percent slopes	Well drained	54.3
AsE	Annapolis fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Well drained	82.9
AuB	Annapolis-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	23.6
AuD	Annapolis-Urban land complex, 5 to 15 percent slopes	Well drained	2.9
CoA	Collington-Wist complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Well drained	2.2
CoB	Collington-Wist complex, 2 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	20.1
CoC	Collington-Wist complex, 5 to 10 percent slopes	Well drained	13.3
СрВ	Collington-Wist-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	8.9
CpD	Collington-Wist-Urban land complex, 5 to 15 percent slopes	Well drained	21.4
CRD	Collington and Annapolis soils, 10 to 15 percent slopes	Well drained	34.6
CSE	Collington, Wist, and Westphalia soils, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Well drained	46.3
CxA	Cumberstone-Mattapex complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Somewhat poorly drained	86.2
CxB	Cumberstone-Mattapex complex, 2 to 5 percent slopes	Somewhat poorly drained	27.4
DxC	Downer-Phalanx complex, 5 to 10 percent slopes	Well drained	39.1
PeB	Patapsco-Evesboro-Fort Mott complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Somewhat excessively drained	11.1
PgB	Patapsco-Fort Mott-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Somewhat excessively drained	2.5
RfB	Russett fine sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	1.4
SaB	Sassafras fine sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	20.2
SaD	Sassafras fine sandy loam, 10 to 15 percent slopes	Well drained	14.0

Table 5-1. NSAA North Severn Soils (cont'd)

Label	Soil Series	Drainage Class	Acres
	Non-Hydric (cont'd)		
SfB	Sassafras loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	18.0
ShA	Sassafras-Hambrook complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Well drained	1.0
SME	Sassafras and Croom soils, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Well drained	20.0
SnB	Sassafras-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	18.9
SnD	Sassafras-Urban land complex, 5 to 15 percent slopes	Well drained	19.2
UxB	Udorthents, loamy, sulfidic substratum, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	43.1
Uz	Urban land	Onsite determination	24.3
Total			811.8

Sources: USDA, NRCS 2006 and 2008

Greenbury Point, only Lancaster's Sedge is currently tracked by the MDNR Wildlife and Heritage Services, Natural Heritage Program. It is classified as SU; possibly rare in Maryland, but of uncertain status for reasons including lack of historical records, low search effort, cryptic nature of the species, or concerns that the species may not be native to the state (MDNR 2007c, 2007d). Subsequent surveys identified grass-leaved arrowhead (*Sagittaria graminea*), also listed as SU, and broad-fruited bur-reed (*Sparganium eurycarpum*), classified as S3; rare to uncommon in the state.

b. Management Goals

The overall goal of this program element is to ensure compliance with the ESA, the BAGEPA and to protect and enhance rare species populations and their habitats where practicable.

c. Management Practices

In order to meet management goals, the natural resources manager must ensure appropriate surveys and analyses are undertaken prior to the Navy's conducting any activity with potential to impact rare, threatened, and endangered species. The action proponent must submit the NEPA Worksheet/ROD and Project Environmental Permits Record of Decision for review during the early stages of planning. Appropriate consultation will the USFWS be initiated if there is potential to affect any federally listed species.

As potential habitat does occur on Greenbury Point, eagle nest surveys may be required to ensure compliance with the BAGEPA prior to any activity that could result in take or harassment of bald eagles.

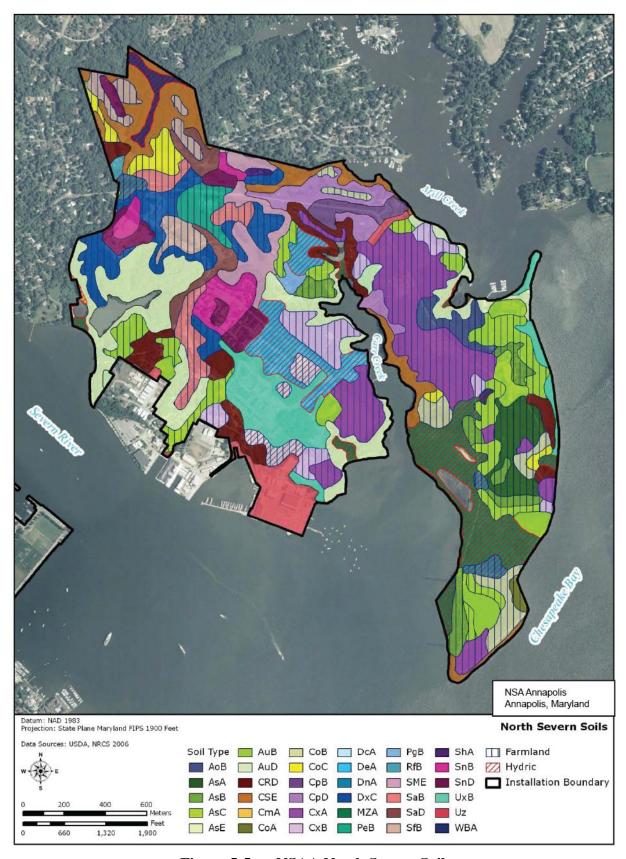


Figure 5-5. NSAA North Severn Soils

Table 5-2. Rare Species Known to Occur at NSAA North Severn

Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank ¹	State Rank ²	State Status ³	Federal Status
Bird Species					
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus	G5	S1S2B		
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	G5	S3S4B		
Gadwall	Anas strepera	G5	S2B		
Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus	G5	S1B	Е	
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus	G5	S3S4B		
Northern Harrier	Circus cyaneus	G5	S2B		
Magnolia Warbler	Dendroica magnolia	G5	S3S4B		
American Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus anatum	G4T4	S2	I	
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	G5	S3S1B		
Dark-eyed Junco	Junco hyemalis	G5	S2B		
Laughing Gull	Larus atricilla	G5	S1B		
Hooded Merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus	G5	S1B		
Mourning Warbler	Oporornis philadelphia	G5	S1B	Е	
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	G5	S3S4B		
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps	G5	S2B		
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	G5	S2B		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	G5	S1B		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus varius	G5	SHB		
Least Tern	Sternula antillarum	G4	S2B	T	
Royal Tern	Thalasseus maximus	G5	S1B	Е	
Winter Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	G5	S2B		
Nashville Warbler	Vermivora ruficapilla	G5	S1S2B	I	
Canada Warbler	Wilsonia canadensis	G5	S3B		
Plant Species					
Lancaster's Sedge	Cyperus lancastriensis	G5	SU		
Grass-leaved Arrowhead	Sagittaria graminea	G5	SU		
Broad-fruited Bur-reed	Sparganium eurycarpum	G5	S3		
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¹G5 = Demonstrably secure globally

G4 = Apparently secure globally

_T = Infraspecific taxon is ranked differently than the full species

 2 S1 = Extremely Rare

S2 = Very Rare

S3 = Rare to Uncommon

S4 = Apparently Secure

S5 = Demonstrably Secure

S_B = Breeding Status

 $S_N = Non-breeding Status$

SU = Possibly rare in Maryland

 $^{2}E = Endangered$

T = Threatened

I = In need of conservation Sources: MDNR 2007c, 2007d

(2) Wetlands and Watershed Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

Wetlands and watershed management address tidal and nontidal wetlands, floodplain, and watershed management at NSAA North Severn. The Air and Water Programs Manager and PWD Environmental Division Natural Resources Manager have responsibility for managing these resources. When necessary, the natural resources manager coordinates wetlands permitting and management activities with the USACE, USFWS, and MDE. The primary regulations driving this program include the CWA, the CZMA, EO 11990 – Wetland Protection, EO 11988 – Floodplain Management, and various Chesapeake Bay Program agreements and initiatives.

Wetlands

Historically, areas of wetlands on NSAA North Severn were extensive. In early to mid 1900s, however, the use of wetland areas in the vicinity of Greenbury Point and Carr Creek as a repository for dredge and fill material was commonplace. A number of areas including a tributary to Carr Creek, Little Carr Creek; a tidal lagoon to the east of Carr Creek; and large areas of freshwater pond were largely filled by the 1950s.

Approximately 54 acres of wetlands have been identified on NSAA North Severn (Table 5-3, Figure 5-6). The NWI wetlands inventory, conducted by the Department of the Interior, identified approximately 41 acres of wetlands including estuarine emergent marsh, estuarine scrub-shrub, palustrine emergent marsh, and palustrine forested wetlands at NSAA North Severn. In addition to the NWI wetland mapping effort, several site-specific delineations have been conducted at NSAA North Severn. In 2002, a nontidal wetland delineation was conducted on approximately 230 acres at Greenbury Point (U.S. Navy 2003). In addition, a small area of wetland (0.85 acre) was delineated at the head of Carr Creek (Environmental Systems Analysis Inc. 2003). A site-specific wetland assessment was also conducted on the proposed site and an alternative site prior to beginning construction of the USNA Brigade Sports Complex, during which, no wetlands were found on site (Environmental Systems Analysis Inc. 2005). No jurisdictional determinations have been made for these delineations by the USACE; therefore they should be used for preliminary planning purposes only.

Watersheds

NSAA North Severn lies within the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay watersheds. A number of subbasins are within the NSAA North Severn boundary. Approximately 48 percent of the station is in the Carr Creek watershed, 18 percent in the Mill Creek watershed, 23 percent is in the Woolchurch Cove watershed, and 10 percent is in the Severn River Tidal watershed (Figure 5-7).

Table 5-3. Wetland Types at NSAA North Severn

Code	Cowardin Classification	Acres
E1UBL	Estuarine Subtidal unconsolidated bottom	
E2EM1J	Estuarine Intertidal emergent persistent, intermittantly flooded	0.54
E2EM1P	Estuarine Intertidal emergent persistent, irregularly flooded	10.46
E2SS1P	Estuarine Intertidal scrub-shrub broad-leaved deciduous, irregularly flooded	1.97
E2USN	Estuarine Intertidal Unconsolidate Shore, regularly flooded	0.62
E2USP	Estuarine Intertidal Unconsolidated Shore, irregularly fooded	0.11
PEM	Palustrine emergent	15.59
PEM1A	Palustrine Emergent Persistent, temporarily flooded	1.97
PEM1C	Palustrine Emergent Persistent, seasonally flooded	1.60
PEM1Fh	Palustrine Emergent Persistent, semipermanently flooded, diked/impounded	0.36
PFO1/SS1A	Palustine Forested Broad-leaved Deciduous/Scrub/Shrub Broad-leaved Deciduous, temporarily flooded	0.70
PFO1/3Ch	Palustine Forested Broad-leaved Deciduous/Broad-leaved Evergreen, seasonally flooded, diked/impounded	0.14
PFO1/4R	Palustrine Forested Broad-leaved Deciduous/Needle-leaved Evergreen, seasonally tidal	0.22
PFO1A	Palustrine Forested Broad-leaved Deciduous, temporarily flooded	2.75
PFO1C	Palustrine Forested Broad-leaved Deciduous, seasonally flooded	1.19
PFO1Ch	Palustrine Forested Broad-leaved Deciduous, seasonally flooded, diked/impounded	0.12
PFO1R	Palustrine Forested Broad-leaved Deciduous, seasonally tidal	0.93
PFO4R	Palustrine Forested Needle-leaved Evergreen, seasonally tidal	0.16
POW	Palustrine Open Water	2.68
PSS1C	Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Broad-leaved Deciduous, seasonally flooded	0.37
PUBHh	Palustrine Unconsolidated Bottom, permanently flooded, diked/impounded	9.53
PUBHx	Palustrine Unconsolidated Bottom, permanently flooded, excavated	1.44
PUSC	Palustrine Unconsolidated Shore, seasonally flooded	0.23
Total		53.85

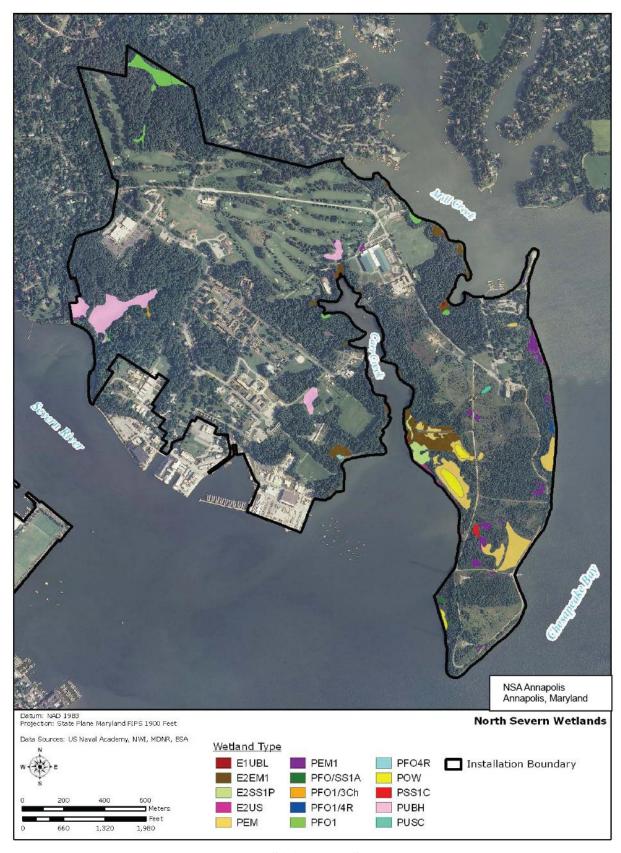


Figure 5-6. NSAA North Severn Wetlands

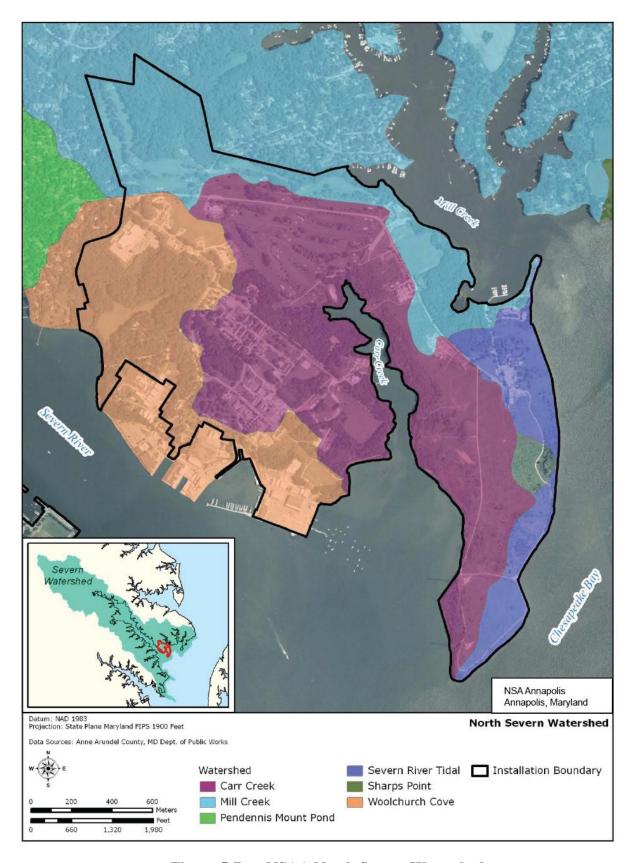


Figure 5-7. NSAA North Severn Watersheds

Floodplains

Although much of the wetlands and low lying areas at NSAA North Severn were filled prior to the 1950s, floodplains are associated with Carr Creek, Mill Creek, and the Chesapeake Bay. Approximately 73 acres (9 percent) of NSAA North Severn lies within the 100-year floodplain and another 23 acres (3 percent) occurs within the 500-year floodplain (Figure 5-8).

Groundwater

Drinking water for NSAA North Severn has been supplied by Anne Arundel County since December 1999 when the former David Taylor Research Center's water treatment plant was closed.

b. Management Goals

The overall goals of wetlands and watershed management are to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal regulations as well as the protection and enhancement of wetland communities and watersheds at NSAA North Severn to the greatest extent practicable. Specific management goals for the program include:

- Protect and enhance the biodiversity, function, and value of wetlands, watersheds, and floodplains;
- Maintain no net loss of wetlands on Navy property;
- Support Navy and regional wetland and watershed protection initiatives; and
- Comply with existing state and federal wetland regulations.

c. Management Practices

Wetlands Management

In support of Navy efforts to protect wetlands and in compliance with the CWA, all wetlands at NSAA North Severn are avoided to the greatest extent practicable during ground disturbing activities and other actions with potential to disturb wetlands. In addition to the planning level delineations that have been conducted, site-specific jurisdictional delineations would be required prior to conducting any activities with potential to impact base wetlands.

Beginning in the 1980s, a number of wetland enhancements and shoreline stabilization projects were conducted in wetland areas used to store dredge spoil to restore wetland function and avoid potential degradation of the adjacent Carr Creek, Mill Creek, and the Chesapeake Bay. Many of the accomplishments were achieved through a cooperative program between the Navy, regulatory agencies, and Anne Arundel Community College. Treatments were conducted at five areas shown in Figure 5-9.

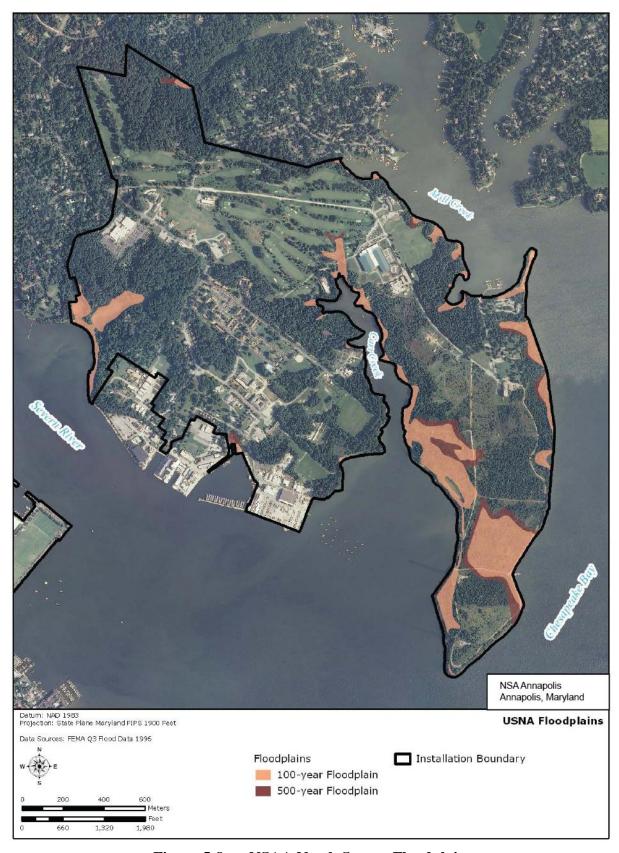


Figure 5-8. NSAA North Severn Floodplains

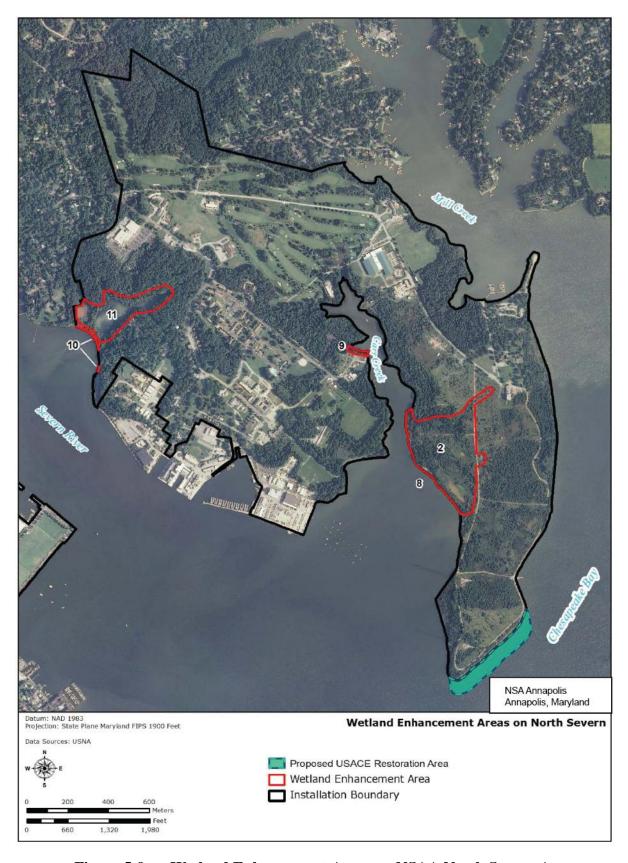


Figure 5-9. Wetland Enhancement Areas on NSAA North Severn Areas

Wetland enhancements and shoreline stabilization projects conducted at NSAA North Severn to date include:

- Removal of hazardous interred debris
- Excavation of dredged material on portions of the site to create summer and winter pools
 of standing water
- Installation and replacement of water control structures to create seasonal impoundments
- Shoreline stabilization of dredge spoil berms via breakwaters and intertidal marsh plantings
- Common reed and other invasive plant control
- Revegetation with native wetland plants

Future wetland enhancements are also being considered by the USACE to restore an area of tidal marsh at the south east tip of Greenbury Point to its original footprint by adding dredge materials from Chesapeake Bay channels (see Figure 5-9). Approximately 9 acres of tidal marsh would be created by this project.

Preserving all remaining wetlands that occur on NSAA North Severn is a natural resources priority. In addition, continued monitoring and treatment of common reed and other invasive species, and monitoring erosion and structural integrity of the berms are ongoing management needs for these wetland areas. Additional wetland plantings may be required once invasive species control is achieved.

Watershed Management

In order to help achieve nutrient reduction and habitat restoration goals of the Chesapeake Bay Agreements, the Navy has focused on the creation of riparian buffers along streams at NSAA North Severn. Nearly 800 trees have been planted along the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries since 1996. In addition, 12 acres have been planted at the southern tip of Greenbury Point as

required forest mitigation for approximately 8 to 9 acres of land clearing vegetation within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area at the Brigade Sports Complex. Maintenance of the forest mitigation site is required under permit terms.

Additional riparian buffer enhancement sites were identified in the 2000 *Chesapeake Bay Riparian Forest Buffer Site Assessment* (U.S. Navy 2000b). Of the five sites identified as potential enhancement cites, only one site has been planted,



Riparian Forest Buffer Planting

though natural regeneration is occurring on several other sites. Reassessing the remaining sites and implementing the riparian buffer planting plans would help the Navy meet its goals of supporting the Chesapeake Bay Agreements as well as contribute to watershed protection at NSAA North Severn.

Floodplain Management

In order to protect the floodplains at NSAA North Severn, any changes to the built environment should be restricted to previously developed sites and all undeveloped areas within floodplains should be preserved. All project proposals are reviewed by Environmental Division personnel to ensure floodplain protection. As floodplains change over time with landscape and climate change, up-to-date FEMA or other floodplain data must be consulted for any development activity.

(3) Coastal/Marine Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

Under the federal CZMA, activities on federal lands that are reasonably likely to affect use of lands or waters, or natural resources of the coastal zone beyond the boundaries of the federal property, must be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the state's CZMP. Coastal zone resources include the shorelines and the adjacent waterbodies at NSAA North Severn. NSAA North Severn has approximately 12 miles of shoreline along the Severn River, Carr Creek, and Mill Creek. Additionally, 582 acres (70 percent) of NSAA North Severn is included in the state's Chesapeake Bay Critical Area (Figure 5-10). NSAA North Severn is required to demonstrate consistency with the Critical Area Law requirements as part of its compliance with the CZMA through Maryland's CZMP and Enforceable Policies. The Critical Area Law requires that each local jurisdiction identify and provide for the establishment, preservation, and maintenance of Habitat Protection Areas. These areas include: naturally vegetated buffers, nontidal wetlands; the habitats of threatened and endangered species, and species in need of conservation, and their habitat; significant plant and wildlife habitat; and, anadromous fish spawning areas. Specific coastal and marine management initiatives in which Navy personnel have participated in and around NSAA North Severn include oyster reef restoration, shoreline stabilization, SAV establishment, and nutrient and sediment reduction programs.

b. Management Goals

The goals of coastal and marine management at NSAA North Severn are to preserve, protect, and, where possible, restore and enhance the resources of the coastal zone and to maintain consistency with Maryland's Coastal Zone Program and its associated regulations.

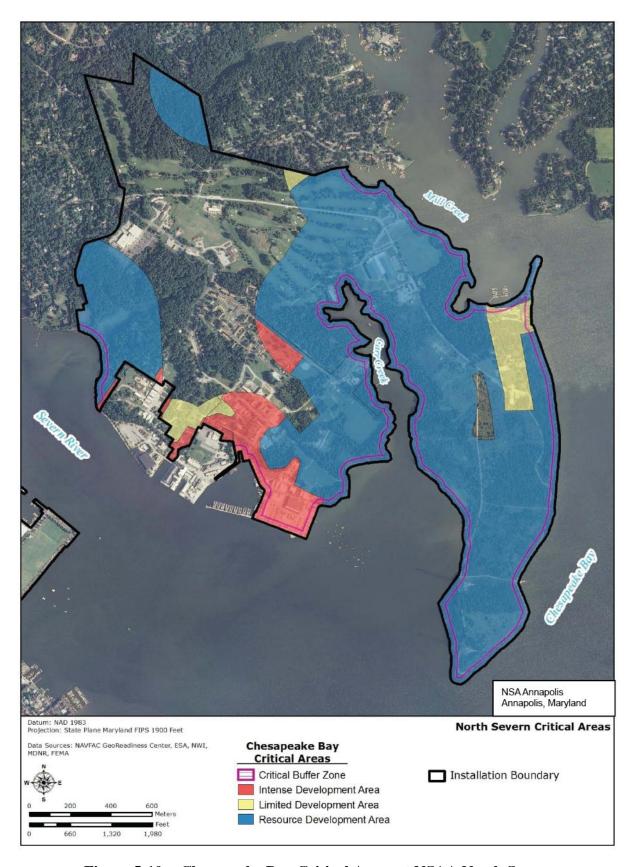


Figure 5-10. Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas at NSAA North Severn

c. Management Practices

Shoreline Stabilization

Beginning in the 1930s, extensive shoreline protection efforts including the construction of rock seawalls, wooden bulkheads, and earthen berms have resulted in the hardening on most of the shoreline at NSAA North Severn and only about 12,500 feet of the shoreline remains in a natural condition. In an effort to improve shoreline condition and enhance shoreline habitat, approximately 3,300 feet of shoreline have been protected through a combination of nonstructural and structural methods. In areas, smooth cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*) has been planted behind rock breakwaters, creating small marshlands. Continued monitoring and evaluation of shoreline condition are required to ensure shoreline stability.

Because of the long reaches and high-energy waves impacting most of the NSAA North Severn shoreline, there are limited areas that would be appropriate to convert from the existing hardened shoreline to living shoreline. Enhancing the existing shoreline with a combination of nonstructural methods such as installing biologs with toe boulders, (narrow bands of rock that hold sand-fill and biologs in place); and structural methods such as segmented sills, jetties, or groins, using sand backfill planted with native grasses, rushes, and sedges would be appropriate along portions of Carr Creek and Mill Creek. The use of structural methods such as offshore breakwaters and creating oyster reefs and backfill followed by planting beach grasses and other emergent aquatic vegetation is recommended for shoreline stabilization in high energy wave areas.

Early coordination with the USACE, MDE, and USFWS would be required for any alteration of shorelines in tidal areas, as well as wetlands including removal of vegetation, grading and introducing fill material, installation of nonstructural materials like biologs with toe boulders, and installation of hard structures like bulkheads, sills, and revetments. NSA Annapolis should consider partnering with local watershed protection groups such as the Friends of College Creek and the Spa Creek Conservancy to initiate further shoreline stabilization projects. The Navy Coordinator for the DoD Chesapeake Bay Program can provide assistance developing projects like this that benefit the Chesapeake Bay.

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

Ongoing mapping of SAV by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation have mapped SAV in several of the rivers and creeks around NSA Annapolis. Mapping efforts in the Severn River, Carr Creek, and Mill Creek indicate a small amount of SAV occurs in the area, but is generally limited to upper portions of the creeks (NOAA 2008). NSA Annapolis will continue partnering with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to conduct additional restoration in areas that can support SAV. A site assessment that analyses salinity, turbidity, and water depth should be conducted prior to beginning such a project.

Oyster Restoration

Since 1977, midshipmen have participated in an oyster recovery effort by moving oyster shell bars from a nursery in Mill Creek to an oyster bar at the mouth of the Severn River. The Station

also provides access to a pier at the MWR Marina. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, a USNA partner, uses the location to meet local citizens who are dropping off oysters to be placed on nearby bars by the Foundation.

USNA will continue partnering with Chesapeake Bay Foundation to construct oyster reefs in appropriate habitat in the waters around NSAA North Severn. Site assessments that analyze salinity, turbidity, and water depth should be conducted prior to beginning such a project. Site monitoring should be continued for three to five years to assess the effectiveness of the project.



Midshipmen Helping with Oyster Restoration

(4) Fish and Wildlife Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

Because of the availability of habitat and the relatively natural state of the site, most fish and wildlife surveys that have been conducted by the NSA Annapolis Natural Resources Program have focused on Greenbury Point. In 1997, the rare, threatened, and endangered species habitat survey identified a number of bird and wildlife species at Greenbury Point (U.S. Navy 1997). Extensive bird surveys including breeding bird surveys from 1996 to 1998, Christmas bird count and May bird count from 1989 to about 2003, a quail call survey in 2002, and Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) stations in 2005 and 2006 have been conducted at Greenbury Point. Other wildlife surveys include butterfly surveys conducted in 1997 and 1998 and herpetofaunal surveys conducted between 1997 and 2001.

Over 150 bird species have been documented at Greenbury Point and the adjacent waterbodies. Birds that frequently utilize the installation's open areas and urban settings include eastern meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*), northern mockingbird, American robin, northern cardinal, brown-headed cowbird, house sparrow, house finch, purple martin, and European starling. Forested areas support a number of warblers, vireos, flycatchers including yellow-rumped warbler (*Dendroica coronata*), magnolia warbler (*Dendroica magnolia*), yellow warbler (*Dendroica petechia*), and pine warbler (*Dendroica pinus*), white-eyed vireo (*Vireo griseus*), eastern wood pewee (*Contopus virens*), and yellow-bellied flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*).

The marshes and shoreline also provide habitat for a number of shorebirds and wading birds including a number of gull, great blue heron, snowy egret (*Egretta thula*), and green heron (*Butorides virescens*), as well as numerous red-winged blackbirds. The waters of Mill Creek and Carr Creek, adjacent to Greenbury Point are historic waterfowl concentration areas and a variety of waterfowl including Canada geese, canvasbacks (*Aythya valisineria*), buffleheads (*Bucephala albeola*), common goldeneyes (*Bucephala clangula*), ruddy ducks (*Oxyura jamaicensis*), scaup (*Aythya* spp.), pie-billed grebe and horned grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps* and *Podiceps auritus*), loons (*Gavia* spp.), and mergansers (*Mergus* spp.) overwinter in the area. Ospreys are also known to nest on the remnant tower structures on the facility.

Although not listed as state or federally protected species, a number of species occurring at NSAA North Severn are considered birds of conservation concern by the USFWS (2008). Included are pied-billed grebe, horned-grebe, red-throated loon (*Gavia stellata*), snowy egret (*Egretta thula*), lesser yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*), short-eared owl (*Asio flammeus*), and wood thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*).

Mammal species that have been documented at Greenbury Point include large mammals such as white-tailed deer, gray fox and red fox; medium-sized mammals such as woodchuck, eastern cottontail, eastern gray squirrel, and Virginia opossum; and small mammals such as short-tailed shrew, eastern mole, meadow vole (*Microtis pennsylvanicus*), house mouse, and little brown bat.

Reptiles and amphibians noted in the area include spring peeper, gray treefrog, redback salamander, diamond-back terrapin (*Malaclemys terrapin*), painted turtle, eastern rat snake, northern water snake, eastern worm snake, box turtle.

The PWD Environmental Division Natural Resources Manager has responsibility daily planning, budget controls, and general administrative functions of the program. Temporary SCA interns and volunteers have, at times, been available to provide technical support. The USFWS and MDNR are cooperating agencies and are available to provide guidance on management issues and projects.

b. Management Goals

The natural resources program strives to protect and enhance wildlife resources within the constraints of the installation mission at NSAA North Severn. The basic long-range goals of fish and wildlife management are to:

- Protect, conserve, and manage fish and wildlife populations and their habitats at a level compatible with the installation mission; and
- Ensure that wildlife populations do not conflict with the installation mission.

c. Management Practices

Nuisance Animal Management

Whitetail deer, ticks, and Canada geese are the primary nuisance wildlife species at NSAA North Severn, although feral cats have also been reported. Canada geese are a management problem at the golf course because of the damage they can cause by overgrazing and through their excrement, which soils the green and, because of its high nitrogen content, can burn holes in the turf. Canada geese populations are currently controlled through an Interagency Agreement between the Naval Academy Athletic Association (NAAA) and APHIS-WS.

In 2008, a spotlight survey conducted at NSAA North Severn with support of APHIS-WS identified 200 deer on the 827-acre property. Considering the availability and quality of habitat, a population of 20 to 30 deer is recommended for the site (Healy 2008). Although hunting on DoD facilities is authorized and promoted by the Sikes Act, DoDI 4715.3, OPNAVINST 5090.1C, and NAVFAC MO 100.3 – Fish and Wildlife Management Manual, there is no hunting program at NSAA North Severn. The most feasible deer population management option available at NSAA North Severn is to increase deer control efforts under an Interagency Agreement with APHIS-WS.

In coordination with the USNA APHIS-WS two additional infrared surveys and two cullings were conducted in 2009. During 2009 the deer population at NSAA North Severn, including Greenbury Point and NSA Annapolis, was reduced by 270 (Table 5-4). A total 86 bucks and 184 does were culled. All recoverable deer carcasses were sent to a local processor and subsequently sent to local homeless shelters for consumption.

Date Greenbury Point NSAA North Severn Total **NSA Annapolis Bucks** Does **Bucks** Does 4-28-09 11 25 9 14 4 4-29-09 28 10 18 12-9-09 29 12 24 16 14 12 12-10-09 3 21 12-15-09 9 11 2009 43 107 43 77 270 **Total**

Table 5-4. Culled Deer, 2009

Reducing the deer population at NSAA North Severn should help control tick populations as well. Additional measures to control ticks could include installing several a 4-poster deer treatment bait stations to treat ticks on the remaining deer population. Appropriate locations for

the devices should be determined through evening or spotlight surveys to assess deer congregation areas.

Feral cats are another potential nuisance animal issue at NSAA North Severn. Because of the devastating impacts feral cats can have on native bird and small mammal populations, a pilot cat survey and, if necessary, trapping program should be initiated to assess the extent of the problem of feral cats at NSAA North Severn. Evidence from the USDA-WS coordinator for the raccoon trapping and vaccination program indicates the potential need for a feral cat capture program. Baited stations and infrared motion-activated cameras placed in areas likely to attract feral cats (abandoned buildings, shacks, etc.) can be used to further detect the presence of cats. Trapping feral cats should be accomplished through the use of humane feral cat traps baited with fish, meats, oil of catnip, sardines, canned tuna, or chicken. Captured cats will be brought to a local animal shelter for assessment of adoptability, and euthanized if considered unadoptable. Navy policy prohibits trap, neuter, release programs.

Osprey can also be a nuisance when nesting activities disrupt mission activities. Because ospreys are protected by the MBTA, only nonlethal methods of discouraging nesting in unwanted areas can be used. Placing decoy owls on potential nesting areas to deter unwanted osprey pairs is currently used by the NR program manager. Osprey nesting platforms have been placed in appropriate locations to ensure adequate nesting locations are available.

Northern Bobwhite

Once common throughout Maryland, northern bobwhite populations have declined by more than 90 percent in the past 40 years (MDNR 2008e). As one of Anne Arundel County's few remaining areas that may support a population of northern bobwhite, Greenbury Point provides important habitat for this species. The bobwhite is primarily an edge species and a species of early successional plant communities. Urbanization, changes in farming practices, lack of prescribed burning, and the use of agricultural chemicals are, in part, responsible for the decrease in quail populations. Past maintenance practices that kept mowed grass areas and bare ground around the base of radio towers at NSAA North Severn have benefitted northern bobwhite.

Currently, large areas of early successional habitat are available, although much of the habitat is succeeding to forest. Continuing to maintain areas of open, early successional habitat on a rotating basis on Greenbury Point will help ensure the continued existence of northern bobwhite.

A guide for bobwhite quil management is available from the USDA NRCS via their website: http://www.whmi.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/TheQuail Report.htm

Mowing and/or prescribed fire can be used to control woody vegetation. Treatments should be conducted on a rotational basis, with no more than one-third of the area being treated in a given year. Seeding in rows of partridge pea (*Cassia fasciculata*) or other native legume species can

also improve habitat value for quail. Annual quail surveys would be required to assess the effectiveness of management practices at NSAA North Severn. Annual surveys should be coordinated with the MDNR upland game bird biologist, who can advise the natural resources manager on an appropriate survey route and survey protocol.

Nesting cover for quail is best provided by warm season grass clumps left from the previous growing season. Interspersion of cover types, including sparse ground cover and brushy thickets for escape cover, is an extremely important feature of good quail habitat.

Nest Box Program

A number nest boxes and roosting structures have been installed and monitored on the golf course and Greenbury Point since the 1990s. As of 2000, there were 79 bluebird boxes, 16 osprey platforms, 15 purple martin houses, 4 raptor and owl boxes, and 3 or more bat boxes. Until 2002 volunteers and Anne Arundel Bird Club members monitored and maintained the boxes. Currently, box usage and nest success are recorded and house sparrow nest removed as required throughout the nesting season, a migratory bird biologist with the USFWS located at the Chesapeake Bay Field Office. The responsibility for monitoring the nest boxes will be transferred to the Annapolis NR program manager in 2011. Mapping nest box locations using GPS technology and annual maintenance and monitoring would improve the effectiveness of this program.

Fisheries Management

Fishing at NSAA North Severn is limited to recreational use (fishing and crabbing) and is permitted at Possum Point and the south end of Seabee Beach. A valid Maryland fishing license is required. Enforcing state fishing regulations and implementing proactive measures to prevent the spread of aggressive nonnative species are the primary actions including prohibiting use of all live bait other than night crawlers and bloodworms and prohibiting use of all live nonnative bait will help protect native populations. Posting signs that educate anglers on live and nonnative bait restrictions would help prevent further introduction of nonnative species into the bay and its tributaries.

Wildlife Surveys and Monitoring

Most of the wildlife surveys conducted at NSAA North Severn were conducted in conjunction with surveys being conducted at USNA. The resulting data for NSAA North Severn are not readily available as separate species lists. Many of the surveys were conducted in the late 1990s and are in need of updating in order to provide a better understanding of the current conditions at NSAA North Severn. Baseline surveys and monitoring protocols for breeding and migratory landbirds, waterfowl, aquatic organisms, herpetofauna, and bats and other mammals should be

developed and implemented. It is critical to develop written protocols, GPS-located survey points, and a digital database for each survey so that future monitoring can be accomplished.

(5) Migratory Bird Management

Migratory bird management at NSAA North Severn focuses on the conservation and enhancement of migratory bird habitat in support of the MBTA and EO 13186 – Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds. Breeding and/or migratory bird surveys, which primarily focused on Greenbury Point, were conducted annually from 1989 to about 2003. The diversity of habitats supports a wide variety of migratory birds. Habitat conservation and enhancement are the primary management activities that are conducted at NSAA North Severn to migratory bird species.

The NAVFAC PWD Annapolis Natural Resources Manager is responsible for initiating migratory bird enhancement projects. Local bird clubs such as the Anne Arundel Bird Club and Maryland Bluebird Society are available to support migratory bird monitoring projects. The USFWS and MDNR are cooperating agencies and are available to provide guidance on management issues and projects concerning migratory birds. During annual INRMP reviews, the natural resources manager and cooperating parties must assess migratory bird conservation measures that have been implemented and the effectiveness of the conservation measures in avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating take of migratory birds.

a. Management Goals

The goals of migratory bird management at NSAA North Severn are to support the conservation of migratory birds through habitat conservation and enhancement and to avoid the incidental take of migratory birds through military readiness actions in accordance with the MBTA to the greatest extent practicable.

b. Management Practices

The natural resources program has enhanced migratory bird nesting habitat by installing nesting boxes for eastern bluebirds, owls, and wood ducks, and nesting platforms for osprey. Additional monitoring and maintenance of existing structures and the installation of additional nesting boxes as described in Section 5.D(4)c would improve the program's effectiveness and value to migratory bird populations.

The few remaining large tracts of forested areas at NSAA North Severn provide habitat for a number of species such as wood thrushes (*Hylocichla mustelina*), veerys (*Catharus fuscescens*), ovenbirds (*Seiurus aurocapillus*), and barred and screech owls (*Strix varia* and *Otus asio*), which are all forest interior dwelling species. The value of these habitats should be taken into consideration in the development of future land management plans and preserved to the greatest

extent possible. Controlling invasive species in these areas should also be a priority for the natural resources program.

Maintaining high value grasslands and early successional fields also benefits a large number of migratory bird species that rely on open habitats. To maximize benefits, management of early

successional habitats greater than 20 acres should be shifted to grassland and smaller early successional parcels to shrubland. Monitoring and controlling infestations of common reed in salt, freshwater, and brackish marshes is also important to migratory waterfowl.

In the spring of 2009, 10 osprey nesting platforms were erected around Greenbury Point. The poles were set 100 feet offshore and at approximately 300-foot intervals. Pole usage will be monitored by the NAVFAC PWD Annapolis Natural Resources Manager and volunteers, when available.



Osprey at New Nesting Platform, April 2009

(6) Forest Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

NSAA North Severn is a considerably less developed than USNA and consists of developed and mowed areas, extensive early successional habitat, and forested areas. Over 225 acres at NSAA North Severn consists of forests, woodlands, or semi-natural areas with trees and shrubs (Figure 5-11). Forested areas range in size from isolated stands of trees to stands up to 80 acres.

Because of the small size and relative isolation of the forested areas at NSAA North Severn, there is little potential for commercial forest management on the installation. Forest resources do, however, provide a number of social, environmental, and economic benefits including aesthetic enhancement, water quality improvement, and wildlife habitat. Forest management is largely the responsibility of the NAVFAC PWD Annapolis Natural Resources Manager. The MDNR Forest Services (i.e., the Tree-mendous Program, PLANT Community Awards Program), USDA Forest Service, USFWS, and volunteers such as the Midshipmen Action Group and local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops could also assist with forest enhancement projects undertaken at NSAA North Severn.

A forest inventory and forest stand assessment was conducted during the summer and autumn of 2000 by a USFWS biologist prior to developing the 2001 INRMP (U.S. Navy 2001c). Several of the largest tracts of contiguous forested areas located at NSAA North Severn were assessed. Additional forested land, much of which consists of immature stands of saplings, occurs but has not been assessed beyond classification as hardwood, mixed hardwood/pine, or pine (Table 5-5). Approximately 63 percent (142 acres) of the forested area is hardwood; 32 percent (74 acres) is mixed hardwood pine; and about 5 percent (10 acres) is pine. A 12-acre site was planted in 2009

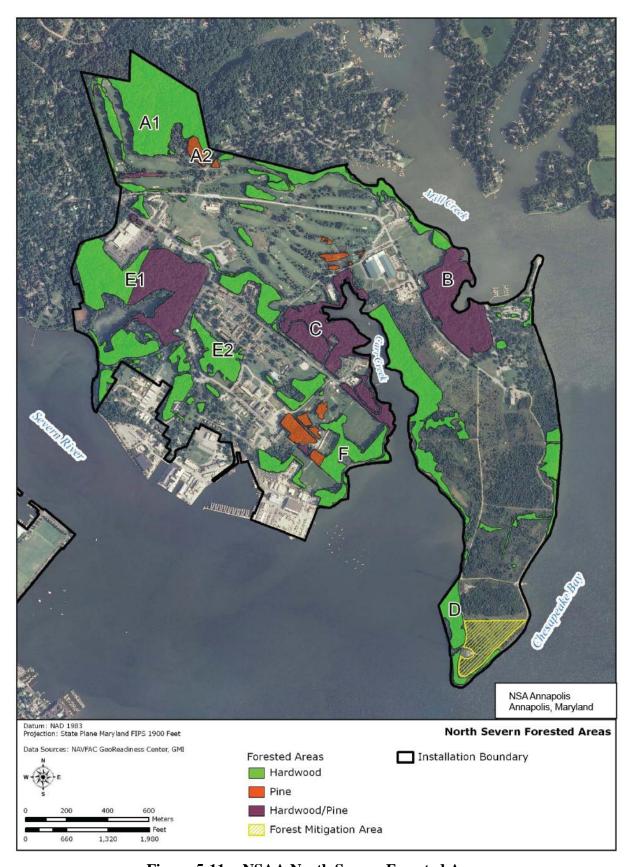


Figure 5-11. NSAA North Severn Forested Areas

 Type
 Acres
 % Forested Area

 Hardwood
 142
 63

 Hardwood/Pine
 74
 33

 Pine
 10
 4

 Total
 226
 100

Table 5-5. Forest Cover Types at NSAA North Severn

with a variety of native tree species as a required Chesapeake Bay Critical Area forest mitigation site. This area will be included as a forest cover type as it matures and canopy closure is reached. More detailed descriptions of the primary forested areas at NSAA North Severn are presented below.

Forest Area A1

Forest Area A1 contains some of the oldest and largest trees at NSA Annapolis. This forest consists of a mature hardwood stand approximately 100 feet in height that is dominated by tulip poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), southern red oak, and chestnut oak from 20 to 40 inches diameter at breast height (dbh). Other canopy tree species scattered throughout this forest include shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*), white oak, willow oak (*Quercus phellos*), and red maple (*Acer rubrum*). American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*) comprises the dominant subcanopy species. A wetland dominated by red maple flows north along the central part of the hardwood forest and forms the headwaters of a tributary to Martins Cove. Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), red maple, and spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*) are the major species in the shrub layer of this wetland.

Forest Area A2

Forest Area A2 consists of a loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*) plantation averaging 40 feet in height with diameters from 7 to 12 inches. This plantation is bordered by hardwood forest on the north and west and a meadow that is succeeding into forested habitat forms the western perimeter. The golf course forms the south and east boundaries of this plantation. Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*) and tulip poplar are minor forest components in this loblolly pine plantation. Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), blackberry (*Rubus pensilvanicus*), and trumpet creeper (*Campsis radicans*) form a sparse ground cover.

Forest Area B

Forest Area B is located on Greenbury Point north of West Road and is across the street from the Greenbury Point Nature Center. This forest stand is comprised of areas of loblolly pines that are 30 to 35 feet in height and from 7 to 14 inches dbh. Other tree and shrub species that occur along stream corridors and the edges of the unit include black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*),

winged sumac (*Rhus copallina*), sawtooth oak (*Quercus acutissima*), persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*), and red mulberry (*Morus rubra*). Ground cover is sparse in areas of 100 percent pine closure. The edges and openings are covered with a ground cover of unidentified grasses, blackberry, Japanese honeysuckle, multiflora rose, and goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.).

Forest Area C

Forest Area C is located in the central portion of NSAA North Severn, between Alder Road and Carr Creek. Most of this area was highly disturbed in the last 10 to 20 years. The area consists of a mosaic of forest patches that vary from 10 to 50 feet in height. The majority of this highly disturbed forest is dominated by black locust, black cherry, and American elm (*Ulmus americana*) that are 20 to 50 feet in height. Scattered loblolly pines also occur throughout the stand. In addition, one small hillside, adjacent to Sycamore Court, contains tulip poplar and southern red oak over 80 feet in height. Because of the highly disturbed nature of this forest, nonnative species such as multiflora rose, Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiclatus*), and Japanese honeysuckle are the dominant ground and vine cover.

Forest Area D

Forest Area D is located at the southwest tip of Greenbury Point. Most of this forest consists of a narrow strip of trees dominated by black cherry, winged sumac, and persimmon that are 20 to 40 feet in height. Japanese honeysuckle, blackberry, and poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*) form a thick mat of ground cover in areas with forest openings. Some of the wetter forest openings are dominated by common reed.

Forest Area E1

Forest Area E1 is the largest contiguous forest at NSAA North Severn. It is located south and west of Kincaid Road and west of Beach Road. A 6-acre pond is in the center of the stand. Chestnut oak and tulip poplar are the dominant tree species in this forest and in some areas grow up to 100 feet in height and from 22 to 43 inches dbh. Other tree species of large size include scattered specimens of southern red oak, white oak, and black oak up to 100 feet tall and from 18 to 31 inches dbh. Many other species of trees are distributed throughout this forest such as willow oak, black walnut (*Juglans nigra*), loblolly pine, and American elm, which are widely scattered and smaller in size. The southeastern portion of this forest, in and around the family campgrounds, contains invasive, nonnative tree species such as sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) and tree of heaven, and shrub and ground cover species such as multiflora rose, Japanese honeysuckle, and English ivy.

Forest Area E2

Forest Area E2 is located within the NSA Annapolis portion of the NSAA North Severn. It is bounded by Kincaid, Eucalyptus, Gage, and Bennion roads. Tulip poplar is the dominant species and averages 100 feet in height and 17 to 36 inches dbh. Other canopy tree species include northern red oak and white oak. Red maple and black cherry comprise an under story layer, 30 to 40 feet in height, that occur in openings and along a power line right-of-way.

Forest Area F

Forest Area F is located south of Alder Road and is east and south of the sewer treatment plant and baseball field. This forest stand is comprised of a discontinuous canopy of loblolly pine averaging 80 feet in height and 16 to 24 inches dbh. Large areas of black cherry, black locust, and other hardwood species from 30 to 40 feet in height are the most common species along the edges and openings in this forest. Poison ivy and Japanese honeysuckle are the dominant ground cover species and create a continuous mat of vegetation in the openings and along the edges of the stand.

b. Management Goals

The primary objectives of forest management at NSAA North Severn are to:

- Conserve and enhance existing forested areas that contribute to overall ecosystem function; and
- Increase forested acreage through reforestation where practicable, within the constraints of the installation mission.

c. Management Practices

Although commercial forestry is not an objective of forest management at NSAA North Severn; management of the forested area is necessary to maintain and enhance this valuable resource. The primary issues concerning the forested areas are land development and invasive plant control. In accordance with the 2007 Base Master Plan, current development plans limit development to previously developed or disturbed (U.S. Navy 2007a). Future base plans should continue to conserve the installation's forested areas. In particular, the forest mitigation site (see Figure 5-11) must be maintained in a permanently forested condition as a Chesapeake Bay Critical Area forest mitigation site.

Invasive species dominate much of the natural areas at NSAA North Severn. The forest, shrub, and grasslands at Greenbury Point are particularly infested with invasive species such as Japanese honeysuckle, multiflora rose, Chinese lespedeza (*Lespedeza cuneata*), Bradford pear (*Prunus calleryana*), sawtooth oak, tree of heaven, Russian and autumn olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolium* and *Elaeagnus umbellata*), and Oriental bittersweet. Control efforts have included

cutting and spraying herbicides and prescribed burns in various areas. As much of the forest mitigation site was infested with invasive species prior to planting, additional effort must be made to control invasives to ensure the survival of the planted trees. However no pre-or post-treatment mapping has been conducted so it is not possible to assess the effectiveness of treatments. Before conducting further control, a survey and mapping should be conducted in the treatment area.

(7) Vegetative Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

Vegetative management includes grounds maintenance in improved grounds, landscaped areas, grassland and scrub-shrub habitat, and other non-forested areas at NSAA North Severn. Grounds maintenance is largely the responsibility of the PWD Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division, which oversees the facility maintenance contract, whereas the NAAA oversees the grounds maintenance at the golf course. The NAVFAC PWD Annapolis Natural Resources Manager supports vegetation management through providing guidance on landscape planting species lists as well as initiating habitat improvement projects such as riparian buffer enhancements, invasive species control, and grassland management. The MDNR Forest Service, USFWS and volunteers such as the Midshipmen Action Group and local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops can also assist with habitat enhancement projects undertaken at USNA.

b. Management Goals

The goals of vegetative management and grounds maintenance are to:

- Maintain safe conditions for personnel and visitors to NSAA North Severn;
- Provide an attractive, well-maintained working environment for installation personnel through the proper management and enhancement of landscaped areas; and
- Enhance landscaped areas to better contribute to overall ecosystem function.

c. Management Practices

Grasslands and Scrub-shrub Communities

A large area of warm season grasslands was established on Greenbury Point by the natural resources program in 1996. Maintenance of the area has not been conducted consistently and the grasslands have largely succeeded into scrub-shrub habitat. Nonnative, cool season grasses and a variety of native and nonnative shrubs species are competing with the planted warm season grasses. Restoring portions of the site to native warm season grasses through an annual prescribed burning program and/or mowing, while maintaining other areas as scrub-shrub

habitat, would benefit a wide variety of wildlife including many migratory bird species that are dependant on these habitats.

Frequent fires (intervals of less than 5 years) can be used to maintain early successional communities and improve habitat conditions for a number of wildlife species. The production of herbaceous growth sharply increases during the first growing season following a prescribed burn and gradually decreases over the next 2 to 4 years. However, frequent fires tend to favor annual species by eliminating competing perennial vegetation and can increase the occurrence of invasive exotic species. Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*), sericea lespedeza, and spotted knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*) are nonnative invasive species that invade burned sites and should be watched for.

In support of native habitat restoration, a 9-acre field was burned in 2002 and another 19-acre field was burned in 2004. Planned burns were not able to be conducted in 2003 and 2005 because of the firing range schedule. A Prescribed Burn Plan was developed by the MDNR Forest Service in 2004 to address habitat management on Greenbury Point. The plan identified four fields totaling 88.8 acres to be burned on a four-year rotational to allow for a range of habitat conditions. Field #4 was planted as a Chesapeake Bay Critical Area forest mitigation site and should not be considered part of the burn plan in future



Greenbury Point Native Warm Season Grasses

treatments. Updating the plan to reflect current management goals and implementing prescribed burns on a rotational basis in the remaining portions of the conservation area would further restore native warm season grasses and control invasive species throughout the treatment area.

Golf Course Management

The USNA Golf Course is managed privately by the NAAA and is not under the oversight of the natural resources manager. Although golf courses are traditionally, heavy users of fertilizers,

pesticides, and fungicides, the Golf Course Superintendent recognizes the value of employing sustainable methods of grounds maintenance that reduce dependence on lawn chemicals and excessive water and improve wildlife habitat. Practices such as maximizing the use of roughs and natural areas and recycling irrigation water have been implemented at

The Environmental Institute for Golf provides BMPs via their website: http://www.eifg.org/focus/default.asp

the USNA Golf Course. Additional information and BMPs are available from the Environmental Institute for Golf, which is an organization committed to strengthening the compatibility of golf with the natural environment. The Institute can provide guidance in the focus areas of water management, integrated plant management, wildlife and habitat management, energy and waste management, and golf course siting, design, and construction.

Beneficial Landscaping

In addition to the golf course and the natural areas on Greenbury Point, maintained lawns and landscaped areas are associated with the Navy Exchange, Commissary, Child Development Center, Family Service Center, and other facilities at NSAA North Severn. Implementing beneficial landscaping practices, as outlined in Section 2.B(7), throughout these areas is another important aspect of vegetation management on the installation. Minimizing the use of pesticides, controlling invasive species, and using native plants in landscaping and restoration sites are the primary practices that should be implemented. The natural resources manager should be consulted as landscaping plans are developed for new or remodeled facilities to ensure appropriate native species are used.

(8) Invasive Species Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

Invasive plant species were identified at NSAA North Severn during the forest survey conducted prior to developing the 2001 INRMP (U.S. Navy 2001c) and during a survey for developing the Alien Plant Management Plan for Greenbury Point (U.S. Navy 2000a). The survey identified areas infested with invasive species on a 114-acre study site. Japanese honeysuckle, multiflora rose, and common reed were determined to be the most problematic species on the site. Other invasive species observed included various crabapples and ornamental cherry (Malus and Pyrus), Oriental bittersweet, Johnson grass (Sorghum halepense), thistle (Cirsium spp.), and silver or plume grass (Miscanthus sinensis). Common reed is also widespread throughout the disturbed wetland areas. No surveys have been conducted for nonnative or invasive animal species, though there is potential for Asiatic clam, northern snakehead fish, and other invasive wildlife species to occur (Invasive Species Specialist Group 2009).

The NAVFAC PWD Annapolis Natural Resources Manager and the PWD Facilities Maintenance Branch share responsibility for invasive species control at NSAA North Severn. The natural resources manager can initiate invasive species control projects (particularly in natural areas) through the INRMP whereas Facilities Maintenance can include invasive species treatments (particularly in landscaped areas) in the facility maintenance contract. The Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds, The Nature Conservancy, and the Maryland Natural Heritage Program may provide guidance on invasive species management issues and projects. Volunteers such as the Midshipmen Action Group and

local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops can provide support for invasive species control projects undertaken at NSAA North Severn.

b. Management Goals

The overall goal of invasive species management is to protect ecosystems and native plant and animal species from invasive species through compliance with EO 13112. Specific objectives include developing a facility-wide invasive species survey and GIS database, site specific assessments and recommendations, and implementing a control program.

c. Management Practices

Invasive species control efforts were implemented throughout much of Greenbury Point Conservation Area from 2000 to 2005 in accordance with the invasive species management plan (U.S. Navy 2000a). Treatments included late winter mowing and/or brush-hogging followed by early summer and late summer herbicide applications. Follow-up treatments and assessments are required to ensure management objectives are met. As the area of managed grasslands has been significantly reduced through reforestation efforts and development of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area forest mitigation site, the treatment areas and prescriptions recommended in the 2000 Alien Plant Management Plan for Greenbury Point are no longer appropriate and must be reassessed and updated to fit current conditions.

In order to minimize risks associated with herbicide use, the amount and concentration of chemical use shall be based on the most recent science available regarding invasive plant control. In addition, all herbicide applicators will have a current DoD or Maryland certified applicator's license, all chemical mixing will be done at the golf course mixing/containment pad or off site, and all herbicides are to be used in accordance with safety guidelines specified by the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management, Pesticide Regulation Section, as well as the material data safety sheets and labels provided for each chemical. Pesticide application records must be submitted following all treatments. A pesticide approval form must be submitted to the IPM Coordinator and Environmental Office prior to any pesticide application and a pest management record form must be submitted following application to track pesticide usage.

(9) Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Awareness

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

Because of the extensive area of undeveloped land, outdoor recreation and environmental awareness are the primary focus of the NRP at NSAA North Severn. Outdoor recreation includes natural resources-based recreation activities and does not refer to sports/athletics or boating, which also occur at NSAA North Severn. The Greenbury Point Nature Center, 2.1

miles of walking trails, and a bird-watching platform are the primary natural resourceactivities based supported by the Office. Environmental Picnicking authorized at the Retelle Park and Seabee Camping facilities (a primitive Beach. campsite and picnic area and 14 recreational vehicle campsites) are available at the Retelle Camping, which is considered an Park. outdoor recreation, is allowed at the family campground at Retelle Park. However, the campground, marina, picnic areas, and cottages are managed by MWR, and are not under the



Greenbury Point Nature Trail

oversight of the NRP. The natural resources manager coordinates with MWR on such issues as erosion control, vegetation management, and nuisance and invasive species control at MWR facilities.

b. Management Goals

The primary goals of outdoor recreation management at NSAA North Severn are to:

- Provide outdoor recreational opportunities for station personnel, their dependents, and the general public to the maximum extent possible within the constraints of the installation mission and capability of the natural resources; and
- Foster understanding and awareness of the environment through educational conservation programs.

c. Management Practices

Greenbury Point Nature Center

The Greenbury Point Nature Center is a 2,400 square-foot structure housing 16 exhibits on cultural and natural resources. Since opening in 2000, the nature center has offered programs for scouts, school children, and volunteer organizations. Over two miles of walking trails and a bird-watching platform located near the nature center are two of the key features of outdoor recreation and environmental awareness at NSAA North Severn. One walking trail, Bobwhite Circuit



Nature Center Activity

Trail originating at the nature center, consists of a half-mile crushed rock that provides access to persons with disabilities. The Timberdoodle Trail consists of wildflower meadow and Chesapeake Bay views and the Pipsissewa Trail provides a woodland walk with waterfowl, wading birds, and other creek life observations on Carr Creek.

Trail maintenance, nature center operations, program organization and presentation, updating the natural resources website, and volunteer oversight are ongoing activities conducted by the natural resources manager. Planning and participating in annual Earth Day, Arbor Day, and National Public Lands Day events are additional environmental awareness responsibilities of the NRP.

Fishing

All active duty and retired military members and their dependents and non-temporary civilian employees assigned to NSA Annapolis are eligible to fish and crab at Possum Point on NSAA North Severn. Many improvements have been made at the Possum Point Fishing Area. In 2000, the NRP repaired the gravel road, created a gravel parking lot, added an outdoor informational bulletin board and trash/recycling bin (built by Eagle Scouts), planted native grasses, and installed fishing pole holders. Bait stations and aluminum benches were also installed. Posting signs that educate anglers on live and nonnative bait restrictions would help prevent further introduction of nonnative species into the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

(10) Agricultural Outleasing

Although open lands that were previously used for dairy farming do occur, agricultural outleasing would be impractical at NSAA North Severn because of the relative isolation of the site and decline of agricultural activity in the area over the past several decades. There is however, potential an agricultural out lease on Greenbury point for Goats and other browser animals for invasive species control.

(11) Wildland Fire Management

There is no requirement for a Wildland Fire Management Program at NSAA North Severn. The USNA Fire Department and local fire department are responsible for all structural and wildfire control at the installation.

(12) Conservation Law Enforcement

There is no requirement for a separate conservation law enforcement program at NSAA North Severn; all law enforcement is accomplished through the USNA Security Department.

(13) Cultural Resources Management

a. Program Description and Current Conditions

NSAA North Severn is recognized for its historical and archaeological significance dating back to the 1600s which includes some of Maryland's first colonial settlements. Two archeological sites have been documented at NSAA North Severn (Figure 5-12). Fort Nonsense (18AN550), which was constructed in 1812 as part of a system of defenses for Annapolis, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Excavations at another the seventeenth century site, Towne Neck (18AN944), dating to 1649, indicate the site is potentially eligible for listing in the National Register; however, no formal nomination has been submitted. Areas of high probability for 17th Century significance occur throughout NSAA North Severn and are generally located within previously undisturbed areas.

The NSA Annapolis ICRMP (U.S. Navy 2000c) provides an inventory of known prehistoric, historic, archeological, and architectural resources and provides recommendations for their management of cultural resources at NSAA North Severn. The PWD Cultural Resources Coordinator at NSA Annapolis oversees all cultural resources issues. Cultural resources maps will be consulted and any proposed activity with potential to impact these resources at NSA Annapolis must be coordinated through the SHPO.

b. Management Goals

The goals of cultural resources management are to protect all significant cultural resources to the greatest extent practicable and meet the compliance requirements of federal laws.

c. Management Practices

To avoid disturbing cultural resources at NSAA North Severn, planning and consultation with the cultural resources staff is necessary before any potentially ground-disturbing activities are carried out. The NSA Annapolis ICRMP has detailed maps of known site locations for use as a planning tool. These documents should be consulted during project planning. It is possible that currently buried and unknown archeological resources may be uncovered during ground-disturbing activities. If any archeological resources are encountered during ground disturbing activities, the ICRMP provides standard operating procedures to follow. The Cultural Resources Coordinator and NAVFAC Regional Historic Preservation Officer must be notified to ensure compliance with the NHPA. All construction work would be suspended until a qualified archaeologist could determine the significance of the encountered resource(s).

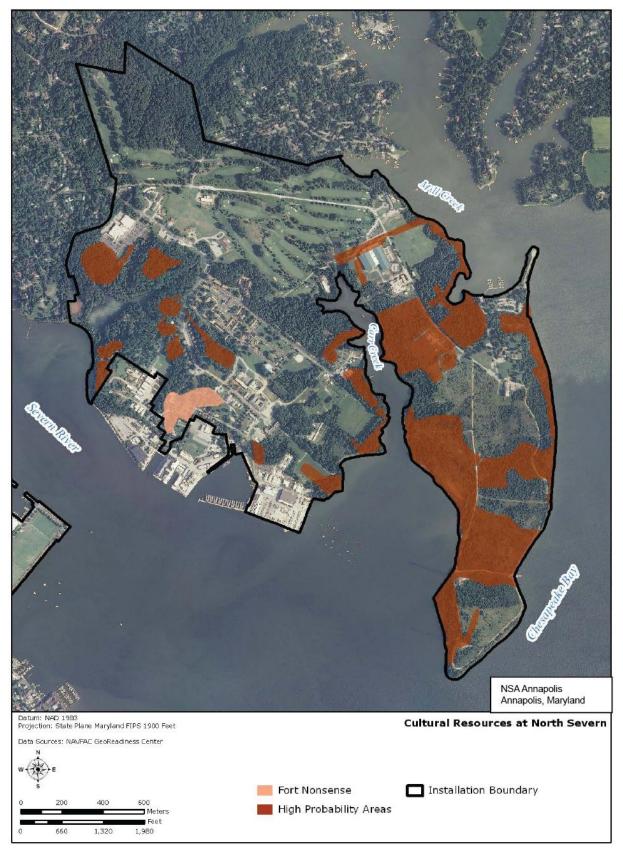


Figure 5-12. Cultural Resources at NSAA North Severn

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6. USNA DAIRY FARM

A. Installation Information

"The USNA Dairy Farm is currently leased to Anne Arundel County parks and recreation division. As the lessee the county has sole and exclusive rights to the Dairy Farm property for the term of the lease. The Navy as the landowner currently approves proposed work but does not conduct any project outside the scope of the lease. "

(1) General Location

The USNA Dairy Farm encompasses 857 acres in Gambrills, Maryland in north-central Anne Arundel County (Figure 6-1). It is located approximately 15 miles northwest of Annapolis, 30 miles northeast of Washington D.C., and 20 miles south of Baltimore. The Patuxent Research Refuge and Fort Mead are other federal facilities located less than five miles from the USNA Dairy Farm. The USNA Dairy Farm also lies adjacent to the Odenton Natural Area.



View of USNA Dairy Farm

(2) Installation History

In 1681, the USNA Dairy Farm was part of a 500-acre land grant known as "Howard's Adventure", which in 1701 was acquired by the Hammond family. The Hammond Manor House (constructed before 1730) and the Hammond Family Cemetery (Figure 6-2) are included in historic sites in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties. The manor house, which burned in 1980, is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places (U.S. Navy 2001c). The Hammond Plantation was divided among heirs and eventually subdivided further and sold outside of the family in the late 1800s. Several eighteenth to early nineteenth century domestic sites and numerous buried prehistoric and historic cultural resources have also found to be widespread on the property (U.S. Navy 2000c).

A 1910 typhoid fever epidemic among the Academy midshipmen spurred the Navy to establish a dairy farm to supply the USNA with fresh, safe dairy products. Initially a small dairy farm was established on Naval Academy grounds, and then in 1913, the bulk of the present USNA Dairy Farm acreage was purchased. Subsequent purchases in the early 1900s acquired the remaining acreage for a total of 857 acres. The majority of buildings were constructed in 1914. The original complex included a power plant, milk house, five cow barns, a bull barn, a maternity/hospital barn, a horse barn, five silos, a pump house, artesian well houses, 18 cottages for employees, and a dormitory and mess hall for unmarried employees (U.S. Navy 2000c). In

2008, the Maryland Historical Trust determined that the 66 of the 68 buildings and structures are contributing features of the historic landscape of the USNA Dairy Farm. Under federal and state laws, specific historic preservation practices must be undertaken to protect the historic character of the Village (Anne Arundel County 2009a).

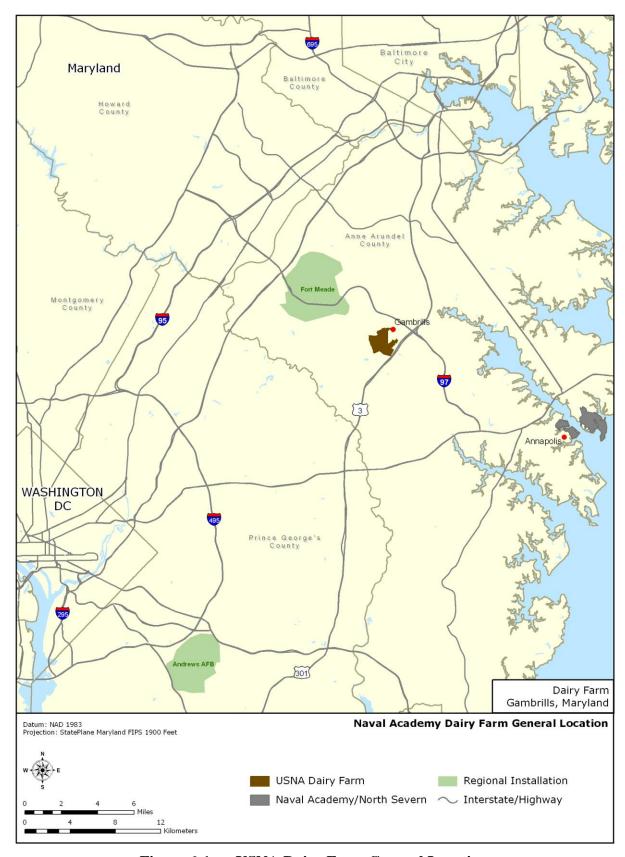


Figure 6-1. USNA Dairy Farm General Location

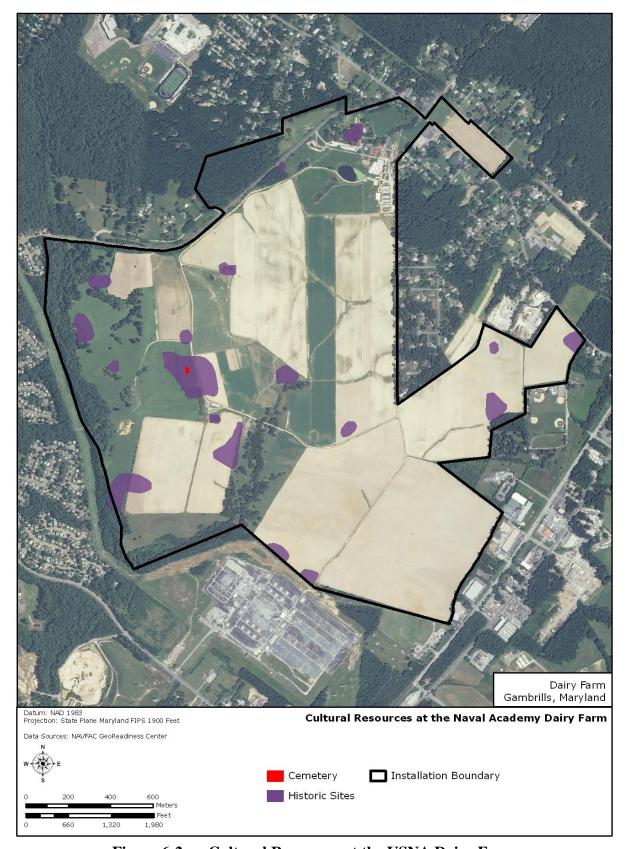


Figure 6-2. Cultural Resources at the USNA Dairy Farm

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105-85), which repealed the requirement to operate the USNA Dairy Farm also protects the USNA Dairy Farm from commercial or residential development stating that the land "may not be declared to be excess...or transferred or otherwise disposed of by the Navy or any Federal agency," and "shall be maintained in its rural and agricultural nature." At that time, the USNA ceased dairy production. In 2000, Horizon Organic Dairy won the lease and established a Farm and Education Center on a portion of the farm and Maryland Sunrise, Inc. of Chestertown, Maryland farms the remaining 800 acres of crops. Horizon Organic ceased operations at the farm in January 2005, whereas Maryland Sunshine, Inc. held the remaining portion of the lease until 2010.

In 2008, a 30-year lease agreement was signed by the Navy and Anne Arundel County. The Navy oversees and enforces compliance with the lease, but responsibility for land and natural resources management now falls to the County. Of the 857 acres at the USNA Dairy Farm, approximately 165 acres are available for pasture, 630 acres are available for crop production, 26 acres are improved, and 32 acres are identified as wetlands.

(3) General Physical Environment

a. Physiography, Topography, and Soils

The USNA Dairy Farm is located in the Western Shore Uplands Region of the Coastal Plain physiographic province of Maryland (Maryland Geological Survey 2008). The topography of the is gently to moderately rolling hills, with elevation ranging from 98 feet above mean sea level on the southern end of the installation to 210 feet on the northwest corner (Figure 6-3).

The 2002 USDA, NRCS soil survey for Anne Arundel County indicates there are seven major soil series at USNA Dairy Farm (USDA, NRCS 2008; Figure 6-4). With the exception of previously built areas, 73.5 percent of the area is classified as prime farmland or farmland of statewide importance (USDA, NRCS 2006). Approximately 8.5 percent of the soils at USNA Dairy Farm are hydric (Table 6-1).

b. Hydrology

Watersheds

The USNA Dairy Farm is primarily (approximately 88 percent) located in the Little Patuxent watershed within Patuxent River tributary basin. The Little Patuxent River joins the Patuxent River just southeast of the Patuxent Research Refuge between the towns of Bowie and Crofton. The drainage area of the Little Patuxent River watershed is 103 square miles (MDE 2008b).

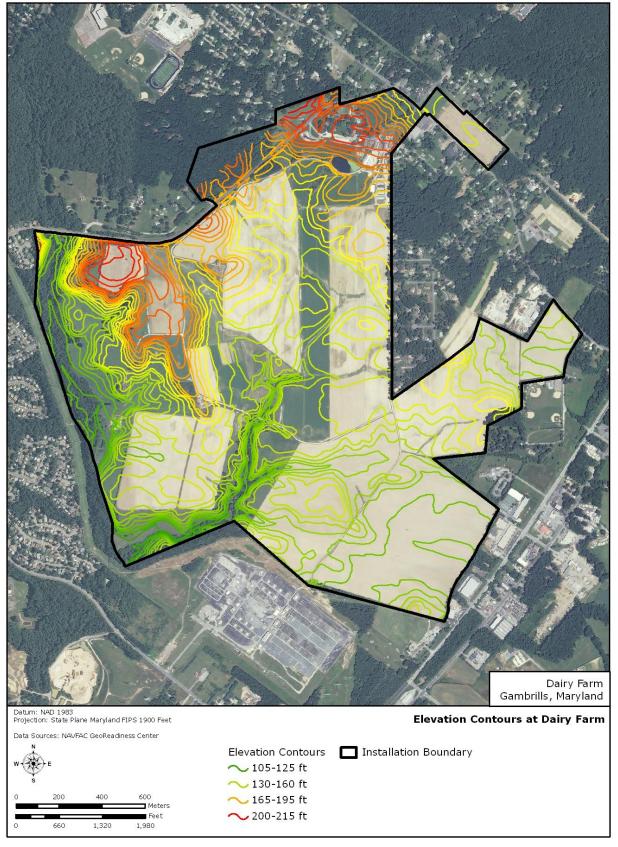


Figure 6-3. Elevation Contours at USNA Dairy Farm

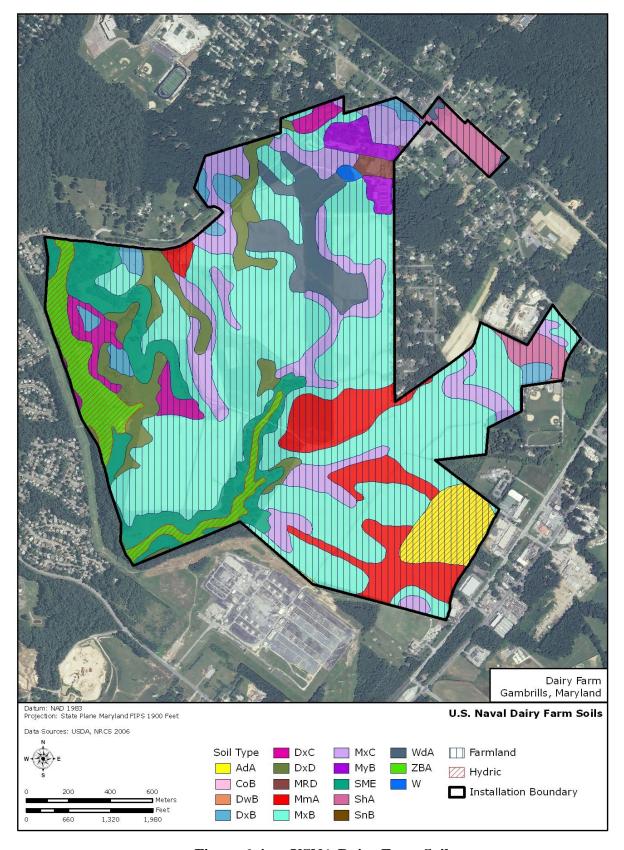


Figure 6-4. USNA Dairy Farm Soils

Table 6-1. USNA Dairy Farm Soils

Label	Soil Series	Drainage Class	Acres
	Hydric		
AdA	Adelphia-Holmdel complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	29.6
ZBA	Zekiah and Issue soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	Poorly drained	43.0
	Non-Hydric		
CoB	Collington-Wist complex, 2 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	0.0
DwB	Downer-Hammonton-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Onsite determination	0.2
DxB	Downer-Phalanx complex, 2 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	19.6
DxC	Downer-Phalanx complex, 5 to 10 percent slopes	Well drained	21.6
DxD	Downer-phalanx complex, 10 to 15 percent slopes	Well drained	51.4
MmA	Matapeake silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Well drained	71.4
MRD	Matapeake and Mattapex soils, 10 to 15 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	4.1
MxB	Mattapex-Butlertown complex, 2 to 5 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	360.2
MxC	Mattapex-Butlertown complex, 5 to 10 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	102.5
МуВ	Mattapex-Butlertown-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	15.0
ShA	Sassafras-Hambrook complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Well drained	21.9
SME	Sassafras and Croom soils, 15 to 25 percent slopes	Well drained	70.8
SnB	Sassafras-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained	0.0
WdA	Woodstown sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Moderately well drained	41.0
Total			852.3

A smaller portion of USNA Dairy Farm land (approximately 12 percent) drains eastward into Jabez Branch, of the Severn River watershed. Jabez Branch is a watershed of high concern, as it is the only natural trout stream in the Coastal Plain physiographic province. There are three subasins of the USNA Dairy Farm including Towser's Branch, Jabez Branch 1, and Jabez Branch 2 (Figure 6-5).

Surface Waters

The USNA Dairy Farm has two unnamed tributaries to Towser's Branch and Towser's Branch, which is a tributary of the Little Patuxent River. Towser's Branch runs along the western edge of the property where it is well buffered by forests and woodlands. One unnamed tributary passes through agricultural fields and lacks riparian buffer for most of its length, whereas the

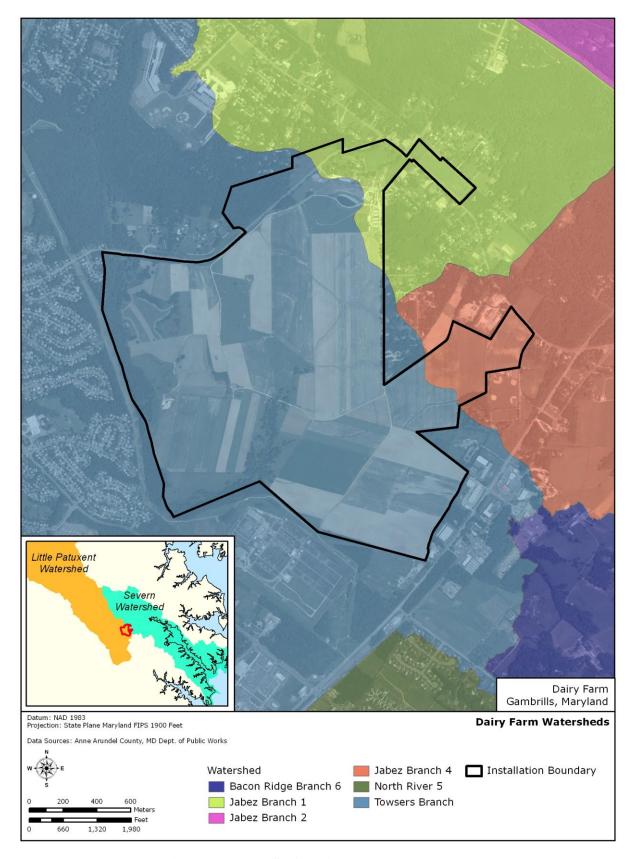


Figure 6-5. USNA Dairy Farm Watersheds

other runs along the southern boundary of the USNA Dairy Farm and is intermittently buffered. There is also a 1.6-acre farm pond in the northeast section of the property. Towser's Branch is listed as an impaired waterway based on poor biological communities (MDE 2006). Jabez Branch is a watershed of high concern, as it is the only natural trout water in the Coastal Plain that has a reproducing brook trout population. Minimizing sediment, stormwater runoff, and nutrients in the tributaries of these creeks is important to their restoration and preservation.

Wetlands

A wetland survey was completed of the property in 2004, and indicated approximately 32.5 acres of wetlands occur at the USNA Dairy Farm (U.S. Navy 2004). The wetlands include nontidal palustrine emergent, palustrine forested wetlands associated with the surface waters, and riverine wetlands (Table 6-2; Figure 6-6). Other areas, currently in agricultural production, are prior converted wetlands, and are exempt from CWA regulations. The wetland boundaries have not yet been accepted by the USACE. A formal jurisdictional determination would be required prior to conducting any activities with potential to disturb wetlands.

Code **Cowardin Classification** Acres AG BMP Agricultural Pond/Palustrine Open Water 1.60 PEM/FO1A Palustrine Emergent/Forested Broad-leaved Deciduous, temporarily flooded 0.09 PEM1A Palustrine Emergent Persistent, temporarily flooded 0.13 PFO1A Palustrine Forested Broad-leaved Deciduous, temporarily flooded 22.88 Palustrine Forested Broad-leaved Deciduous, temporarily flooded/saturated PFO1A/B 3.12 PFO1E Palustrine Forested Broad-leaved Deciduous, seasonally flooded/saturated 0.26 R2 Riverine Lower Perennial 4.17 R4 Riverine Intermittent 0.23 32.47 **Total**

Table 6-2. Wetlands Types at USNA Dairy Farm

Floodplains

A narrow strip of 100 year floodplain exists on the western perimeter of the property following the Towser's Branch. No 500-year floodplain has been identified on the property.

(4) General Biotic Environment

a. Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species

The MDNR Natural Heritage Program has indicated that historical accounts exist of the occurrence of the state-listed threatened glassy darter (*Etheostoma vitreum*) in nearby Little Patuxent River (2008b MDNR). The Natural Heritage database has also indicated that there is a

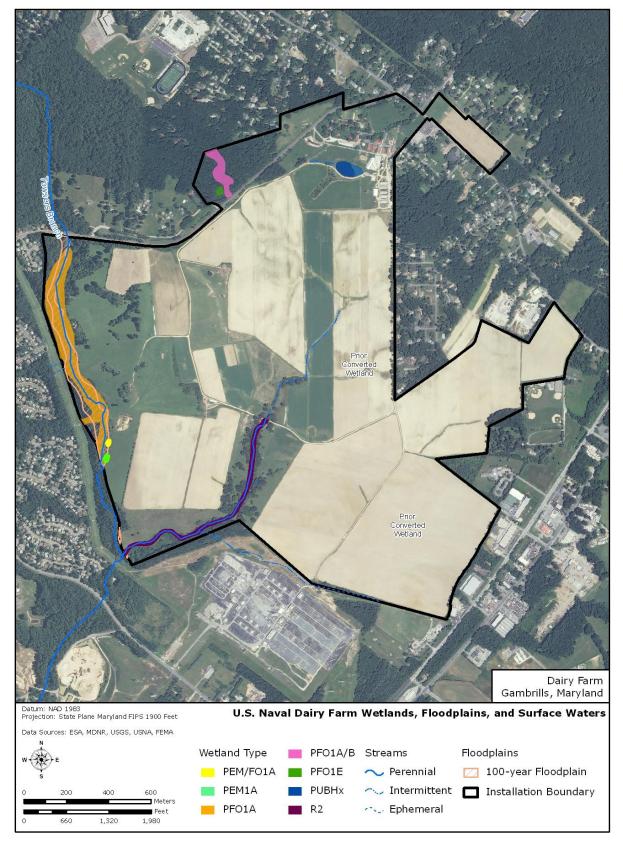


Figure 6-6. USNA Dairy Farm Wetlands, Floodplains, and Surface Waters

1960 record for the narrow-leaved pinweed (*Lechea tenuifolia*), a species with endangered extirpated state status, known to occur within the vicinity of the USNA Dairy Farm (U.S. Navy 2001c). This species could potentially occur on the site itself if the appropriate habitat exists. Appropriate habitat consists of dry sandy or rocky open woods and barrens.

In addition, reports of loggerhead shrikes (*Lanius ludovicianus*), a state endangered species and a bird of conservation concern, were made in 1998 and 1999 at the USNA Dairy Farm; however, it is not known if the species breeds at the USNA Dairy Farm or within the county. This neotropical migratory bird is susceptible pesticide contamination, reduction of suitable habitat, increased competition with other species such as the American kestrel, increased human disturbance, and climatic change. Preferred habitats for loggerhead shrike are open country, thinly wooded or scrubby land with clearings, meadows, pastures, shelterbelts, and thickets along roads and other rights-of-ways with perches. Adjacent areas of dense, ungrazed or lightly grazed grassland are important habitats for potential prey. Loggerhead shrikes are typically welcomed in farming communities as a natural pest control. Loggerhead shrikes prey on grasshoppers, crickets, beetles and other invertebrates, as well as small mammals and other songbirds. Given the organic agricultural efforts recently at the USNA Dairy Farm, the benefits to the loggerhead shrike should be by default improving annually.

b. Fish and Wildlife

Although no comprehensive fish and wildlife surveys have been conducted at the USNA Dairy Farm, fauna may be expected to be those that are typical of rural agricultural settings in Maryland. It is expected that whitetail deer are the primary large mammal; fox, raccoons, cottontail, woodchuck, and skunks are common medium sized mammals, and that a variety of moles, voles, mice, and shrews are common small mammals.

Bird species are expected to be those dependent on grasslands and open space. Northern harrier (*Circus cyaneus*), bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*), grasshopper sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*), and loggerhead shrike have been observed. The ponds are likely to support mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*) and Canada geese (*Branta canadensis*). Rock pigeons (*Columba livia*) and house sparrows (*Passer domesticus*) are nonnative species that frequently become pests in and around building areas. Non-migratory Canada geese are another species that can become a nuisance because of their large numbers.

c. Natural Vegetative Communities

Although most of the USNA Dairy Farm consists of cropland and pasture, approximately 68 acres are forested. No comprehensive vegetative surveys have been conducted, however, a site assessment prepared for Anne Arundel County (Human and Rohde 2008) and survey data from a recent wetland delineation (U.S. Navy 2004) have noted a number of tree species. Trees of forested uplands include tulip poplar, American beach, white oak, hickory, chestnut oak,

southern red oak, and American holly (*Ilex opaca*). In disturbed areas around old home sites and fence rows black cherry, black walnut (*Juglans nigra*), eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*), and mulberry were observed. Green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), red maple, sweetgum, box elder (*Acer negundo*), and sycamore occurredin wetter areas and floodplains along with shrubs such as winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*), and highbush blueberry (*Vacinium corymbosum*) and herbaceous species such skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*). A number of nonnative invasive species were also recorded. Included are Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*), multiflora rose, Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculata*), and apple (*Malus* sp.)

(5) Current Operations and Activities

a. Organic Farming

The USNA Dairy Farm has been a certified organic farm since 2000. It is currently the largest parcel of organic land in the state, and the only certified organic operation in Anne Arundel

County 4-H Dairy Leasing Club, providing urban youth with a hands-on agricultural education experience. The environmental education program Arlington Echo, which works with Anne Arundel County Public School students, uses the farm for its plant propagation Chesapeake Connections program.

Information on the Maryland Organic Certification Program is available at: http://www.mda.state.md.us/pdf/organic_operations.pdf.

Organic farming is based on a system of production that maintains and replenishes soil fertility without the use of toxic and persistent pesticides and fertilizers. Organically produced foods also must be produced without the use of antibiotics, synthetic hormones, genetic engineering and other excluded practices, sewage sludge, or irradiation (Organic Trade Association 2008).

USDA's National Organic Program regulates the standards for any farm, wild crop harvesting, or handling operation that wants to sell an agricultural product as organically produced. National organic standards require that organic growers and handlers be certified by third-party state or private agencies or other organizations that are accredited by USDA. The Maryland Department of Agriculture is accredited by the USDA for compliance with the National Organic Program. The Maryland Organic Certification Program is designed to provide assurance to consumers who purchase organic products that the products were grown according to the national organic standards.

b. Organic Farming Benefits

Organic farming can provide both economic and environmental benefits to the County. Organic foods are one of the fastest growing segments in the overall food market and in 2008, the U.S.

organic industry grew 17 percent overall to reach \$22.9 billion in consumer sales (Organic Trade Association 2008). Organic farming systems have potential to lower input costs, decrease reliance on nonrenewable resources, capture high-value markets and premium prices, and boost farm income. In addition, statistics show that organic farms yield 95 to 100 (or more) percent of conventional farm yields and are as efficient, economical and financially competitive as conventional methods (Rodale Institute 2007).

Organic farming benefits the environment and human health by using natural methods, such as diversifying and rotating crops and using natural fertilizer and cover crops to improve soil fertility and biological activity while avoiding the use of toxic chemicals that can accumulate in soil, water, food, and people. Organic farming also helps eliminate reliance on fertilizers derived from fossil fuels, which reduces carbon emissions as well as depleting the nation's fuel Additionally, organic farmers are supply. required to create buffers around their farm to protect it from unapproved substances from neighboring farms. These buffers also help protect water quality, create wildlife habitat, including pollinators, and reduce wind erosion.



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Organic food and agriculture are also a means of supporting local and regional businesses that build the vitality and strength of the community. The growth of both farmers markets and the Community Supported Agriculture movement serve as a testament to the ability of organic farming to revitalize downtown centers and reestablish partnerships between regional agricultural and urban areas.

c. Organic Farming Incentives

Because of increased federal and private funding for organic farming, a number of funding opportunities and incentives are available for maintaining organic status and providing organic research and educational programs at the USNA Dairy Farm. The USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) identifies a number of provisions in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) that support organic farming. Specifically, the 2008 Farm Bill reauthorizes block grants for States to enhance specialty crop competitiveness; provides funds for farmers' markets and to expand fruit and vegetable market news reporting; and increases funding to help producers and handlers with organic certification costs, to enhance data

collection on organic agriculture, and to support Federal organic regulatory activities (USDA, ERS 2009).

The USDA NRCS does not have a policy of promoting organic agriculture over other forms of agriculture. However, the NRCS entered into a MOU with the Organic Trade Association (OTA) that establishers a framework for cooperation between NRCS and OTA on program activities that involve the conservation of natural resources specifically related to organic farming. The NRCS also manages a conservation effort that provides incentives for improving environmental performance on farms and ranches. Under the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), farmers and ranchers are eligible for up to \$20,000 per year with a limit of \$80,000 over six years for conservation and ecological practices tied to organic conversion—including pollinator plantings, additional cover crops, biodiversity enhancement and expanded organic acreage.

Other funding incentives are available from the Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF) grants program. OFRF's objective in making grants is to generate practical, science-based knowledge to support modern organic farming systems. OFRF encourages farmers, ranchers, researchers, and extension personnel to consider applying for funding in two areas, research and education and outreach.

More information on EQIP is available at: http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/publications/ OrganicAg.pdf.

More information on OFRF grants is available at: http://ofrf.org/grants/apply.html.

(6) Future Operations and Activities

a. County Conceptual Plan

A preliminary conceptual plan prepared by the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks outlines the proposed operations and activities to be conducted at the USNA Dairy Farm under the County's 30-year lease. Key features of the plan are the preservation of agricultural lands and open space; managing the USNA Dairy Farm as a sustainable crop and livestock farming operation; providing a variety of recreational activities and events to the public; and supporting educational programs designed to encourage the advancement of agricultural and environmental issues.

Public access is planned for approximately 150 acres in the western portion of the farm. A visitor's center, community gardens, theme gardens, walking/biking trail, fruit orchard, picnic pavilion, parking, and other facilities are planned for this area. The remainder of the farm area is intended to be kept in agricultural use. The Department of Recreation and Parks is required by

County Procurement Laws and Regulations to engage in a formal and open bidding process for parties interested in subleasing the USNA Dairy Farm.

Changes in land use, development, and other proposed management activities at the USNA Dairy Farm must be conducted in accordance with Soil and Water Conservation Plan for the USNA Dairy Farm (U.S. Navy 2008) and should consider the protection measures for the glassy darter as described in the Environmental Review for USNA Dairy Farm (MDNR 2008b).

b. Soil and Water Conservation Plan

The lease of the USNA Dairy Farm is authorized by Section 2881 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1998 and is subject to the military requirements for the land. Of the 857-acre parcel, approximately 165 acres are available for pasture and 630 acres are available for crop production. As required by OPNAV5090.1C, a Soil and Water Conservation Plan was developed for the USNA Dairy Farm lease agreement that details the best management practices to protect the natural resources and government interests under the lease (Appendix 5). The plan addresses soil management, riparian buffer requirements; grazing and crop and rotational requirements, irrigation systems maintenance, pest management, nutrient management, and other land management activities. NAVFAC Washington provides the technical and administrative oversight for the soil and water conservation plan.

Some of the specific requirements of the plan include maintaining existing riparian buffers on land adjacent to water courses, waterbodies, and wetlands; establishing field borders of perennial vegetation; delaying harvest on 50 contiguous acres of hayfield to improve grassland breeding bird success; obtaining written approval from the NAVFAC Washington real estate contracting officer for any substantial changes to the contour or condition of the land, and any additional ornamental plantings. The planting of vineyard, orchard, rice crops, or sod farming is not permitted.

To facilitate the protection and enhancement of natural resources including fish and wildlife populations and their associated habitat; wetlands, streams, and floodplains; and rare, threatened, and endangered species, the soil and water conservation plan requires the County to coordinate farming and grazing practices on the USNA Dairy Farm with NAVFAC Washington natural resources personnel. Establishing a cooperative a partnership between the County and Navy to implement conservation practices and natural resources protection projects would help ensure compliance requirements of with the soil and water conservation plan, as well as compliance with federal, state, and local water quality, threatened and endangered species protection, and historic preservation laws and regulations.

c. Environmental Review

An environmental review of the lease of the USNA Dairy Farm to Anne Arundel County and their proposed activities was conducted by MDNR in 2008 (MDNR 2008b). MDNR identified

the occurrence of the state-listed glassy darter in the Little Patuxent River and provided a series of protective measures for reducing impacts to streams and associated habitats supporting the species. Protective measures outlined by the MDNR include:

- Pursue environmentally sensitive stormwater management design that use nonstructural BMPs to the maximum extent possible;
- Minimize land clearing;
- Retain forest cover;
- Stabilize soil within 24 hours of conducting ground-disturbing activities;
- Provide a minimum 100-foot forested upland buffer on permanent and intermittent streams and nontidal wetlands; and
- Where instream work is unavoidable, provide adequate passage for fish, reptiles, and amphibians.

(7) Partnering Opportunities

A number of partnering opportunities that would help achieve County and Navy goals for natural resources protection and enhancement, and environmental awareness and education at the USNA Dairy Farm are available. The Navy may not provide any reimbursement for work (i.e., improvements, land management, conservation efforts, landscaping, etc.) conducted on the leased portion; however, alternative funding opportunities that can support joint projects are available through such initiatives as Chesapeake Bay Program, National Public Lands Day, North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and Pulling Together, as identified in Table 2-2. Specific projects that could be accomplished through partnership with the Navy are riparian buffer enhancements, stream restoration, reforestation, and invasive species control along the USNA Dairy Farms numerous streams and wetlands and various other sites.

a. Riparian Buffer Enhancements

Although much of the mainstem of Towser's Branch is buffered by by more than 100 feet of woody vegetation on either side, a public sewer line, which is mowed regularly Anne Arundel County lies to the east of the creek. Controlling invasive species and maintaining this 30-foot right-of-way as early successional habitat by reducing mowing frequency would help reduce erosion and sedimentation in the creek and improve wildlife habitat. Riparian forest buffers outside of the rights-of-way can be enhanced by planting native trees and shrubs and controlling invasive species. The northern portion of Towser's Branch receives runoff off-site from Odenton Park Recreation Area. Any efforts to reduce runoff or improve water quality in this area should be coordinated with the park.

b. Stream Restoration

The central unnamed tributary to Towser's Creek (eastern fork of the creek) and its ephemeral tributaries lie within actively managed agricultural lands. Several of these streams are deeply eroded and are in need of significant restoration. Structural restoration such as bank modifications and installing erosion control devices would need to be implemented before riparian buffer enhancements can be made. Any structural work should be conducted in cooperation with MDNR, MDE, and the USACE. Appropriate wetland permits must be obtained prior to initiating work.

c. Reforestation

Reforesting portions of the USNA Dairy Farm that are no longer used for agricultural or recreational purposes would improve wildlife value for and reduce long-term maintenance costs. Because of the areas long-term agricultural use, site preparation, weed control, and post planting care will likely be required to ensure planting success. Tree planting often serves as an opportunity for volunteer participation, but should not be relied on as the only means of reforestation. Large-scale reforestation may be better accomplished through professional tree planters. Planting materials should be restricted to native trees and shrubs that have been selected to match site conditions.

d. Invasive Species Control

A large portion of the wooded and naturalized areas at the USNA Dairy Farm are invaded with nonnative, invasive species. Mapping and the extent of the invasions and implementing control measures would improve the value of the natural areas for wildlife, recreation, and educational purposes. To be consistent with the organic farming mission of the USNA Dairy Farm, only mechanical methods such as cutting, mowing, and hand pulling should be used. Volunteers as well as regular maintenance would be required to significantly reduce the number of invasive species at the USNA Dairy Farm.

e. Baseline Species Surveys

The most recent species counts are from at least 5 if not 10 years ago which includes Rare, Threatened, and Endangered species counts. These counts can be done by coordinated groups of volunteers on small scales. A recent call for a state wide reptile count included a count sheet and some materials for identification. These can be copied and distributed at coordinated events.

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Appendix 1

INRMP Project Descriptions
INRMP Project Implementation Schedule

PRIORITY: Best Management Practice

WETLANDS MANAGEMENT

Project Title

Base-wide Wetlands Delineation at NSA Annapolis

Project Description

Conduct base-wide wetland delineation at USNA using GPS technology and develop a wetlands GIS layer. Describe wetlands according to the Cowardin classification system.

Objective

Assess the base-wide occurrence of wetlands and provide a wetlands map for planning purposes.

Background/Justification

The existing NWI wetlands assessment was conducted with little or no ground truthing and appears to overstate the occurrence of wetlands in the interior portion of the Academy. An updated planning-level or jurisdictional delineation would provide valuable wetland information to site planners.

Impact to Mission

The lack of up-to-date wetlands delineation and GIS data layer can impede planning activities and may result in wetlands violations.

Regulatory Drivers

CWA, CZMA, EO 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 32 CFR 190 (Natural Resources Management Program), DoDI 4715.3 (Environmental Conservation Program), OPNAVINST 5090.1, EO 13508 (Chesapeake Bay Restoration)

Implementation Schedule: POM 12 Cycle

Priority: OMB/EPA Class II, ERL 3, Navy Level 2

Funding Sources: O&MN

Cost Estimate: \$75,000

WATERSHED AND SHORELINE MANAGEMENT

Project Title

Riparian Buffer Establishment and Enhancement at NSA Annapolis

Project Description

Complete riparian forest buffer restoration on previously identified sites. Identify additional areas, through a shoreline assessment, where riparian buffers may be established or enhanced by being removed from the mowing contract, planting with native tree and shrub species, or a combination of both. Post educational signs identifying the sites as riparian buffers. The signs should be made using recycled materials. Monitor sites annually and treat for invasive species infestations as necessary.

Objective

Support the Navy's commitment to the Chesapeake Bay Program to protect wetlands and water quality by establishing or enhance riparian buffers where practicable.

Background/Justification

In 2000, two sites were identified in the Navy's Chesapeake Bay Riparian Forest Buffer Site Assessment (U.S. Navy 2000b) as potential site for riparian buffer enhancement. A 300-foot long area adjacent to College Creek at the Lower Yard and a 50-foot long area on the Severn River at the Upper Yard were identified. Planting options, species lists, and site maps were provided for each site.

Implementing the riparian buffer planting plans would help the Navy meet its goals of supporting the Chesapeake Bay Agreements as well as contribute to watershed protection at USNA.

Impact to Mission

Project implementation is important to meeting water quality objectives established by federal and state laws and regulations and maintaining the Navy's commitment as a signatory to the Chesapeake Bay Agreements.

Regulatory Drivers

CWA, CZMA, EO 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), EO 13112 (Invasive Species), OPNAVINST 5090.1C, Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and Federal Agreement, EO 13508 (Chesapeake Bay Restoration)

Implementation Schedule: 2012, 2013

Priority: OMB/EPA Class II, ERL 4, Navy Level 1

Funding Sources: NPLD, Recycling funds, O&MN

Cost Estimate: \$50,000

SHORELINE RESTORATION

Project Title

Shoreline Restoration Planning and Implementation at NSA Annapolis

Project Description

Develop and implement shoreline restoration plans based on appropriate nonstructural and structural methods for sites along College Creek, around Greenbury Point, Mill Creek, and Carr Creek. Once plans are developed, move forward with permitting and construction as funding allows.

Objective

Restore shoreline conditions to the greatest extent practicable in order to protect Navy real estate while enhancing aquatic habitats, and water quality.

Background/Justification

Actions such as replacing bulkheads with living shorelines, riparian forest buffer enhancement, and marsh creation are recommended to improve shoreline habitat and benefit SAV, fish, and benthic invertebrates within the area. A site assessment conducted in 2008 by the PWD Environmental Division Natural Resources Manager and NAVFAC Washington Natural Resources Specialist identified one potential restoration sites along USNA shoreline. St. John's College recently completed a shoreline restoration project on approximately 800 feet of College Creek, which can serve as a model for NSA Annapolis restoration efforts.



Impact to Mission

Project implementation is important to meeting water quality objectives established by federal and state laws and regulations and maintaining the Navy's commitment as a signatory to the Chesapeake Bay Agreements.

Regulatory Drivers

CWA, CZMA, EO 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), EO 13112 (Invasive Species), OPNAVINST 5090.1C, Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and Federal Agreement, EO 13508 (Chesapeake Bay Restoration)

Implementation Schedule: 2012 - 2014

Priority: OMB/EPA Class II, ERL 3, Navy Level 2 **Funding Sources:** O&MN, Chesapeake Bay Program, NOAA

Cost Estimate: \$50,000 and up

SHORELINE RESTORATION

Project Title

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Site Assessment and Restoration at NSA Annapolis

Project Description

Conduct assessment surveys to identify areas that could benefit from submerged aquatic vegetation restoration. A site assessment that analyses salinity, turbidity, and water depth should be included in the pre-visits construction phase. Consider partnering with the Friends of College Creek, NOAA, or the Anne Arundel County Soil Conservation District on this project

Objective

Support the Navy's commitment to the Chesapeake Bay Program to restore 185,000 acres of SAV in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Background/Justification

Ongoing mapping of SAV by organizations, such as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and local watershed groups, such as Friends of College Creek, indicate SAV beds planted during the St. John's College living shoreline restoration have been successfully established. Conducting additional SAV restoration would help the Navy meet its goals of supporting the Chesapeake Bay Agreements as well as contribute to watershed protection at NSA Annapolis.

Impact to Mission

SAV is a sensitive water-quality indicator, as well as a regulated wetland plant. Declines in SAV populations around USNA may indicate an unchecked pollution source on the Academy. Project implementation is important to meeting water quality objectives established by federal and state laws and regulations and maintaining the Navy's commitment as a signatory to the Chesapeake Bay Agreements.

Regulatory Drivers

CWA, CZMA, EO 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), EO 13112 (Invasive Species), OPNAVINST 5090.1C, Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and Federal Agreement, EO 13508 (Chesapeake Bay Restoration)

Implementation Schedule: 2012, 2014 plus annual monitoring

Priority: OMB/EPA Class II, ERL 3, Navy Level 2

Funding Sources: O&MN, Chesapeake Bay Program, NOAA

Cost Estimate: \$30,000

SHORELINE RESTORATION

Project Title

Oyster Bed Restoration at NSA Annapolis

Project Description

Construct oyster reefs in appropriate habitat in the waters around the Academy. Waterway assessments that analyze salinity, turbidity, and water depth should be conducted prior to beginning such a project. Site monitoring should be continued for three to five years to assess the effectiveness of the project. Consider partnering with Friends of College Creek, the Spa Creek Conservancy, professors at the US Naval Academy, and NOAA on this project.

Objective

Improve water quality and increase native oyster populations in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Background/Justification

Since 1977, midshipmen have participated in an oyster recovery effort by moving oyster shell bars from a nursery in Mill Creek to an oyster bar at the mouth of the Severn River. The Station also provides access to a pier at the MWR Marina. Additional commitment to increase oyster beds around USNA would provide benefits to the creek by improving water quality as a result of their filter-feeding activity, which would improve success rates for SAV.

Impact to Mission

Project implementation is important to meeting water quality objectives established by federal and state laws and regulations and maintaining the Navy's commitment as a signatory to the Chesapeake Bay Agreements.

Regulatory Drivers

CWA, CZMA, EO 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), EO 13112 (Invasive Species), OPNAVINST 5090.1C, Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and Federal Agreement, EO 13508 (Chesapeake Bay Restoration)

Implementation Schedule: 2011, 2013 plus annual monitoring

Priority: OMB/EPA Class II, ERL 3, Navy Level 2

Funding Sources: O&MN, Chesapeake Bay Program, Legacy Funding

Cost Estimate: \$45,000

MIGRATORY BIRD MANAGEMENT

Project Title

Habitat Management for Cavity Nesters at NSA Annapolis

Project Description

A number nest boxes and roosting structures have been installed and monitored on the golf course and Greenbury Point since the 1990s. As of 2000, there were 79 bluebird boxes, 16 osprey platforms, 15 purple martin houses, 4 raptor and owl boxes, and 3 or more bat boxes. In addition, one to two wood duck boxes could be installed along the edge of Shady Lake and several bluebird and/or tree swallow boxes could be set up along the wood edge west of the water plant (building 591) or USNA Cemetery. Periodic surveys for the target species should be conducted throughout the breeding season prior to installing nest boxes to ensure the presence of the species. Mapping nest box locations using GPS technology and annual maintenance and monitoring would improve the effectiveness of this program.

Objective

Enhance nesting habitat for migratory birds.

Background/Justification

Appropriate habitat for nesting and brooding has declined for many bird species world-wide. Nesting habitat can be created or enhanced for a number of species, whose populations have been in decline, by the use of artificial nest boxes/platforms.

Impact to Mission

Failure to implement this project would demonstrate a lack of commitment to management and would fall short of stewardship responsibilities under the MBTA and other regulatory drivers.

Regulatory Drivers

Sikes Act, MBTA, 32 CFR 190 (Natural Resources Management Program), DoDI 4715.3 (Environmental Conservation Program), OPNAVINST 5090.1

Implementation Schedule: 2012 plus annual monitoring and maintenance

Priority: OMB/EPA Class III, ERL 1, Navy Level 5

Funding Sources: NPLD, O&MN

Cost Estimate: \$6.500

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Project Title

Baseline Faunal Surveys at NSA Annapolis

Project Description

Conduct baseline faunal surveys at NSA Annapolis, NSAA North Severn and Greenbury Point to assess the occurrence of wildlife species utilizing the installation. Seasonal surveys should be conducted for breeding and migratory landbirds, waterfowl, aquatic organisms, herpetofauna, and bats and other mammals in the semi-natural and natural areas at NSAA. It is critical to develop written protocols, GPS-located survey points, and a digital database for each survey so that future monitoring can be accomplished.

Objective

Assess the occurrence of wildlife populations utilizing the installation to better manage for all wildlife species.

Background/Justification

The Sikes Act, 32CFR190 (DoD Natural Resources Management Program), and Navy policy require current inventories on Navy-managed lands. Most of the wildlife surveys conducted at USNA were conducted as a minor component of surveys being conducted at Greenbury Point on NSAA North Severn. The resulting data for USNA are not available as separate species lists. Many of the surveys were conducted in the late 1990s and are in need of updating in order to provide a better understanding of the current conditions at USNA.

Impact to Mission

Baseline faunal surveys have not been conducted at NSAA or its special areas. Therefore failure to implement this project would result in noncompliance with the Sikes Act and Navy policy on natural resources management including management of federally listed species of concern.

Regulatory Drivers

Sikes Act, 32 CFR 190 (Natural Resources Management Program), DoDI 4715.3 (Environmental Conservation Program), OPNAVINST 5090.1, USFWS 2008 Birds of Concervation Concern

Implementation Schedule: 2012

Priority: OMB/EPA Class II, ERL 3, Navy Level 2

Funding Sources: O&MN

Cost Estimate: \$75,000

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Project Title

Posting Fishing Restrictions Signs at Greenbury Point and NSAA North Severn

Project Description

Post signs that educate anglers on live and nonnative bait restrictions to prevent further introduction of nonnative species into the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. The signs should be made using recycled materials.

Objective

Educate anglers on problems caused by nonnative live bait and reduce the spread of nonnative invasive aquatic species.

Background/Justification

Fisheries resources at and in the immediate vicinity of the installation include the brackish/saltwater fisheries of the Severn Rive, College Creek, and Spa Creek. EO 13112 - Invasive Species and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act restricts the introduction of harmful exotic species into native ecosystems. Although the state of Maryland does not currently have restrictions on nonnative live bait, the Navy should implement proactive measures to protect native fish populations and prevent the spread of aggressive nonnative species by prohibiting use of all live bait other than night crawlers and bloodworms.

Impact to Mission

Project implementation is important fisheries management objectives established by federal and state laws and regulations and maintaining the Navy's commitment as a signatory to the Chesapeake Bay Agreements.

Regulatory Drivers

Sikes Act, 32 CFR 190 (Natural Resources Management Program), DoDI 4715.3 (Environmental Conservation Program), OPNAVINST 5090.1, EO 11987 (Exotic Organisms), EO 13112 (Invasive Species), Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, EO 13508 (Chesapeake Bay Restoration)

Implementation Schedule: 2011

Priority: OMB/EPA Class II, ERL 3, Navy Level 2

Funding Sources: O&MN, recycling funds

Cost Estimate: \$2,000 (in-house design and implementation)

INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Project Title

Invasive Species Mapping at NSA Annapolis

Project Description

Conduct invasive species mapping (excluding landscaped areas) using GPS technology and develop a management plan and priorities for treatment.

Objective

Identify and map target invasive species to prevent the further spread and degradation of natural habitats at USNA.

Background/Justification

EO 13112 - Invasive Species and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act restricts the introduction of harmful exotic species into native ecosystems, and to the extent practicable and permitted by law, to detect and control such species; accurately monitor invasive species populations; provide for restoration of native species and habitats that have been invaded; promote public education on invasive species, and conduct research on invasive species to prevent their introduction and provide for environmentally sound control. A thorough inventory of invasive species has not been conducted at USNA to date. To comply with EO 13112, a formal survey for invasive species should be conducted and the location and extent of invasive species mapped. Regularly monitoring for new populations of invasive species allows for early control of infestations, since management efforts are more effective when population sizes are small.

Impact to Mission

Absence of an active control program results in degradation of habitat that supports the mission and disregards Navy stewardship responsibilities.

Regulatory Drivers

Sikes Act, EO 11987 (Exotic Organisms), EO 13112 (Invasive Species), 32 CFR 190 (Natural Resources Management Program), DoDI 4715.3 (Environmental Conservation Program), OPNAVINST 5090.1, EO 13508 (Chesapeake Bay Restoration)

Implementation Schedule: 2012

Priority: OMB/EPA Class I, ERL 4, Navy Level 1

Funding Sources: O&MN
Cost Estimate: \$50,000

INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Project Title

Invasive Species Control at NSA Annapolis

Project Description

Implement management recommendations developed in the invasive species survey and management plan. Conduct follow up treatments and monitoring to assess treatment effectiveness.

Objective

Restore natural habitats and prevent the further spread of invasive species at NSA Annapolis

Background/Justification

Preserving the small remaining area of wetland and shrub/scrub habitat that occurs on NSAA and special areas is a natural resources priority. Treatment of common reed has been conducted periodically at Shady Lake since 1999. Continuing to control invasive species through annual treatments would help maintain the integrity of the site improve its wildlife and aesthetic value.

EO 13112 - Invasive Species and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act restrict the introduction of harmful exotic species into native ecosystems, including wetlands, and to control invasive species to the extent practicable and permitted by law.

Impact to Mission

Absence of an active control program results in degradation of habitat that supports the mission and disregards Navy stewardship responsibilities.

Regulatory Drivers

Sikes Act, EO 11987 (Exotic Organisms), EO 13112 (Invasive Species), 32 CFR 190 (Natural Resources Management Program), DoDI 4715.3 (Environmental Conservation Program), OPNAVINST 5090.1

Implementation Schedule: 2012-2016

Priority: OMB/EPA Class I, ERL 4, Navy Level 1

Funding Sources: O&MN, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Cost Estimate: \$200,000

INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Project Title

Control Common Reed throughout Wetland Sites within NSAA and Special Areas

Project Description

Assess past treatment efforts and continue to control common reed through annual spot treatments at Shady Lake and other wetlands areas, if necessary.

Objective

Restore and prevent the further spread of common reed and degradation of wetland habitats within NSAA and special areas.

Background/Justification

Preserving the small remaining area of wetland that occurs on NSAA and its special areas is a natural resources priority. Treatment of common reed has been conducted periodically at Shady Lake and other sites since 1999. Continuing to control common reed through annual spot treatments would help maintain the integrity of the site improve its wildlife and aesthetic value. These efforts should be coordinated with the private community to treat common reed that occurs on private property contiguous with that of the USNA/AAC, to prevent re-establishment of common reed.

EO 13112 - Invasive Species and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act restrict the introduction of harmful exotic species into native ecosystems, including wetlands, and to control invasive species to the extent practicable and permitted by law.

Impact to Mission

Absence of an active control program results in degradation of habitat that supports the mission and disregards Navy stewardship responsibilities.

Regulatory Drivers

Sikes Act, EO 11987 (Exotic Organisms), EO 13112 (Invasive Species), 32 CFR 190 (Natural Resources Management Program), DoDI 4715.3 (Environmental Conservation Program), OPNAVINST 5090.1

Implementation Schedule: Annual

Priority: OMB/EPA Class I, ERL 4, Navy Level 1

Funding Sources: O&MN, Chesapeake Bay Program

Cost Estimate: \$30,000 annually

PRIORITY: Best Management Practice

RARE, THREATENED, AND ENDANGERED SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Project Title

RT&E Species Survey Update at NSAA North Severn and Greenbury Point

Project Description

Conduct an RT&E survey update monitoring of populations or individuals of protected species determined present during the initial surveys project at NSAA North Severn and Greenbury Point.

Objective

Monitor the occurrence, population size, and relative health of RT&E species at NSAA North Severn and Greenbury Point.

Background/Justification

A survey for unique natural communities and rare, threatened and endangered species was conducted in 1996 at Greenbury Point, but no other portion of NSAA North Severn (U.S. Navy 1997). Survey efforts focused on birds, plants, and butterflies. No federally listed threatened, endangered, or candidate species were identified at in the survey. A number of state-listed bird species, however, have been documented. Included are three state-endangered species, mourning warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*), royal tern (*Thalasseus maximus*), and short-eared owl (*Asio flammeus*); a state-threatened species, least tern (*Sternula antillarum*); and two species listed as in need of conservation, American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) and Nashville warbler (*Vermivora ruficapilla*) (MDNR 2010a). The bald eagle is listed as S3.1B by the state Natural Heritage Program has also been documented at Greenbury Point.

Of the plant species observed at Greenbury Point, only Lancaster's sedge is currently tracked by the MDNR Wildlife and Heritage Services, Natural Heritage Program. It is classified as SU; possibly rare in Maryland, but of uncertain status for reasons including lack of historical records, low search effort, cryptic nature of the species, or concerns that the species may not be native to the state (MDNR 2010b). Plant surveys also identified grass-leaved arrowhead (*Sagittaria graminea*), also listed as SU, and broad-fruited bur-reed (*Sparganium eurycarpum*), classified as S3; rare to uncommon in the state. However, the locations and populations of these species were not documented.

Impact to Mission

Federal agencies are required to ensure that their actions will not adversely impact endangered species. Updates to past surveys to substantiate the presence or absence of listed species are necessary to ensure compliance and population health. Failure to implement this project would result in noncompliance with the Sikes Act and Navy policy on natural resources management, and potential noncompliance with the ESA and state laws.

Regulatory Drivers

Sikes Act, CZMA, ESA, 32 CFR 190 (Natural Resources Management Program), DoDI 4715.3 (Environmental Conservation Program), OPNAVINST 5090.1, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act

Implementation Schedule: 2011

Priority: OMB/EPA Class II, ERL 3 Navy Level 1

Funding Sources: O&MN

Cost Estimate: \$48,000

SHORELINE RESTORATION

Project Title

Repair of the Berm Shoreline at Green Bury Point and Emergency Tree Removal

Project Description

Repair existing berm shorline on Green Bury Point and remove existing trees on berm.

Objective

Restore shoreline conditions to the greatest extent practicable in order to protect the existing berm while enhancing aquatic habitats, and water quality.

Background/Justification

The Berm at Green Bury point was created to hold dredge spoils in the 1940s during the construction of the David Taylor Research basins and the dredging of Annapolis Harbor and Church Channels. These dredge spoils were subsequently been found to be hazardous, and actions were taken to remove most of the hazardous material from the site. In the intervening years, storm surg and other natural processes have weakened the remaining berm walls, and they are now in danger of failing. This project seeks to repair the existing berm walls while creating habitat for various local species. Actions such as replacing bulkheads with living shorelines, riparian forest buffer enhancement, and marsh creation are recommended to improve shoreline habitat and benefit SAV, fish, and benthic invertebrates within the area.



Impact to Mission

Project implementation is important to meeting water quality objectives established by the CWA and state regulations and maintaining the Navy's commitment as a signatory to the Chesapeake Bay Agreements.

Regulatory Drivers

CWA, CZMA, EO 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), OPNAVINST 5090.1C, Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and Federal Agreement, EO 13508 (Chesapeake Bay Restoration)

Implementation Schedule: 2012

Priority: OMB/EPA Class II, ERL 3, Navy Level 2

Funding Sources: O&MN, Chesapeake Bay Program

Cost Estimate: \$267,000 emergeny repairs

\$775,000 living shoreline restoration

MIGRATORY BIRD MANAGEMENT

Project Title

Northern Bobwhite Quail Habitat Management

Project Description

Enhance bobwhite quail habitat through a combination of mowing and invasive species treatmentsat Greenbury Point. Treatments should be conducted on a rotational basis, with no more than one-third of the area being treated in a given year. Seeding in rows of partridge pea (Cassia fasciculata) or other native legume species can also improve habitat value for quail. Annual quail surveys would be required to assess the effectiveness of management practices at NSAA North Severn. Annual surveys should be coordinated with the MDNR upland game bird biologist, who can advise the natural resources manager on an appropriate survey route and survey protocol.

Objective

Enhance nesting and feeding habitat for declining bobwhite quail populations.

Background/Justification

Once common throughout Maryland, northern bobwhite populations have declined by more than 90 percent in the past 40 years (MDNR 2008e). As one of Anne Arundel County's few remaining areas that support a population of northern bobwhite, Greenbury Point provides important habitat for this species. The bobwhite is primarily an edge species and a species of early successional plant communities. Urbanization, changes in farming practices, lack of prescribed burning, and the use of agricultural chemicals are, in part, responsible for the decrease in quail populations. Past maintenance practices that kept mowed grass areas and bare ground around the base of radio towers at NSAA North Severn have benefitted northern bobwhite.

Impact to Mission

Failure to implement this project would demonstrate a lack of commitment to management and would fall short of stewardship responsibilities under the MBTA and other regulatory drivers.

Regulatory Drivers

Sikes Act, MBTA, 32 CFR 190 (Natural Resources Management Program), DoDI 4715.3 (Environmental Conservation Program), OPNAVINST 5090.1

Implementation Schedule: 2012-2014 plus annual monitoring and maintenance

Priority: OMB/EPA Class III, ERL 1, Navy Level 5

Funding Sources: O&MN, Ag. Outlease

Cost Estimate: \$20,000; funding only includes habitat enhancement.

Invasive species costs are accounted for under different projects

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Project Title

Nuisance Wildlife Management at NSAA North Severn and Greenbury Point

Project Description

Implement deer population management through an Interagency Agreement with APHIS-WS. Because of the large number of deer requiring removal, an environmental assessment analyzing various alternatives for deer control may be required in accordance with the NEPA, prior to implementation.

Objective

Maintain deer, resident Canada goose, and raccoon populations at NSAA North Severn and Greenbury Point within biological and cultural carrying capacities.

Background/Justification

In 2008, a spotlight survey conducted at NSAA North Severn with support of APHIS-WS identified 200 deer on the 827-acre property. Considering the availability and quality of habitat, a population of 20 to 30 deer is recommended for the site (Healy 2008). Although hunting on DoD facilities is authorized and promoted by the Sikes Act, DoDI 4715.3, OPNAVINST 5090.1C, the DoD Natural Resources Management Program, and NAVFAC MO 100.3, Fish and Wildlife Management Manual, there is no hunting program at NSAA North Severn. Adequate baseline surveys for raccoon and Canada Geese have not yet been conducted.

Impact to Mission

Project implementation is important to prevent further habitat degradation caused by excessive deer browse.

Regulatory Drivers

Sikes Act, 32 CFR 190 (Natural Resources Management Program), DoDI 4715.3 (Environmental Conservation Program), OPNAVINST 5090.1

Implementation Schedule: Annual

Priority: OMB/EPA Class II, ERL 3, Navy Level 2

Funding Sources: O&MN

Cost Estimate: \$40,000

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Project Title

Tick Control

Objective

Implement tick control and the incidence of Lyme disease through topical application of pesticides to whitetail deer

Background

Whitetail deer are the preferred host for adult deer tick (*Ixodes scapularis*), which is the known vector of Lyme disease. The USDA has patented a device for the topical application of pesticides to deer for the control of ticks. The device, called a 4-poster deer treatment bait station, has paint rollers mounted on each corner that apply pesticide to the head and neck areas while deer feed from two troughs containing corn. Studies show that the use of the 4-poster bait

station with approved tickicide has resulted in control of 92 to 100 percent to of ticks after 3 years of use with approved tickicide (Solberg et al. 2003). The EPA has approved a specially formulated 10 percent permethrin based pesticide for use in treating ticks on deer. The 4-Poster Deer Treatment Bait Station was developed and patented by researchers at the USDA.



Project Description

Purchase and install up to eight 4 poster deer treatment bait stations. Place one to two bait

stations at the Naval Academy and the remaining at various locations around NSAA North Severn and Greenbury Point. Evening or spotlight surveys may be needed to identify deer congregation areas that would be suitable locations. To initially attract deer to the stations, disperse extra corn and apple slices along trails leading to the stations. Fill each bait station with 225 pounds of whole, shelled corn. The 4-poster bait stations should be maintained on a year-round basis other than periods when temperatures are below freezing.

The rollers should be treated with 15 ml of 10 percent permethrin solution. Retreat the rollers approximately two times per week and after inclement weather. The trough plates should be closed before and during inclement weather to prevent moisture from entering and causing molding and caking.

To assess the effectiveness of tick control efforts, tick sampling should be conducted prior to implementing this program. Two techniques to sample for ticks are recommended: (1) dragging cloth flags over vegetation or (2) collecting from the investigator's clothing. Flagging for ticks involves using a cotton flannel or other fabric attached to a wooden pole. The cloth is either

hung at one end in a flag configuration and dragged, or is attached to the middle and dragged by rope tied to each end of the wooden pole. The use of flags is the preferred method when collecting larval and nymphal *Ixodes* ticks as it samples host- seeking ticks in the leaf litter over a quantifiable distance or exposure. Collecting ticks from the investigator while walking involves wearing cotton pants tucked into socks, and collecting attached ticks periodically while walking through the sampling area. This latter method is particularly effective for sampling adult ticks (Patnaude and Mather 2007).

Impact to Mission

Project implementation is important to reduce human health impacts from deer ticks.

Regulatory Drivers

Sikes Act

Proposed Implementation Schedule: Ongoing

Priority: OMB/EPA Class II, ERL 3, Navy Level 2

Funding Sources: O&MN

Cost Estimate: \$8,500 first year (Materials only)

\$4,000 annually (Materials only)

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Project Title

Feral Cat Population Assessment and Control at NSAA North Severn

Project Description

Consistent with Navy Policy and in conjunction with local USDA efforts for raccoon trapping/vaccination, feral animals will be removed from Navy lands and transported to local shelters for disposition.

Objective

Eliminate feral cat populations at NSAA North Severn in order to protect small mammal and bird populations and to eliminate potential vectors of rabies from feral cats to humans living and working in the area.

Background/Justification

Evidence from the USDA-WS coordinator for the raccoon trapping and vaccination program indicates the potential need for a feral cat capture program. Because of the devastating impacts feral cats can have on native bird and small mammal populations, a pilot cat survey and, if necessary, trapping program should be initiated to assess the extent of the problem of feral cats at NSAA North Severn. Baited stations and infrared motion-activated cameras placed in areas likely to attract feral cats (abandoned buildings, shacks, etc.) can be used to detect the presence of cats. Trapping feral cats should be accomplished through the use of humane feral cat traps baited with fish, meats, oil of catnip, sardines, canned tuna, or chicken. Captured cats will be brought to a local animal shelter for assessment of adoptability, and euthanized if considered unadoptable. Navy policy prohibits trap, neuter, release programs.

Impact to Mission

Project implementation is important to prevent impacts to native bird and wildlife populations.

Regulatory Drivers

NEPA, OPNAVINST 5090.1

Implementation Schedule: 2012

Priority: OMB/EPA Class II, ERL 3, Navy Level 2

Funding Sources: O&MN

Cost Estimate: \$15,000

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Appendix 1 NSA Annapolis INRMP

 Table A1.
 NSAA, NSAA North Severn, and Greenbury Point NRMP Project Implementation Schedule

Project		Implementation Schedule	Legal Driver/	OMB Class ERL	Cost Estimate	Funding	Date
#	Project Description	(FY)	Initiative	Navy Level	(\$)	Source	Completed
	Base-wide Wetlands Delineation	2012, 2013	B, D, E, H, J	II, 3, 2	75,000	O&MN	
	Riparian Buffer Establishment and Enhancement	2012, 2013	B, D, E, H, J	II, 4, 1	50,000	NPLD, Recycling	
	Shoreline Restoration Planning and Implementation	2012 - 2014	B, D, E, H, J	II, 3, 2	50,000 +	O&MN, CBP	
	Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Site Assessment and Restoration	2012, 2014	B, D, E, H, J	II, 3, 2	30,000	O&MN, CBP NOAA	
	Oyster Bed Restoration	2012, 2013	B, D, E, H, J	II, 3, 2	45,000	O&MN, CBP Legacy	
	Habitat Management for Cavity Nesters	2012	A, C, G, H, I	III, 1, 5	6,500	NPLD, O&MN	
	Baseline Faunal Surveys	2012	A, G, H, I	II, 3, 2	75,000	O&MN	
	Posting Fishing Restrictions Signs	2011	A, G, H, I	II, 3, 2	2,000	O&MN Recycling	
	Invasive Species Mapping	2012	A, F, G, H, I	II, 4, 1	50,000	O&MN	
	Invasive Species Control	2012-2016	A, F, G, H, I	II, 4, 1	200,000	O&MN NFWF	
	Common Reed Control	Annual	A, F, G, H, I	II, 4, 1	30,000	O&MN CBP	
	RT&E Species Survey Update	2011	A, G, H, I, K	II, 3, 1	48,000	O&MN	

Appendix 1 NSA Annapolis INRMP

Table A1. NSAA, NSAA North Severn, and Greenbury Point NRMP Project Implementation Schedule (cont'd)

Project #	Project Description	Implementation Schedule (FY)	Legal Driver/ Initiative	OMB Class ERL Navy Level	Cost Estimate (\$)	Funding Source	Date Completed
	Emergency measures (i.e. tree removal along the berm)	2011	B, D, E, H, J	II, 3, 2	267,000	O&MN CBP	
	Repair of the Berm Shoreline at Green Bury Point	2012	B, D, E, H, J	II, 3, 2	775,000	O&MN CBP	
	Northern Bobwhite Quail Habitat Management	2012-2014	A, C, G, H, I	III, 1, 5	20,000	O&MN, Ag outlease	
	Nuisance Wildlife Management (Deer)	Annual	A, G, H, I	II, 3, 2	40,000	O&MN	
	Tick Control	Ongoing	A	II, 3, 2	8,500	O&MN	
	Feral Cat Population Assessment and Control	2012	C, M	II, 3, 2	15,000	O&MN	

A – Sikes Act

J – Chesapeake Bay Agreements

K- Endangered Species Act

L – National Environmental Policy Act

M – Navy Policy on Feral Pets

O&MN – Operations and Maintenance, Navy

NPLD – National Public Lands Day

Recycling – Recycling Funds

CBP – Chesapeake Bay Program

NFWF - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

B - Clean Water Act

C – Migratory Bird Treaty Act

D – Coastal Zone Management Act

E – EO 11990 (Protection of Wetlands)

F – EO 13112 (Invasive Species)

G – 32 CFR Part 190 (DoD Natural Resources Management Program)

H – OPNAVINST 5090.1 (Environmental and Natural Resources Program Manual

I – DoD Instruction 4715.3 (Environmental Conservation Program

Appendix 2

State and Federally Listed Threatened and Endangered Wildlife Species of Maryland
State and Federally Listed Threatened and Endangered Plant Species of Maryland Wildlife
Birds of Conservation Concern
Species Known to Occur at NSA Annapolis
Plant Species Known to Occur at NSA Annapolis

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INTRODUCTION

The following report identifies those native Maryland animals that are among the rarest and most in need of conservation efforts as elements of our State's natural diversity. It includes species occurring in Maryland that are listed or that are candidates for listing on the Federal list of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Animals, species currently on the State's Threatened and Endangered Species List, and additional species that are considered rare by the Maryland Wildlife and Heritage Service. The purpose of this report is to inform the public of which species are rare, to provide an indication of their degree of rarity, to solicit additional information on the status and distribution of these species, and to promote an interest in their protection.

Compiled by Natural Heritage Program staff, this list of rare species is a result of 30 years of data gathering from numerous sources, such as museums and private collections, scientific literature, unpublished documents, reports from biologists and amateur naturalists, and field work conducted by scientists from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The original version of this list was included in DNR's 1984 publication Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals of Maryland, which also contained detailed information on the distribution and status of Maryland's rare species known at that time.

Since 1984, our knowledge of Maryland's fauna has grown steadily. Through extensive field work, Wildlife and Heritage Service biologists and other researchers have located species which were previously unrecorded for the State and have discovered that some species are scarcer than previously known. Similarly, some species are now known to be either more widespread or less vulnerable to ecological disturbances than previously believed. Thus, the list and status of each species is periodically revised to keep pace with new information.

The official State Threatened and Endangered Species List is part of the State Threatened and Endangered Species regulations (COMAR 08.03.08). Wildlife and Heritage Service biologists are concerned with many more species than those included on the State's Threatened and Endangered Species List. Some of these species are potential candidates for listing and usually require further investigation into their rarity and endangerment status. Others are thought to be secure at present, but are worthy of attention because of limited distributions, declining populations, or ecological vulnerabilities.

ABOUT THIS LIST

The list of rare, threatened, and endangered animals is arranged phylogenetically with invertebrate groups listed before vertebrate groups. Within each group, species are listed alphabetically by scientific name. Some invertebrate groups are not fully represented or are entirely absent from this list. To date, available information has been compiled for only certain species or groups of invertebrates. Many invertebrate species are not well known and have not been fully researched or inventoried in Maryland, and the taxonomy of some has not been standardized.

Birds and other migratory species are tracked and considered rare by the Wildlife and Heritage Service on the basis of their breeding status alone. For example, Dark-eyed Juncos are abundant backyard birds during the winter; however, they breed in only a few remote areas in western Maryland during the summer. To be included on the official State Threatened and Endangered Species List, migrants that are rare Maryland breeders must also be rare during the non-breeding season. Thus, the Dark-eyed Junco cannot be included on the official State List under current listing criteria. Other migratory species, such as whales and sea turtles, have been included because of their Federal status even though they typically do not breed in Maryland.

Four columns are printed to the right of each name. The global and state rarity ranks of each species are included in the first and second columns, respectively. The third column indicates the species' legal status on the State Threatened and Endangered Species List. The last column shows the Federal legal status of each species as determined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Definitions for the codes used in all four columns are provided below. At the end of the list is a series of four Appendices. **Appendix I** contains a summary of the changes to state ranks and statuses since the last time this list was published. Because taxonomists periodically update scientific names, a partial list of synonym names is included as a cross reference in **Appendix II**. The names used in this publication might not reflect the most recently published taxonomic changes or standards. Species currently under consideration for inclusion on the list appear in **Appendix III**. **Appendix IV** contains a list of species with unusual, non-standard ranks and has been provided to clarify their current conservation status in Maryland. Natural Heritage Program biologists welcome any information on the status and location of the species in Appendices III and IV from all interested parties.

EXPLANATION OF SPECIES RANK AND STATUS CODES

GLOBAL AND STATE RANKS

The global and state ranking system is used by all 50 state Natural Heritage Programs and numerous Conservation Data Centers in other countries in this hemisphere. Because they are assigned based upon standard criteria, the ranks can be used to assess the range-wide status of a species, as well as the status within portions of the species' range. The primary criterion used to define these ranks is the number of known distinct occurrences with consideration given to the total number of individuals at each locality. Additional factors considered include the current level of protection, the types and degree of threats, ecological vulnerability, and population trends. Global and state ranks are used in combination to set inventory, protection, and management priorities for species both at the state as well as regional level.

GLOBAL RANK

- G1 Highly globally rare. Critically imperiled globally because of extreme rarity (typically 5 or fewer estimated occurrences or very few remaining individuals or acres) or because of some factor(s) making it especially vulnerable to extinction.
- Globally rare. Imperiled globally because of rarity (typically 6 to 20 estimated occurrences or few remaining individuals or acres) or because of some factor(s) making it very vulnerable to extinction throughout its range.
- G3 Either very rare and local throughout its range or distributed locally (even abundantly at some of its locations) in a restricted range (e.g., a single western state, a physiographic region in the East) or because of other factors making it vulnerable to extinction throughout its range; typically with 21 to 100 estimated occurrences.
- G4 Apparently secure globally, although it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at the periphery.
- G5 Demonstrably secure globally, although it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at the periphery.
- GH No known extant occurrences (i.e., formerly part of the established biota, with the expectation that it may be rediscovered).
- GU Possibly in peril range-wide, but its status is uncertain; more information is needed.
- GX Believed to be extinct throughout its range (e.g., passenger pigeon) with virtually no likelihood that it will be rediscovered.
- G? The species has not yet been ranked.

- _Q Species containing a "Q" in the rank indicates that the taxon is of questionable or uncertain taxonomic standing (i.e., some taxonomists regard it as a full species, while others treat it at an infraspecific level).
- _T Ranks containing a "T" indicate that the infraspecific taxon is being ranked differently than the full species.

STATE RANK

- S1 Highly State rare. Critically imperiled in Maryland because of extreme rarity (typically 5 or fewer estimated occurrences or very few remaining individuals or acres in the State) or because of some factor(s) making it especially vulnerable to extirpation. Species with this rank are actively tracked by the Wildlife and Heritage Service.
- State rare. Imperiled in Maryland because of rarity (typically 6 to 20 estimated occurrences or few remaining individuals or acres in the State) or because of some factor(s) making it vulnerable to becoming extirpated. Species with this rank are actively tracked by the Wildlife and Heritage Service.
- S3 Watch List. Rare to uncommon with the number of occurrences typically in the range of 21 to 100 in Maryland. It may have fewer occurrences but with a large number of individuals in some populations, and it may be susceptible to large-scale disturbances. Species with this rank are not actively tracked by the Wildlife and Heritage Service.
- S3.1 A "Watch List" species that is actively tracked by the Wildlife and Heritage Service because of the global significance of Maryland occurrences. For instance, a G3 S3 species is globally rare to uncommon, and although it may not be currently threatened with extirpation in Maryland, its occurrences in Maryland may be critical to the long term security of the species. Therefore, its status in the State is being monitored.
- S4 Apparently secure in Maryland with typically more than 100 occurrences in the State or may have fewer occurrences if they contain large numbers of individuals. It is apparently secure under present conditions, although it may be restricted to only a portion of the State.
- S5 Demonstrably secure in Maryland under present conditions.
- SA Accidental or a vagrant in Maryland.
- SE Established, but not native to Maryland; it may be native elsewhere in North America.
- SH Historically known from Maryland, but not verified for an extended period (usually 20 or more years), with the expectation that it may be rediscovered.
- SNA Species is not a suitable conservation target
- SP Potentially occurring in Maryland or likely to have occurred in Maryland (but without persuasive documentation).
- SR Reported from Maryland, but without persuasive documentation that would provide a basis for either accepting or rejecting the report (e.g., no voucher specimen exists).
- SRF Reported falsely (in error) from Maryland, and the error may persist in the literature.
- SU Possibly rare in Maryland, but of uncertain status for reasons including lack of historical records, low search effort, cryptic nature of the species, or concerns that the species may not be native to the State. Uncertainty spans a range of 4 or 5 ranks as defined above.

- SX Believed to be extirpated in Maryland with virtually no chance of rediscovery.
- S? The species has not yet been ranked.
- _B A qualifier at the end of a rank. This species is a migrant and the subrank refers only to the breeding status of the species in Maryland. This species may have a different subrank for non-breeding populations.
- _N A qualifier at the end of a rank. This species is a migrant and the subrank refers only to the non-breeding status of the species in Maryland. This species may have a different subrank for breeding populations.

STATE STATUS

State status is the legal protection status of a species as determined by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in accordance with the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act. Definitions for the following categories have been taken from Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 08.03.08.

- E Endangered; a species whose continued existence as a viable component of the State's flora or fauna is determined to be in jeopardy.
- Threatened; a species of flora or fauna that appears likely, within the foreseeable future, to become endangered in the State.
- In Need of Conservation; an animal species whose population is limited or declining in the State such that it may become threatened in the foreseeable future if current trends or conditions persist.
- X Endangered Extirpated; a species that was once a viable component of the flora or fauna of the State, but for which no naturally occurring populations are known to exist in the State.
- A qualifier denoting the species is listed in a limited geographic area only.

FEDERAL STATUS

Federal Status is the legal protection status of a species as determined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Endangered Species, in accordance with the Endangered Species Act. Definitions for the following categories have been modified from 50 CFR 17.

- LE Taxa listed as endangered; in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of their range.
- LT Taxa listed as threatened; likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of their range.
- PE Taxa proposed to be listed as endangered.
- PT Taxa proposed to be listed as threatened.
- C Candidate taxa for listing for which the Service has on file enough substantial information on biological vulnerability and threat(s) to support proposals to list them as endangered or threatened.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Endangered Species publishes a list of federally-designated threatened and endangered species, as well as those species considered to be candidates for official listing. Copies of the U.S. Department of Interior's booklets, Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (50 CFR 17.11 & 17.12), can be obtained from the Publication Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC 20240 or viewed at http://www.fws.gov/endangered/wildlife.html. In addition, NatureServe Explorer (http://www.natureserve.org/explorer/) provides information on the global, national, and state conservation ranks and statuses of over 70,000 plants and animals.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Service maintains an official list of game and commercial fish species that are designated as endangered, threatened, or in need of conservation in Maryland. The list of Endangered and Threatened Fish Species (COMAR 08.02.12) can be obtained by contacting the Fisheries Service, Department of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, MD 21401 or by visiting their website at http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/.

To obtain additional copies of this report, to receive a copy of "Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plants of Maryland," or to receive other information on Maryland's rare species and natural areas, please contact the Maryland Natural Heritage Program at the address shown above or visit their website at http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/nhpintro.asp.

SUBMITTING INFORMATION ON RARE, THREATENED, AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

The Wildlife and Heritage Service is the lead State agency for the identification, ranking, and protection of Maryland's rare species and significant natural areas. Staff biologists obtain information on the biology and status of rare native flora and fauna from various sources, including scientific experts, knowledgeable amateur naturalists, and research projects funded through the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species tax check-off. You can take an active part in protecting Maryland's rare species by contacting the Wildlife and Heritage Service with the following types of information:

- 1. Location (exact <u>mapped</u> location, if possible) and population size/vigor information for any species on the Program's rare, threatened, and endangered species list, including historical information.
- 2. Data indicating that a species should be assigned a different state rank or status.
- 3. Nominations of additional rare species to be included on the list or of species that should be deleted from the list, with supporting data.
- 4. Documentation of threats to any rare species populations, including the species' habitat.
- 5. Information on the biology or ecology of rare species and references to the species in the literature.
- 6. Any additional information that would support the protection, conservation, or management of rare species, habitats, or natural communities in Maryland.

If you would like to provide location information for any rare species, please fill out the reporting form found at the web address provided above and mail it to the Wildlife and Heritage Service along with a location map. You can also send an e-mail message to Ross Geredien, Natural Heritage Information Manager, at regeredien@dnr.state.md.us

Calantifia Nama	Common Nama	Global	State	State	Federal
Scientific Name	Common Name	Rank	Rank	Status	Status
<u>PLANARIANS</u>					
Macrocotyla hoffmasteri	Hoffmaster's Cave Planarian	G3G4	S1	Е	
Phagocata virilis	A Planarian	GNR	S1		
Planaria dactyligera	A Planarian	GNR	S2		
Procotyla typhlops	A Planarian	G1G2	S1	Е	
Sphalloplana sp. 1	A Planarian	GNR	S1S2		
MOLLUSKS					
Alasmidonta heterodon	Dwarf Wedge Mussel	G1G2	S1	Е	LE
Alasmidonta undulata	Triangle Floater	G4	S1	E	
Alasmidonta varicosa	Brook Floater	G3	S1	E	
Anodonta implicata	Alewife Floater	G5	S3	_	
Discus catskillensis	Angular Disc	G5	S1		
Elliptio fisheriana	Northern Lance	G4	S3		
Elliptio lanceolata	Yellow Lance	G2G3	SU		
Elliptio producta	Atlantic Spike	G3Q	S2	ı	
Fontigens bottimeri	Appalachian Spring Snail	G2	S2		
Fontigens orolibas	Blue Ridge Spring Snail	G3	S1	Е	
Glyphyalinia raderi	Rader's Snail (Maryland Glyph)*	G2	SH	Х	
Hendersonia occulta	Cherrydrop Snail (Cherrystone Drop)*	G4	S2	ı	
Lampsilis cariosa	Yellow Lampmussel	G3G4	SU		
Lampsilis radiata	Eastern Lampmussel	G5	SU		
Lasmigona subviridis	Green Floater	G3	S1	Е	
Leptodea ochracea	Tidewater Mucket	G3G4	S1S2		
Ligumia nasuta	Eastern Pondmussel	G4	S1S2		
Stenotrema simile	Bear Creek Slitmouth	G2	SU		
Strophitus undulatus	Squawfoot (Creeper)*	G5	S2	ı	
Triodopsis picea	Spruce Knob Threetooth	G3	S1		
Utterbackia imbecillis	Paper Pondshell	G5	S3		
Vertigo ventricosa	Five-tooth Vertigo	G5	SU		
Webbhelix multilineata	Striped Whitelip	G5	S1		
<u>CRUSTACEANS</u>					
Ankylocythere tridentata	An Entocytherid Ostracod	GNR	SH		
Attheyella spinipes	A Harpacticoid Copepod	GNR	SU		
Caecidotea franzi	Franz's Cave Isopod	G2G4	S1	Е	
Caecidotea mausi	Maus' Isopod	G3	S1	Е	
Caecidotea pricei	Price's Cave Isopod	G5	S3		
Caecidotea sp. 1	An Isopod	G1	S1		
Caecidotea sp. 2	An Isopod	GNR	S1		
Caecidotea sp. 4	An Isopod	GNR	S1		
Caecidotea sp. 5	John Friend Cave Isopod	GNR	S1		
Caecidotea sp. 6	An Isopod	GNR	S2		
Cambarus acuminatus	Acuminate Crayfish	G4Q	S3		
Crangonyx dearolfi	Dearolf's Cave Amphipod	G2	S1	Е	
Dactylocythere scotos	An Entocytherid Ostracod	GNR	S1		

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Diacyclops palustris	A Cyclopoid Copepod	GNR	SU		
Orconectes obscurus	A Crayfish	G5	S3		
Stygobromus allegheniensis	Allegheny Cave Amphipod	G5	S2S3	1	
Stygobromus biggersi	Biggers' Cave Amphipod	G2G4	S1	Е	
Stygobromus emarginatus	Greenbrier Cave Amphipod	G3	S1	Е	
Stygobromus franzi	Franz's Cave Amphipod	G3G4	S2S3	I	
Stygobromus gracilipes	Shenandoah Cave Amphipod	G3G4	S1	Е	
Stygobromus indentatus	Tidewater Amphipod	G3	S1		
Stygobromus kenki	Rock Creek Groundwater Amphipod	G2G3	S1	Е	
Stygobromus pizzinii	Pizzini's Cave Amphipod	G3G4	S1		
Stygobromus sextarius	A groundwater amphipod	GNR	S1	Е	
Stygobromus sp. 5	Barrelville Amphipod	GNR	S1		
Stygobromus sp. 6	Devil's Hole Cave Amphipod	GNR	S1		
Stygobromus sp. 14	Roundtop Amphipod	GNR	S1		
Stygobromus tenuis potomacus	Potomac Stygobromid	G4T4	S3		
Stygobromus tenuis tenuis	Slender Stygobromid	G4T4	SU		
<u>SPIDERS</u>					
Oreonetides s p. 1	Snivelys Cave Spider	GNR	SU		
Porrhomma cavernicola	Appalachian Cave Spider	G5	S2		
Sphodros rufipes	Red-legged Purse-web Spider	G4	S1S2		
<u>INSECTS</u>					
Collembola					
Arrhopalites sp. 1	Crabtree Cave Springtail	GNR	SU		
Ephemeroptera					
Anthopotamus verticis	Walker's Tusked Sprawler	G5	SU		
Odonata					
Aeshna canadensis	Canada Darner	G5	S2		
Aeshna constricta	Lance-tipped Darner	G5	SH		
Aeshna tuberculifera	Black-tipped Darner	G4	S2		
Aeshna verticalis	Green-striped Darner	G5	S2		
Amphiagrion saucium	Eastern Red Damsel	G5	S3S4		
Anax longipes	Comet Darner	G5	S3		
Archilestes grandis	Great Spreadwing	G5	S 3		
Argia bipunctulata	Seepage Dancer	G4	S 3		
Argia sedula	Blue-ringed Dancer	G5	S3		
Boyeria grafiana	Ocellated Darner	G5	S1		

Brachymesia gravida Four-spotted Pennant G5 S3S4 Calopteryx amata Superb Jewelwing G4 S1S2 T Calopteryx angustipennis Appalachian Jewelwing G4 S1S2 Calopteryx dimidiata Sparkling Jewelwing G5 S2 Celithemis fasciata Banded Pennant G5 S3 Celithemis martha Martha's Pennant G4 S1 Celithemis ornata Faded Pennant G5 SH Celithemis verna Double-ringed Pennant G5 S2 Chromagrion conditum Aurora Damsel G5 S3S4 Cordulegaster bilineata Brown Spiketail	al S
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Cordulegaster erronea Tiger Spiketail G4 S3	
Cordulegaster obliqua Arrowhead Spiketail G4 S2	
Cordulegaster obliqua fasciata Banded Spiketail G4T3Q S1	
Cordulia shurtleffii American Emerald G5 S3	
Dorocordulia lepida Petite Emerald G5 SH	
Enallagma annexum Northern Bluet G5 S1	
Enallagma antennatum Rainbow Bluet G5 S1	
Enallagma carunculatum Tule Bluet G5 S1	
Enallagma daeckii Attenuated Bluet G4 S3	
Enallagma divagans Turquoise Bluet G5 S3S4	
Enallagma doubledayi Atlantic Bluet G5 S1	
Enallagma dubium Burgundy Bluet G5 S1	
Enallagma durum Big Bluet G5 S3	
Enallagma ebrium Marsh Bluet G5 SH	
Enallagma pallidum Pale Bluet G4 S1	
Enallagma traviatum Slender Bluet G5 S3	
Enallagma vesperum Vesper Bluet G5 S3	
Enallagma weewa Blackwater Bluet G5 S2	
Epitheca canis Beaverpond Baskettail G5 S3	
Epitheca costalis Slender Baskettail G5 S1	
Epitheca semiaquea Mantled Baskettail G5 SH	
Epitheca spinosa Robust Baskettail G4 S1S2	
Erpetogomphus designatus Eastern Ringtail G5 S2	
Erythrodiplax minuscula Little Blue Dragonlet G5 S1	
Gomphaeschna antilope Taper-tailed Darner G4 S2	
Gomphaeschna furcillata Harlequin Darner G5 S3S4	
Gomphus abbreviatus Spine-crowned Clubtail G3G4 S1	
Gomphus adelphus Mustached Clubtail G4 S1	
Gomphus descriptus Harpoon Clubtail G4 S1S2	
Gomphus fraternus Midland Clubtail G5 S2	
Gomphus lineatifrons Splendid Clubtail G4 S1	
Gomphus parvidens Piedmont Clubtail G4 SH X	
Gomphus quadricolor Rapids Clubtail G3G4 S2 I	
Gomphus rogersi Sable Clubtail G4 S2 I	
Gomphus ventricosus Skillet Clubtail G3 SH X	
Gomphus viridifrons Green-faced Clubtail G3G4 S1	
Helocordulia selysii Selys' Sunfly G4 S2 T	

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Odonata (cont.)					
I lalacandulia ublari	I lb lavla Com dva van	05	60		
Helocordulia uhleri	Uhler's Sundragon	G5	S3		
Hetaerina titia	Smoky Rubyspot	G5	SH		
Ischnura kellicotti	Lilypad Forktail	G5	S3S4		
Ischnura prognata	Furtive Forktail	G4	S1	_	
Ladona exusta	White Corporal	G4	S1	Е	
Ladona julia	Chalk-fronted Skimmer	G5	S3		
Lanthus parvulus	Northern Pygmy Clubtail	G4	S2		
Lanthus vernalis	Southern Pygmy Clubtail	G4	S2		
Lestes congener	Spotted Spreadwing	G5	S3		
Lestes dryas	Emerald Spreadwing	G5	SH		
Lestes eurinus	Amber-winged Spreadwing	G4	S3		
Lestes forcipatus	Sweetflag Spreadwing	G5	S3		
Lestes unguiculatus	Lyre-tipped Spreadwing	G5	SH		
Leucorrhinia frigida	Frosted Whiteface	G5	S1		
Leucorrhinia glacialis	Crimson-ringed Whiteface	G5	S1		
Leucorrhinia hudsonica	Hudsonian Whiteface	G5	S1		
Leucorrhinia intacta	Dot-tailed Whiteface	G5	S3		
Libellula auripennis	Golden-winged Skimmer	G5	S3		
Libellula axilena	Bar-winged Skimmer	G5	S3		
Libellula flavida	Yellow -sided Skimmer	G5	S2S3		
Macromia alleghaniensis	Allegheny River Cruiser	G4	S2		
Macromia illinoiensis georgina	Georgia River Cruiser	G5T5	S3S4		
Macromia taeniolata	Royal River Cruiser	G5	S3		
Nannothemis bella	Elfin Skimmer	G4	S1	Е	
Nasiaeschna pentacantha	Cyrano Darner	G5	S3S4		
Nehalennia gracilis	Sphagnum Sprite	G5	S2		
Nehalennia integricollis	Southern Sprite	G5	S1S2		
Nehalennia irene	Sedge Sprite	G5	S3		
Neurocordulia obsoleta	Umber Shadowdragon	G5	S3		
Neurocordulia yamaskanensis	Stygian Shadowdragon	G5	S3		
Ophiogomphus incurvatus incurvatus	Appalachian Snaketail	G3T2T3	S1	Е	
Ophiogomphus mainensis fastigiatus	Maine Snaketail	G4TU	S1		
Ophiogomphus rupinsulensis	Rusty Snaketail	G5	S2		
Ophiogomphus sp. 1	Chesapeake Snaketail	G1	S1		
Progomphus obscurus	Common Sanddragon	G5	S3		
Rhionaeschna mutata	Spatterdock Darner	G4	S1	Е	
Somatochlora elongata	Ski-tailed Emerald	G5	S2	_	
Somatochlora filosa	Fine-lined Emerald	G5	S2		
Somatochlora linearis	Mocha Emerald	G5	S3S4		
Somatochlora provocans	Treetop Emerald	G4	S1	Е	
Somatochlora walshii	Brush-tipped Emerald	G5	S1	-	
Stylurus amnicola	Riverine Clubtail	G4	SH	X	
Stylurus laurae	Laura's Clubtail	G4 G4	S2S3	^	
Stylurus plagiatus	Russet-tipped Clubtail	G5	S3		
Stylurus scudderi	Zebra Clubtail	G3 G4	S1		
Stylurus scudden Stylurus spiniceps	Arrow Clubtail	G5	S3		
	Blue-faced Meadowhawk	G5 G5	S3S4		
Sympetrum ambiguum					
Sympetrum obtrusum	White-faced Meadowhawk	G5	S3		

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Odonata (cont.)					
Sumpotrum comicinatum	Pand winged Mandowhowk	G5	S3		
Sympetrum semicinctum	Band-winged Meadowhawk Gray Petaltail	G3 G4	S3		
Tachopteryx thoreyi Telebasis byersi	Duckweed Firetail	G5	S3 S1		
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Homoptera					
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Chlorotettix sp. 1	A Cicadellid Leafhopper	GNR	SU		
Limotettix minuendus	Eastern Sedge Barrens Planthopper (Eastern Sedge Barrens Leafhopper)*	G1	S1	Е	
	(Lastern Coage Barrens Learnopper)	O1	O1	_	
Colorators					
Coleoptera					
Cicindela abdominalis	A Tiger Beetle	G3G4	S1	Е	
Cicindela ancocisconensis	A Tiger Beetle	G3	S1	Е	
Cicindela dorsalis dorsalis	Northeastern Beach Tiger Beetle	G4T2	S1	Е	LT
Cicindela dorsalis media	White Tiger Beetle	G4T3T4	S1	Е	
Cicindela formosa	Big Sand Tiger Beetle	G5	SU		
Cicindela lepida	Little White Tiger Beetle	G3G4	S1	Е	
Cicindela patruela	Green-patterned Tiger Beetle	G3	S1	Е	
Cicindela puritana	Puritan Tiger Beetle	G1G2	S1S2	Е	LT
Cicindela purpurea	Cow Path Tiger Beetle	G5	S3		
Cicindela scutellaris	Festive Tiger Beetle	G5	S3		
Cicindela splendida	Splendid Tiger Beetle	G5	S1		
Cicindela unipunctata	One-spotted Tiger Beetle	G4G5	S3		
Dryobius sexnotatus	Six-banded Longhorn Beetle	GNR	S1	Е	
Helops cisteloides	A Tenebrionid Beetle	GNR	S1	Е	
Hoperius planatus	A Dytiscid Beetle	GNR	S2		
Hydrochara occultus	A Hydrophilid Beetle	GNR	SU		
Hydrochus spangleri	Seth Forest Water Scavenger Beetle	G1	S1	Е	
Hydrocolus deflatus	A predaceous diving beetle	GNR	S?		
Laccophilus schwarzi	Schwarz' Diving Beetle	GNR	SX		
Lucanus elephus	Giant Stag Beetle	G3G5	SU		
Nephus gordoni	A Coccinellid Beetle	GNR	SU		
Nicrophorus americanus	American Burying Beetle	G2G3	SX	X	LE
Pseudanophthalmus sp. 15	Maryland Cave Beetle	G1	S1		
Schoenicus puberulus	A Tenebrionid Beetle	GNR	S1	E	
Sperchopsis tessellatus	A Hydrophilid Beetle	GNR	S2		
Trichoptera					
Hydropsyche brunneipennis	A Scalaris Trichopteran	G3G4	S 3		
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Lepidoptera – Butterflies					
Amblyscirtes hegon	Pepper-and-salt Skipper	G4	S2	I	
Atlides halesus	Great Purple Hairstreak	G4G5	S1S2	Т	
Autochton cellus	Golden-banded Skipper	G4	SH	X	
Boloria selene	Silver-bordered Fritillary	G5	S3		
Calephelis borealis	Northern Metalmark	G3G4	S2	Т	
Callophrys hesseli	Hessel's Hairstreak	G3G4	SH	Х	
Callophrys irus	Frosted Elfin	G3	S1	Е	
Callophrys polios	Hoary Elfin	G5	S1	Е	
Celastrina neglectamajor	Appalachian Blue	G4	S3S4		
Celastrina nigra	Dusky Azure	G4	SH	Х	
Chlosyne harrisii	Harris' Checkerspot	G4	S2	Т	
Colias interior	Pink-edged Sulphur	G5	S1		
Erora laeta	Early Hairstreak	GU	S1	Е	
Erynnis martialis	Mottled Duskywing	G3	S1	Е	
Euchloe olympia	Olympia Marble	G4G5	S2	1	
Euphydryas phaeton	Baltimore Checkerspot	G4	S2		
Euphyes bimacula	Two-spotted Skipper	G4	S1	Е	
Euphyes dion	Dion Skipper	G4	S3		
Glaucopsyche lygdamus	Silvery Blue	G5	S2	1	
Hermeuptychia sosybius	Carolina Satyr	G5	S1S3		
Hesperia sassacus	Indian Skipper	G4G5	S3		
Lycaena epixanthe	Bog Copper	G4G5	S1	Е	
Nymphalis vau-album	Compton Tortoiseshell	G5	S1B	Е	
Papilio cresphontes	Giant Swallowtail	G5	S2	1	
Papilio palamedes	Palamedes Sw allowtail	G4	S1	Е	
Phyciodes batesii	Tawny Crescent	G4	SH	Х	
Pieris virginiensis	West Virginia White	G3G4	S1S2		
Poanes massasoit chermocki	Chermock's Mulberry Wing	G4T1	S1	Ε	
Polites mystic	Long Dash	G5	S3		
Problema bulenta	Rare Skipper	G2G3	S1	Т	
Pyrgus wyandot	Grizzled Skipper	G1G2Q	S1	Е	
Satyrium caryaevorus	Hickory Hairstreak	G4	S1	E	
Satyrium edwardsii	Edwards' Hairstreak	G4	S1	E	
Satyrium favonius ontario	Northern Oak hairstreak	G4T4	S1S2	Е	
Satyrium kingi	King's Hairstreak	G3G4	S1	Е	
Speyeria atlantis	Atlantis Fritillary	G5	S1	Т	
Speyeria idalia	Regal Fritillary	G3	SH	X	
Lepidoptera – Moths					
Agnorisma bollii	A Noctuid Moth	G4?	SU		
Apamea apamiformis	A Noctuid Moth	G4	S2S3		
Apamea mixta	A Noctuid Moth	GU	S1		
Apamea plutonia	A Noctuid Moth	G4	SU		
Capis curvata	A Noctuid Moth	G4	S1S2		
Catocala marmorata	Marbled Underwing	G3G4	SH		
Catocala pretiosa pretiosa	Precious Underwing	G4T2	SH		

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Lepidoptera – Moths (cont.)					
Ectoedemia castaneae	American Chestnut Nepticulid Moth Phleophagan Chestnut Nepticulid	GH	SH		
Ectoedemia phleophaga	Moth	GH	SH		
Elaphria georgei	A Noctuid Moth	G4	SU		
Hadena ectypa	A Noctuid Moth	G3G4	SU		
Isoparce cupressi	Cypress Sphinx Moth	G4	S1S2		
Lytrosis sinuosa	Sinuous Lytrosis	G4	S1S3		
Meropleon titan	A Noctuid Moth	G2G4	S2S4		
Papaipema duovata	Seaside Goldenrod Stem Borer	G4	SU		
Papaipema polymniae	Polymnia Stalk Borer	G4	SH		
Sphinx franckii	Franck's Sphinx	G4	S1S2		
Diptera					
Wyeomyia smithii	Pitcher-plant Mosquito	G5	S2		
<u>FISHES</u>					
Acantharchus pomotis	Mud Sunfish	G5	S2	I	
Acipenser brevirostrum	Shortnose Sturgeon	G3	S1	Е	LE
Acipenser oxyrinchus	Atlantic Sturgeon	G3	S1		С
Ameiurus catus	White Catfish	G5	SU		
Amia calva	Bowfin	G5	S1?		
Catostomus catostomus	Longnose Sucker	G5	SH	Х	
Centrarchus macropterus	Flier	G5	S1S2	Т	
Clinostomus elongatus	Redside Dace	G3G4	SX?		
Cottus bairdii	Mottled Sculpin	G5	S3S4		
Cottus sp. 7	Checkered Sculpin	G4Q	S1S2		
Enneacanthus chaetodon	Blackbanded Sunfish	G4	S1	Е	
Enneacanthus gloriosus	Bluespotted Sunfish	G5	S3S4		
Enneacanthus obesus	Banded Sunfish	G5	S2		
Etheostoma fusiforme	Swamp Darter	G5	S2	1	
Etheostoma nigrum	Johnny Darter	G5	S3		
Etheostoma sellare	Maryland Darter	GH	SH	E	LE
Etheostoma vitreum	Glassy Darter	G4G5	S1S2	Т	
Fundulus luciae	Spotfin Killifish	G4	S2?		
Lampetra appendix	American Brook Lamprey	G4	S1S2	Т	
Lepisosteus osseus	Longnose Gar	G5	S2?		
Lepomis gulosus	Warmouth	G5	S3?		
Luxilus chrysocephalus	Striped Shiner	G5	S1S2	I	
Margariscus margarita	Pearl Dace	G5	S1S2	Т	
Notropis amoenus	Comely Shiner	G5	S2	Т	
Notropis bifrenatus	Bridle Shiner	G3	SH	Χ	
Notropis chalybaeus	Ironcolor Shiner	G4	S1	Е	
Noturus flavus	Stonecat	G5	S1	Е	
Pararhinichthys bowersi	Cheat Minnow	G1G2Q	SX	X	
Percina caprodes	Logperch	G5	S1S2	Т	

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FISHES (cont.)					
Percina notogramma	Stripeback Darter	G4	S1	Е	
Percina peltata	Shield Darter	G5	S3		
Percopsis omiscomaycus	Trout-perch	G5	SX	X	
Salvelinus fontinalis	Brook Trout	G5	S3S4		
<u>AMPHIBIANS</u>					
Ambystoma jeffersonianum	Jefferson Salamander	G4	S3		
Ambystoma tigrinum	Eastern Tiger Salamander	G5	S2	Е	
Aneides aeneus	Green Salamander	G3G4	S2	Ε	
Cryptobranchus alleganiensis	Eastern Hellbender	G3G4	S1	Ε	
Gastrophryne carolinensis	Eastern Narrow -mouthed Toad	G5	S1S2	Ε	
Hyla gratiosa	Barking Treefrog	G5	S1	Е	
Necturus maculosus	Common Mudpuppy	G5	S1	Χ	
Plethodon wehrlei	Wehrle's Salamander	G4	S2	1	
Pseudacris brachyphona	Mountain Chorus Frog	G5	S1	Е	
Rana virgatipes	Carpenter Frog	G5	S3		
REPTILES					
Apalone spinifera	Eastern Spiny Softshell	G5	S1	1	
Caretta caretta	Loggerhead Sea Turtle	G3	S1	T	LT
Cemophora coccinea	Northern Scarletsnake	G5	S3	•	
Chelonia mydas	Green Sea Turtle	G3	S1N	Т	LT
Crotalus horridus	Timber Rattlesnake	G4	S3	•	
Dermochelys coriacea	Leatherback Sea Turtle	G2	S1	Е	LE
Eretmochelys imbricata	Atlantic Hawksbill Sea Turtle	G3	SRN	E	LE
Eumeces anthracinus	Northern Coal Skink	G5	S1	E	
Farancia erytrogramma	Rainbow Snake	G4	S1	E	
Glyptemys muhlenbergii	Bog Turtle	G3	S2	T	LT
Graptemys geographica	Northern Map Turtle	G5	S1	E*	
Lepidochelys kempii	Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle	G1	S1N	E	LE
Nerodia erythrogaster erythrogaster	Red-bellied Watersnake	G5T5	S2S3	_	
Pituophis melanoleucus	Northern Pinesnake	G4	SH		
Virginia valeriae pulchra	Mountain Earthsnake	G5T3T4	S1S2	Е	
BIRDS					
Accipiter gentilis	Northern Goshawk	G5	S1B	E	
Accipiter striatus	Sharp-shinned Hawk	G5	S1S2B	1	
Actitis macularius	Spotted Sandpiper	G5	S3S4B		
Aegolius acadicus	Northern Saw-whet Owl	G5	S1B		
Aimophila aestivalis	Bachman's Sparrow	G3	SHB	X	
Ammodramus caudacutus	Saltmarsh Sparrow	G4	S3B		
Ammodramus henslowii	Henslow's Sparrow	G4	S1S2B	Т	
Anas discors	Blue-winged Teal	G5	S2B		
Anas strepera	Gadwall	G5	S2B		

Scientific Name	Common Name	Global Rank	State Rank	State Status	Federal Status
BIRDS (cont.)					
Asio flammeus	Short-eared Owl	G5	S1B	Е	
Asio otus	Long-eared Owl	G5	SHB		
Bartramia longicauda	Upland Sandpiper	G5	S1B	Е	
Botaurus lentiginosus	American Bittern	G4	S1S2B	1	
Campephillus principalis	Ivory-billed Woodpecker	G1	SX	Х	LE
Caprimulgus vociferus	Whip-poor-will	G5	S3S4B		
Carpodacus purpureus	Purple Finch	G5	S3B		
Catharus guttatus	Hermit Thrush	G5	S3S4B		
Catharus ustulatus	Swainson's Thrush	G5	SXB		
Charadrius melodus	Piping Plover	G3	S1B	E	LT
Charadrius wilsonia	Wilson's Plover	G5	S1B	Е	
Chondestes grammacus	Lark Sparrow	G5	SXB	Х	
Chordeiles minor	Common Nighthawk	G5	S3S4B		
Circus cyaneus	Northern Harrier	G5	S2B		
Cistothorus platensis	Sedge Wren	G5	S1B	Е	
Contopus cooperi	Olive-sided Flycatcher	G4	SHB	Е	
Corvus corax	Common Raven	G5	S2		
Dendroica caerulescens	Black-throated Blue Warbler	G5	S3S4B		
Dendroica cerulea	Cerulean Warbler	G4	S3S4B		
Dendroica fusca	Blackburnian Warbler	G5	S1S2B	Т	
Dendroica magnolia	Magnolia Warbler	G5	S3S4B		
Egretta caerulea	Little Blue Heron	G5	S3B		
Egretta tricolor	Tricolored Heron	G5	S3B		
Empidonax alnorum	Alder Flycatcher	G5	S2B	1	
Empidonax minimus	Least Flycatcher	G5	S3S4B		
Falco peregrinus anatum	American Peregrine Falcon	G4T4	S2	1	
Gallinula chloropus	Common Moorhen	G5	S2B	1	
Gelochelidon nilotica	Gull-billed Tern	G5	S1B	Е	
Haematopus palliatus	American Oystercatcher	G5	S3B		
Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle	G5	S3.1B		
Ixobrychus exilis	Least Bittern	G5	S2S3B	1	
Junco hyemalis	Dark-eyed Junco	G5	S2B		
Lanius Iudovicianus	Loggerhead Shrike	G4	S1B	Е	
Laterallus jamaicensis	Black Rail	G4	S1	Е	
Leucophaeus atricilla	Laughing Gull	G5	S1B		
Limnothlypis swainsonii	Swainson's Warbler	G4	S1B	Е	
Lophodytes cucullatus	Hooded Merganser	G5	S1B		
Melospiza georgiana nigrescens	Coastal Plain Swamp Sparrow	G5T3	S2B	1	
Numenius borealis	Eskimo Curlew	GH	SXN	Х	LE
Nyctanassa violacea	Yellow -crowned Night-heron	G5	S2B		
Oporornis philadelphia	Mourning Warbler	G5	S1B	Е	
Passerculus sandwichensis	Savannah Sparrow	G5	S3S4B		
Pelecanus occidentalis	Brown Pelican	G4	S1B		
Picoides borealis	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	G3	SHB	Х	LE
Podilymbus podiceps	Pied-billed Grebe	G5	S2B	-	
Pooecetes gramineus	Vesper Sparrow	G5	S3S4B		
Porzana carolina	Sora	G5	S1B		
Rallus elegans	King Rail	G4	S3S4B		
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Scientific Name	Common Name	Global Rank	State Rank	State Status	Federal Status
BIRDS (cont.)					
Regulus satrapa	Golden-crowned Kinglet	G5	S2B		
Riparia riparia	Bank Swallow	G5	S3S4B		
Rynchops niger	Black Skimmer	G5	S1B	E	
Seiurus noveboracensis	Northern Waterthrush	G5	S2S3B		
Sitta canadensis	Red-breasted Nuthatch	G5	S1B		
Sphyrapicus varius	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	G5	SHB		
Spiza americana	Dickcissel	G5	S2B		
Sterna dougallii	Roseate Tern	G4	SHB	Х	LE
Sternula antillarum	Least Tern	G4	S2B	Т	
Thalasseus maximus	Royal Tern	G5	S1B	Е	
Thalasseus sandvicensis	Sandwich Tern	G5	S1B		
Thryomanes bewickii	Bewick's Wren	G5T2Q	S1B	Е	
Troglodytes troglodytes	Winter Wren	G5	S2B		
Tympanuchus cupido	Greater Prairie-chicken	G4	SX	Х	
Tyto alba	Barn Owl	G5	S3		
Vermivora chrysoptera	Golden-winged Warbler	G4	S3B		
Vermivora ruficapilla	Nashville Warbler	G5	S1S2B	1	
Wilsonia canadensis	Canada Warbler	G5	S3B		
MAMMALS					
Balaenoptera borealis	Sei Whale	G3	SZN	Е	LE
Balaenoptera musculus	Blue Whale	G3G4	SZN	Е	LE
Balaenoptera physalus	Finback Whale (Fin Whale)*	G3G4	SZN	E	LE
Bos bison	American Bison	G4	SX		
Canis lupus	Gray Wolf	G4	SX	X	LE
Cervus canadensis	American Elk	G5	SX	Χ	
Condylura cristata parva	Southeastern Star-nosed Mole	G5T4	SU		
Erethizon dorsatum	Porcupine	G5	S1S2	1	
Eubalaeana glacialis Felis (Puma) concolor couquar*	Black Right Whale Eastern Mountain Lion	G1	SZN	Е	LE
relis (Furia) coricolor couguai	(Eastern Cougar)*	G5THQ	SH	Χ	LE
Lepus americanus	Snowshoe Hare	G5	SH	X	
Lynx rufus	Bobcat	G5	S3	1	
Martes americana	(American) Marten*	G5	SX	X	
Megaptera novaeangliae	Humpback Whale	G3	SZN	Е	LE
Microtus chrotorrhinus carolinensis	Southern Rock Vole	G4T3	S1	Е	
Mustela nivalis	Least Weasel	G5	S2S3	1	
Myotis leibii	Eastern Small-footed Bat	G3	S1	Е	
Myotis sodalis	Indiana Bat	G2	S1	E	LE
Neotoma magister	Allegheny Woodrat	G3G4	S1	E	
Physeter macrocephalus	Sperm Whale	G3G4	SZN	E	LE
Reithrodontomys humulis	Eastern Harvest Mouse	G5	SH	Х	
Sciurus niger cinereus	Delmarva Fox Squirrel	G5T3	S1	Е	LE
Sorex dispar	Long-tailed Shrew	G4	S2	1	
Sorex fumeus	Smoky Shrew	G5	S2S3	1	
Sorex hoyi winnemana	Southern Pygmy Shrew	G5T4	S2		
Sorex longirostris	Southeastern Shrew	G5	S3S4		

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MAMMALS (cont.)					
Sorex palustris punctulatus	Southern Water Shrew	G5T3	S1	Е	
Spilogale putorius	Eastern Spotted Skunk	G5	S1		
Sylvilagus obscurus	Appalachian Cottontail	G4	S1	1	
Synaptomys cooperi	Southern Bog Lemming	G5	S3		
Ursus americanus	Black Bear	G5	S3S4		

^{*} Names in parentheses indicate commonly accepted taxonomic nomenclature. Names not in parentheses indicate names used in the Code Of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 08.03.08.

APPENDIX I

CHANGES TO STATE RANKS AND LEGAL STATUSES SINCE LAST PUBLISHED LIST (November 2007)

Scientific Name	Common Name	Current Rank	Former Rank	State Status	Former Status
CRUSTACEANS					
Caecidotea mausi	Maus' Isopod	S1	S1	Е	-
Stygobromus kenki	Rock Creek Groundwater Amphipod	S1	NEW	Е	NEW
Stygobromus sextarius	A groundwater amphipod	S1	NEW	Е	NEW
<u>INSECTS</u>					
Odonata					
Amphiagrion saucium	Eastern Red Damsel	S3S4	S3		
Calopteryx aequabilis	River Jewelwing	SR	S1		
Calopteryx amata	Superb Jewelwing	S1S2	S2	Т	-
Calopteryx angustipennis	Appalachian Jewelwing	S1S2	SP		
Calopteryx dimidiata	Sparkling Jewelwing	S2	SH		
Celithemis martha	Martha's Pennant	S1	S2		
Celithemis ornata	Faded Pennant	SH	S1		
Cordulegaster bilineata	Brown Spiketail	S3	S2		
Cordulegaster diastatops	Delta-spotted Spiketail	S3S4	S3		
Cordulegaster erronea	Tiger Spiketail	S3	S2		
Cordulegaster obliqua fasciata	Banded Spiketail	S1	NEW		
Enallagma annexum	Northern Bluet	S1	SU		
Enallagma aspersum	Azure Bluet	S4	S3S4		
Enallagma carunculatum	Tule Bluet	S1	SH		
Enallagma doubledayi	Atlantic Bluet	S1	SH		
Enallagma hageni	Hagen's Bluet	S4	S3S4		
Enallagma sulcatum	Golden Bluet	SNA	SU		
Enallagma weewa	Blackwater Bluet	S2	S1		
Gomphaeschna furcillata	Harlequin Darner	S3S4	S3		
Gomphus abbreviatus	Spine-crowned Clubtail	S1	SH		
Gomphus adelphus	Mustached Clubtail	S1	NEW		
Gomphus descriptus	Harpoon Clubtail	S1S2	S1		
Gomphus lineatifrons	Splendid Clubtail	S1	SH		
Gomphus parvidens	Piedmont Clubtail	SH	SH	X	-
Gomphus quadricolor	Rapids Clubtail	S2	S1	I	-
Gomphus rogersi	Sable Clubtail	S2	S1	I	Е
Gomphus spicatus	Dusky Clubtail	SR	SP		
Gomphus vastus	Cobra Clubtail	S4	S3		
Gomphus ventricosus	Skillet Clubtail	SH	SH	Х	-
Hetaerina americana	American Rubyspot	S4	S3S4		
Helocordulia selysii	Sely's Sunfly	S2	S2	Т	-
Ischnura prognata	Furtive Forktail	S1	SP		
Ladona exusta	White Corporal	S1	S1	Е	-

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Odonata (cont.)					
Ladona julia	Chalk-fronted Skimmer	S3	S2		
Lanthus parvulus	Northern Pygmy Clubtail	S2	S1		
Lanthus vernalis	Southern Pygmy Clubtail	S2	S1		
Leucorrhinia frigida	Frosted Whiteface	S1	SP		
Libellula flavida	Yellow -sided Skimmer	S2S3	S2		
Nannothemis bella	Elfin Skimmer	S1	S1	Ε	-
Nasiaeschna pentacantha	Cyrano Darner	S3S4	S3		
Neurocordulia virginiensis	Cinnamon Shadowdragon	SRF	S1		
Neurocordulia yamaskanensis	Stygian Shadowdragon	S3	S2		
Ophiogomphus incurvatus incurvatus	Appalachian Snaketail	S1	SNR	Ε	-
Ophiogomphus mainensis fastigiatus	Maine Snaketail	S1	NEW		
Ophiogomphus sp. 1	Chesapeake Snaketail	S1	NEW		
Somatochlora elongata	Ski-tailed Emerald	S2	S1		
Somatochlora provocans	Treetop Emerald	S1	S1	Ε	-
Somatochlora tenebrosa	Clamp-tipped Emerald	S4	S3S4		
Somatochlora walshii	Brush-tipped Emerald	S1	NEW		
Stylogomphus albistylus	Least Clubtail	S4	S3S4		
Stylurus amnicola	Riverine Clubtail	SH	SH	Х	-
Stylurus laurae	Laura's Clubtail	S2S3	S2		
Stylurus notatus	Elusive Clubtail	SR	SU		
Tachopteryx thoreyi	Gray Petaltail	S3	S2		
Telebasis byersi	Duckweed Firetail	S1	NEW		
Homoptera					
Limotettix minuendus	Eastern Sedge Barrens Planthopper	S1	S1	Е	-
Lepidoptera					
Callophrys polios	Hoary Elfin	S1	S1	Е	_
Celastrina nigra	Dusky Azure	SH	SH	X	Е
Cyclophora nanaria	A Geometrid Moth	SU	S1?		_
Erynnis persius persius	Persius Duskywing	SA	SRF		
Euphydryas phaeton	Baltimore Checkerspot	S2	S3		
Hemileuca maia maia	The Buckmoth	S4	SU		
Hesperia attalus slossonae	Dotted Skipper	SA	SH		
Isoparce cupressi	Cypress Sphinx Moth	S1S2	SU		
Meropleon titan	A Noctuid Moth	S2S4	SU		
Pieris virginiensis	West Virginia White	S1S2	S3		
Schinia parmeliana	A Noctuid Moth	SU	SH		
Synanthedon castaneae	Chestnut Clearwing Moth	SU	SX		
Thorybes confusis	Confused Cloudywing	SA	SU		
FISHES					
	Bridle Shiner	SH	SH	Y	Е
Notropis bifrenatus		ЭП	ЗΠ	Х	Е
BIRDS					
Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle	S3.1B	S2S3B	-	Т

APPENDIX II

CROSS REFERENCE OF ANIMAL SYNONYM NAMES

Synonym Name

Current Name

Aeshna mutata
Allocapnia zekiah
Anodonta cataracta
Anodonta imbecillis
Atypus bicolor
Caecidotea sp. 3
Cambarus carolinus
Cariniocoris nyssae
Celithemis monomelaena
Cervus elaphus

Cervus elaphus
Clemmys insculpta
Clemmys muhlenbergii
Elliptio angustata

Erythrodiplax connata minuscula

Fallicambarus uhleri Felis concolor

Fixsenia favonius ontario

Fixsenia ontario Gomphus notatus Hermeuptychia hermes Hydrochus sp. 1

Hylogomphus adelphus

Incisalia irus Larus atricilla

Leptohyphes robacki Libellula exusta Libellula julia Lutra canadensis Macromia georgiana

Mesodon sayanus Mitoura hesseli Notropis buccata Phoca groenlandica

Phyciodes selenis, P. tharos

Physeter catodon
Plecotus rafinesquii
Porhomma cavernicola
Potamanthus walkeri
Pseudemys scripta
Puma concolor couguar
Satyrium caryaevorum

Rhionaeschna mutata
Allocapnia wrayi
Pyganodon cataracta
Utterbackia imbecillis
Sphodros rufipes
Caecidotea mausi
Cambarus dubius
Lygocoris nyssae
Celithemis fasciata
Cervus canadensis
Glyptemys insculpta
Glyptemys muhlenbergii
Elliptio lanceolata
Erythrodiplax minuscula
Fallicambarus fodiens

Satyrium favonius ontario Satyrium favonius ontario

Stylurus notatus

Puma concolor

Hermeuptychia sosybius Hydrochus spangleri Gomphus adelphus Callophrys irus Leucophaeus atricilla Tricorythodes robacki

Ladona exusta Ladona julia

Lontra canadensis

Macromia illinoiensis georgina

Appalachina sayana Callophrys hesseli Notropis buccatus

Pagophilus groenlandicus

Phyciodes cocyta

Physeter macrocephalus Corynorhinus rafinesquii Porrhomma cavernicola Anthopotamus verticis Trachemys scripta Felis concolor couguar Satyrium caryaevorus

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Synonym Name

Xestia bollii

Scymnus gordoni Sphalloplana hoffmasteri Sterna antillarum Sterna maxima Sterna nilotica Sylvilagus transitionalis Triodopsis multilineata

Current Name

Nephus gordoni Macrocotyla hoffmasteri Sternula antillarum Thalasseus maximus Gelochelidon nilotica Sylvilagus obscurus Webbhelix multilineata Agnorisma bollii

APPENDIX III

ANIMAL SPECIES UNDER REVIEW FOR INCLUSION ON LIST

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	GLOBAL RANK	STATE RANK
<u>MOLLUSKS</u>			
Allogona profunda Appalachina sayana Gastrocopta corticaria Glyphyalinia picea Paravitrea multidentata Stenotrema stenotrema Vertigo gouldi Vitrina angelicae	Broad-banded forestsnail Spike-lip crater Bark snaggletooth Rust glyph Dentate supercoil Inland slitmouth Variable vertigo Eastern glass-snail	G5 G4G5 G4G5 G3 G4G5 G5 G4G5 G?	SU SU SU SU SU SU SU
CRUSTACEANS			
Eulimnadia diversa	A clam shrimp	G5	SU
INSECTS			
Ephemeroptera			
Paraleptophlebia assimilis Tricorythodes robacki	A mayfly A mayfly	G3 G3	S? S?
Plecoptera			
Alloperla biserrata Allocapnia wrayi	A stonefly A plecopteran	G3 G5	S? S?
Heteroptera			
Chinaola quercicola Hesperophylum heidemanni Lygocoris nyssae	A microphysid bug A plant bug A mirid bug	G? G? G?	S? S? S?
Coleoptera			
Cyphon sp. 1	A water beetle	G?	S?
Lepidoptera – Butterflies			
Atrytone logan Atrytonopsis hianna Chlosyne nycteis Hesperia leonardus Hesperia metea Polygonia progne	Delaware skipper Dusted skipper Silvery checkerspot Leonard's skipper Cobweb skipper Gray comma	G5 G4G5 G5 G4 G4G5 G5	S4 S4 S4 S4 S3 S1S3

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SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	GLOBAL RANK	STATE RANK
Lepidoptera – Moths			
Anacamptodes pergracilis Anisota stigma Anomogyna elimata Argyrostrotis quadrifilaris Artace cribraria Caripeta aretaria Cisthene packardii Cyclophora nanaria Dasychira atrivenosa Erastria coloraria Euxoa immixta Hemeroplanis scopulepes Holomelina immaculata Holomelina laeta Hypagyrtis esther Idaea eremiata Lagoa crispata Lithophane lemmeri Macrochilo hypocritalis Metaxaglaea semitaria Pachypolia atricornis Papaipema marginidens Parapema buffaloensis Ptichodis bistrigata Ptichodis herbarum Renia nemoralis Rhodoecia aurantiago Semiothisa aequiferaria Xylotype capax Zale curema Zale squamularis Zale submediana Zanclognatha martha	A geometrid moth Spiny oakworm Southern variable dart moth Four-lined chocolate moth A lasiocampid moth A moth Packard's lichen moth A Geometrid Moth A Lyamntriid Moth Broad-lined catopyrrha A noctuid moth Variable tropic moth Plain-winged holomelina Joyful holomelina moth Esther moth A geometrid moth Black-waved flannel moth Lemmer's noctuid moth A noctuid moth Footpath sallow moth Three-horned moth A ralia shoot borer moth A borer moth A noctuid moth Southern ptichodis Common ptichodis Common ptichodis A noctuid moth Barrens xylotype A noctuid moth A noctuid moth A noctuid moth A noctuid moth Barrens zylotype A noctuid moth A noctuid moth A noctuid moth Pine Barrens zanclognatha	G? G5 G5 G4 G5 G4 G5 G4 G5 G4 G4 G5 G5 G5 G4 G5 G5 G5 G4 G5 G3 G4 G5 G3 G4 G4 G7 G3 G4 G4 G4 G7 G3 G4	S? S4 S5 S7 S5 S4 S5 SU SH S? S1 S1 S7 S4 S7 S4 S7 S4 S7 S1 S1 S7 S1 S1 S3 S7 S1 S1 S3 S1 S3
Diptera	A magginita	C4	6 2
Wyeomyia haynei	A mosquito	G4	S?
<u>AMPHIBIANS</u>			
Pseudotriton montanus	Mud salamander	G5	S2?
REPTILES			
Clemmys insculpta Elaphe guttata Eumeces laticeps Regina septemvittata Thamnophis sauritus	Wood turtle Corn snake Broadhead skink Queen snake Eastern ribbon snake	G4 G5 G5 G5 G5	S4 S4 S4 S5 S5

APPENDIX IV

ANIMAL SPECIES REPORTED, FALSELY REPORTED, POTENTIALLY OCCURRING, OR ACCIDENTAL IN MARYLAND

The following species do not regularly occur in Maryland as resident or breeding populations based on currently available information. Although not exhaustive, the list is included to provide clarification for those species whose rank in Maryland may be unclear due to conflicting reports or vague published accounts. For those species with a rank of SR, only unverified reports exist. Species with a rank of SRF have been falsely reported, and the error may persist in the literature. For those species ranked SA, only accidental, vagrant or highly irregular records exist, and there is no evidence of regularly occurring resident or breeding populations in the state. The list is also provided to bring attention to those species that potentially occur in Maryland (SP) and, if documented, their presence could have significant conservation value.

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SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	STATE RANK
MOLLUSKS		
Alasmidonta marginata	Elktoe	SRF
CRUSTACEANS		
Caecidotea holsingeri	Holsinger's Cave Isopod	SRF
INSECTS		
Odonata		
Calopteryx aequabilis	River Jewelwing	SR
Dromogomphus spoliatus	Flag-tailed Spinyleg	SA
Gomphus graslinellus	Pronghorn Clubtail	SA
Gomphus spicatus	Dusky Clubtail	SR
Miathyria marcella	Greater Hyacinth Glider	SA
Neurocordulia virginiensis	Cinnamon Shadowdragon	SRF
Orthemis ferruginea	Roseate Skimmer	SA
Stylurus notatus	Elusive Clubtail	SR
Sympetrum internum	Cherry-faced Meadowhawk	SR
Tramea calverti	Striped Saddlebags	SA
Tramea onusta	Red-mantled Saddlebags	SA
Coleoptera		
Cicindela marginipennis	Cobblestone Tiger Beetle	SP
Photuris bethaniensis	A Lampyrid Firefly	SP
Lepidoptera - Butterflies		
Calephelis virginiensis	Little Metalmark	SR
Cyllopsis gemma	Gemmed Satyr	SR
Erynnis persius persius	Persius Duskywing	SA

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SCIENTIFIC NAME COMMON NAME	
Palatka Skipper	SA
Dotted Skipper	SA
Mitchell's Satyr	SR
Large Orange Sulphur	SA
Northern Crescent	SP
Acadian Hairstreak	SA
Confused Cloudywing	SA
Slimy Sculpin	SRF
Greater Siren	SRF
Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat	SP
Virginia Northern Flying Squirrel	SP
Gray Seal	SA
Ermine	SR
Southeastern Myotis	SP
Harp Seal	SA
Harbor Seal	SA
False Killer Whale	SR
Manatee	SA
	Palatka Skipper Dotted Skipper Mitchell's Satyr Large Orange Sulphur Northern Crescent Acadian Hairstreak Confused Cloudywing Slimy Sculpin Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat Virginia Northern Flying Squirrel Gray Seal Ermine Southeastern Myotis Harp Seal Harbor Seal False Killer Whale

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INTRODUCTION

The following report identifies those native Maryland plants that are among the rarest and most in need of conservation efforts as elements of our State's natural diversity. It includes species occurring in Maryland that are listed or that are candidates for listing on the Federal list of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, species currently on the State's Threatened and Endangered Species List, and additional species that are considered rare by the Maryland Wildlife and Heritage Service. The purpose of this report is to inform the public of which species are rare, to provide an indication of their degree of rarity, to solicit additional information on the status and distribution of these species, and to promote an interest in their protection.

Compiled by Wildlife and Heritage Service staff, this list of rare species is a result of 30 years of data gathering from numerous sources, such as herbaria and private collections, scientific literature, unpublished documents, reports from botanists and amateur naturalists, and field work conducted by scientists from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The original version of this list was included in the Department of Natural Resources' 1984 publication Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals of Maryland, which also contained detailed information on the distribution and status of Maryland's rare species known at that time.

Since 1984, our knowledge of Maryland's flora has grown steadily. Through extensive field work, Wildlife and Heritage Service biologists and other researchers have located species which were previously unrecorded for the State and have discovered that some species are scarcer than previously known. Similarly, some species are now known to be either more widespread or less vulnerable to ecological disturbances than previously believed. Thus, the list and status of each species is periodically revised to keep pace with new information.

The official State Threatened and Endangered Species List is part of the State Threatened and Endangered Species regulations (COMAR 08.03.08). Wildlife and Heritage Service biologists are concerned with many more species than those included on the State's Threatened and Endangered Species List. Some of these species are potential candidates for listing and usually require further investigation into their rarity and endangerment status. Others are thought to be secure at present, but are worthy of attention because of limited distributions, declining populations, or ecological vulnerabilities.

ABOUT THIS LIST

The list of rare, threatened, and endangered plants is arranged alphabetically by scientific name. Four columns are printed to the right of each name. The global and state rarity ranks of each species are included in the first and second columns, respectively. The third column indicates the species' status on the State Threatened and Endangered Species List. The last column shows the Federal status of each species as determined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Definitions for the codes used in all four columns are provided below. At the end of the list is a series of four Appendices. **Appendix I** contains a summary of the changes to state ranks and statuses since the last time this list was published. Because taxonomists periodically update scientific names, a partial list of synonym names is included as a cross reference in **Appendix II**. The names used in this publication might not reflect the most recently published taxonomic changes or standards. Species currently under consideration for inclusion on the list appear in **Appendix III**. **Appendix IV** contains a list of species with unusual, non-standard ranks and has been provided to clarify their current conservation status in Maryland. Natural Heritage Program biologists welcome any information on the status and location of the species in Appendices III and IV from all interested parties.

EXPLANATION OF SPECIES RANK AND STATUS CODES

GLOBAL AND STATE RANKS

The global and state ranking system is used by all 50 state Natural Heritage Programs and numerous Conservation Data Centers in other countries in this hemisphere. Because they are assigned based upon standard criteria, the ranks can be used to assess the range-wide status of a species, as well as the status within portions of the species' range. The primary criterion used to define these ranks is the number of known distinct occurrences with consideration given to the total number of individuals at each locality. Additional factors considered include the current level of protection, the types and degree of threats, ecological vulnerability, and population trends. Global and state ranks are used in combination to set inventory, protection, and management priorities for species both at the state as well as regional level.

GLOBAL RANK

- G1 Highly globally rare. Critically imperiled globally because of extreme rarity (typically 5 or fewer estimated occurrences or very few remaining individuals or acres) or because of some factor(s) making it especially vulnerable to extinction.
- G2 Globally rare. Imperiled globally because of rarity (typically 6 to 20 estimated occurrences or few remaining individuals or acres) or because of some factor(s) making it very vulnerable to extinction throughout its range.
- G3 Either very rare and local throughout its range or distributed locally (even abundantly at some of its locations) in a restricted range (e.g., a single western state, a physiographic region in the East) or because of other factors making it vulnerable to extinction throughout its range; typically with 21 to 100 estimated occurrences.
- G4 Apparently secure globally, although it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at the periphery.
- G5 Demonstrably secure globally, although it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at the periphery.
- GH No known extant occurrences (i.e., formerly part of the established biota, with the expectation that it may be rediscovered).
- GU Possibly in peril range-wide, but its status is uncertain; more information is needed.
- GX Believed to be extinct throughout its range (e.g., passenger pigeon) with virtually no likelihood that it will be rediscovered.
- G? The species has not yet been ranked.
- _Q Species containing a "Q" in the rank indicates that the taxon is of questionable or uncertain taxonomic standing (i.e., some taxonomists regard it as a full species, while others treat it at an infraspecific level).
- _T Ranks containing a "T" indicate that the infraspecific taxon is being ranked differently than the full species.

STATE RANK

- S1 Highly State rare. Critically imperiled in Maryland because of extreme rarity (typically 5 or fewer estimated occurrences or very few remaining individuals or acres in the State) or because of some factor(s) making it especially vulnerable to extirpation. Species with this rank are actively tracked by the Wildlife and Heritage Service.
- State rare. Imperiled in Maryland because of rarity (typically 6 to 20 estimated occurrences or few remaining individuals or acres in the State) or because of some factor(s) making it vulnerable to becoming extirpated. Species with this rank are actively tracked by the Wildlife and Heritage Service.
- S3 Watch List. Rare to uncommon with the number of occurrences typically in the range of 21 to 100 in Maryland. It may have fewer occurrences but with a large number of individuals in some populations, and it may be susceptible to large-scale disturbances. Species with this rank are not actively tracked by the Wildlife and Heritage Service.
- S3.1 A "Watch List" species that is actively tracked by the Wildlife and Heritage Service because of the global significance of Maryland occurrences. For instance, a G3 S3 species is globally rare to uncommon, and although it may not be currently threatened with extirpation in Maryland, its occurrences in Maryland may be critical to the long term security of the species. Therefore, its status in the State is being monitored.
- S4 Apparently secure in Maryland with typically more than 100 occurrences in the State or may have fewer occurrences if they contain large numbers of individuals. It is apparently secure under present conditions, although it may be restricted to only a portion of the State.
- S5 Demonstrably secure in Maryland under present conditions.
- SA Accidental in Maryland.
- SE Established, but not native to Maryland; it may be native elsewhere in North America.
- SH Historically known from Maryland, but not verified for an extended period (usually 20 or more years), with the expectation that it may be rediscovered.
- SNA Species is not a suitable conservation target
- SP Potentially occurring in Maryland or likely to have occurred in Maryland (but without persuasive documentation).
- SR Reported from Maryland, but without persuasive documentation that would provide a basis for either accepting or rejecting the report (e.g., no voucher specimen exists).
- SRF Reported falsely (in error) from Maryland, and the error may persist in the literature.
- SU Possibly rare in Maryland, but of uncertain status for reasons including lack of historical records, low search effort, cryptic nature of the species, or concerns that the species may not be native to the State. Uncertainty spans a range of 4 or 5 ranks as defined above.
- SX Believed to be extirpated in Maryland with virtually no chance of rediscovery.
- S? The species has not yet been ranked.

STATE STATUS

State status is the legal protection status of a species as determined by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in accordance with the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act. Definitions for the following categories have been taken from Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 08.03.08.

- E Endangered; a species whose continued existence as a viable component of the State's flora or fauna is determined to be in jeopardy.
- Threatened; a species of flora or fauna that appears likely, within the foreseeable future, to become endangered in the State.
- X Endangered Extirpated; a species that was once a viable component of the flora or fauna of the State, but for which no naturally occurring populations are known to exist in the State.
- * A qualifier denoting the species is listed in a limited geographic area only.

FEDERAL STATUS

Federal Status is the legal protection status of a species as determined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Endangered Species, in accordance with the Endangered Species Act. Definitions for the following categories have been modified from 50 CFR 17.

- LE Taxa listed as endangered; in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of their range.
- LT Taxa listed as threatened; likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of their range.
- PE Taxa proposed to be listed as endangered.
- PT Taxa proposed to be listed as threatened.
- C Candidate taxa for listing for which the Service has on file enough substantial information on biological vulnerability and threat(s) to support proposals to list them as endangered or threatened.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Endangered Species publishes a list of federally-designated threatened and endangered species, as well as those species considered to be candidates for official listing. Copies of the U.S. Department of Interior's booklets, Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants and Plant Taxa for Listing as Endangered or Threatened Endangered or Threatened Endangered or Threatened Endangered or Threatened Endangered or Threatened Endangered or Threatened Endangered or Threatened Endangered or Threatened Engangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants and Plants are beginned and Threatened wildlife and Plants and Plants are beginned and Threatened wildlife and Plants and Plants are beginned and Threatened wildlife and Plants and Plants are beginned and Threatened wildlife and Plants are beginned and Threatened wildlife and Plants are beginned and Threatened and Plants are beginned and Threatened and Plants are beginned and Threatened and Threate

To obtain additional copies of this report, to receive a copy of "Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Animals of Maryland," or to receive other information on Maryland's rare species and natural areas, please contact the Maryland Wildlife and Heritage Service at the address shown above or visit their website at http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/nhpintro.asp.

There are several online resources for plant taxonomy, which include comprehensive databases of taxonomic synonym, scientific names, common names, and plant distribution. The USDA Plants Database (http://plants.usda.gov/) includes a general seach of plant taxonomy, habitat, and distribution. The Biota of North American Program (http://www.bonap.org/synth.html) includes a link to The Synthesis of North American Flora, a database developed by Dr. John Kartesz that shows county-level distribution maps. NatureServe Explorer (http://www.natureserve.org/explorer/) provides information on the global, national, and state conservation ranks and statuses of over 70,000 plants and animals.

SUBMITTING INFORMATION ON RARE, THREATENED, AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

The Wildlife and Heritage Service is the lead State agency for the identification, ranking, and protection of Maryland's rare species and significant natural areas. Staff biologists obtain information on the biology and status of rare native flora and fauna from various sources, including scientific experts, knowledgeable amateur naturalists, and research projects funded through the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species tax check-off. You can take an active part in protecting Maryland's rare species by contacting the Wildlife and Heritage Service with the following types of information:

- 1. Location (exact <u>mapped</u> location, if possible) and population size/vigor information for any species on the Program's rare, threatened, and endangered species list, including historical information.
- 2. Data indicating that a species should be assigned a different state rank or status.
- 3. Nominations of additional rare species to be included on the list or of species that should be deleted from the list, with supporting data.
- 4. Documentation of threats to any rare species populations, including the species' habitat.
- 5. Information on the biology or ecology of rare species and references to the species in the literature.
- 6. Any additional information that would support the protection, conservation, or management of rare species, habitats, or natural communities in Maryland.

If you would like to provide location information for any rare species, please fill out the reporting form found at the web address provided above and mail it to the Wildlife and Heritage Service along with a location map. You can also send an e-mail message to Ross Geredien, Natural Heritage Information Manager, at regeredien@dnr.state.md.us

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Asclepias lanceolata	Smooth Orange Milkweed	G5	SU		
Asclepias purpurascens	Purple Milkweed	G5?	SU		
Asclepias rubra	Red Milkweed	G4G5	S1	E	
Asclepias verticillata	Whorled Milkweed	G5	S3		
Asplenium bradleyi	Bradley's Spleenwort	G4	SH	X	
Asplenium pinnatifidum	Lobed Spleenwort	G4	S1	Е	
Asplenium resiliens	Black-stem Spleenwort	G5	S1	Е	
Asplenium ruta-muraria	Wall-rue	G5	S3		
Astilbe biternata	False Goat's-beard	G4G5	S?		
Astragalus canadensis	Canada Milkvetch	G5	S1	Е	
Astragalus distortus	Bent Milkvetch	G5	S2	Т	
Atriplex arenaria	Sea-beach Orach	G5	S3		
Aureolaria flava	Smooth False Foxglove	G5	S3		
Aureolaria laevigata	Downy Yellow Foxglove	G5	SU		
Axonopus furcatus	Big Carpet Grass	G5	S2?		
Bacopa innominata	Mat-forming Water-hyssop	G3G5	SH	X	
Bacopa monnieri	Coastal Water-hyssop	G5?	SU		
Baptisia australis	Wild False Indigo	G5	S2	Т	
Bartonia paniculata	Twining Bartonia	G5	S3		
Berberis canadensis	American Barberry	G3	SH	X	
Betula populifolia	Gray Birch	G5	SU		
Bidens bidentoides var. mariana	Maryland Bur-marigold	G3T3	S3.1		
Bidens coronata	Tickseed Sunflower	G5	S2S3		
Bidens mitis	Small-fruited Beggar-ticks	G4?	S1	Е	
Blephilia ciliata	Downy Woodmint	G5	S3		
Blephilia hirsuta	Hairy Woodmint	G5?	S2		
Boltonia asteroides	Aster-like Boltonia	G5	S1	Е	
Borrichia frutescens	Sea Ox-eye	G5TNR	SH	X	
Botrychium lanceolatum var.	•	OF.	CLI	V	
angustisegmentum	Triangle Grape-fern	G5	SH	X	
Botrychium matricariifolium	Matricary Grape-fern	G5	SU	V	
Botrychium multifidum	Leathery Grape-fern	G5	SH	X	
Botrychium oneidense	Blunt-lobe Grape-fern	G4Q	S1	E	
Botrychium simplex	Small Grape-fern	G5	SH	Х	
Bouteloua curtipendula	Side-oats Grama	G5	S2		
Bromus ciliatus	Fringed Brome	G5	S1?	_	
Bromus kalmii	Wild Chess	G5	S1	E	
Bromus latiglumis	Broad-glumed Brome	G5	S1	Е	
Bromus nottowayanus	Nottoway's Brome	G3G5	S1S2	V	
Buchnera americana	Blue-hearts	G5?	SH	X	
Cacalia muehlenbergii	Great Indian-plantain	G4	SH	X	
Calamagrostis porteri	Porter's Reedgrass	G4	S1	E	
Calla palustris	Wild Calla	G5	S1	E	
Callicarpa americana	French Mulberry	G5	SH	X	
Calopogon tuberosus	Grass-pink	G5	S1	Е	
Calystegia spithamaea	Low Bindweed	G4G5	S2	V	
Campanula divaricata	Southern Harebell	G4	SU	Χ	
Campanula rotundifolia	Harebell	G5	S2		
Cardamine douglassii	Purple Cress	G5	S3	_	
Cardamine longii	Long's Bittercress	G3	S1	E	
Cardamine pratensis	Cuckooflower	G5	S1		

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Cardamine rotundifolia	Mountain Watercress	G4	S3		
Carex aestivalis	Summer Sedge	G4	S1	E	
Carex albursina	A Sedge	G5	S3		
Carex appalachica	Appalachian Sedge	G4	S1?		
Carex aquatilis	Water Sedge	G5	S1		
Carex argyrantha	Hay Sedge	G5	S3		
Carex barrattii	Barratt's Sedge	G4	S3		
Carex brevior	Fescue Sedge	G5?	S2?		
Carex brunnescens	Brownish Sedge	G5	S3		
Carex bullata	Button Sedge	G5	S3		
Carex buxbaumii	Buxbaum's Sedge	G5	S2	Т	
Carex careyana	Carey's Sedge	G4G5	S1	Е	
Carex cephaloidea	Thin-leaved Sedge	G5	SH		
Carex conoidea	Field Sedge	G5	S1	Е	
Carex cristatella	Crested Sedge	G5	S1?		
Carex davisii	Davis' Sedge	G4	S1	Е	
Carex decomposita	Cypress-knee Sedge	G3	S1	Е	
Carex diandra	Lesser Panicled Sedge	G5	S1	Е	
Carex digitalis var. macropoda	A Carex	G5TNR	S1?		
Carex eburnea	Ebony Sedge	G5	S1	Е	
Carex echinata	Little Prickly Sedge	G5	S3		
Carex emoryi	Emory's Sedge	G5	S3		
Carex exilis	Coast Sedge	G5	S1	E	
Carex gigantea	Giant Sedge	G4	S3		
Carex glaucescens	A Sedge	G4	S1	E	
Carex haydenii	Cloud Sedge	G5	S1	Е	
Carex hirtifolia	Pubescent Sedge	G5	S3		
Carex hitchcockiana	Hitchcock's Sedge	G5	S1	E	
Carex hyalinolepis	Shoreline Sedge	G4G5	S2S3		
Carex hystericina	Porcupine Sedge	G5	S1	E	
Carex interior	Inland Sedge	G5	S1		
Carex joorii	Cypress-swamp Sedge	G4G5	S3		
Carex lacustris	Lake-bank Sedge	G5	S2		
Carex lasiocarpa	Hairy-fruited Sedge	G5	S1	Е	
Carex laxiculmis var. copulata	Spreading Sedge	G5T3T5	S1?		
Carex Iouisianica	Louisiana Sedge	G5	S3		
Carex lucorum	A Sedge	G4	S1		
Carex lupuliformis	Hop-like Sedge	G4	S2		
Carex meadii	Mead's Sedge	G4G5	S1	E	
Carex mitchelliana	Mitchell's Sedge	G4	S2		
Carex molesta	Troublesome Sedge	G4	S1?		
Carex pedunculata	Long-stalked Sedge	G5	S1	E	
Carex pellita	Woolly Sedge	G5	S2?		
Carex planispicata	A Sedge	G4Q	S1S2		
Carex plantaginea	Plantain-leaved Sedge	G5	S1?		
Carex polymorpha	Variable Sedge	G3	SH	Х	
Carex projecta	Necklace Sedge	G5	S2		
Carex richardsonii	Richardson's Sedge	G4	S1	Е	
Carex sartwellii	Sartwell Sedge	G4G5	SH	=	
Carex shortiana	Short's Sedge	G5	S2	Е	

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Carex silicea	Sea-beach Sedge	G5	S1	Е	
Carex sparganioides	Burr-reed Sedge	G5	S1S2		
Carex straminea	Straw Sedge	G5	S1S2		
Carex striatula	Lined Sedge	G4G5	S3		
Carex tenera	Slender Sedge	G5	SH	Χ	
Carex tetanica	Rigid Sedge	G4G5	SH	Χ	
Carex trichocarpa	Hairy-fruited Sedge	G4	S2		
Carex tuckermanii	Tuckerman Sedge	G4	S1	Е	
Carex venusta	Dark Green Sedge	G4	S2	Т	
Carex vesicaria	Inflated Sedge	G5	S1	Т	
Carex vestita	Velvety Sedge	G5	S2	Т	
Carya laciniosa	Big Shellbark Hickory	G5	S1	Е	
Cassia marilandica	Maryland Senna	G5	S3		
Castanea dentata	American Chestnut	G4	S2S3		
Castilleja coccinea	Indian Paintbrush	G5	S1	Е	
Celtis laevigata	Sugarberry	G5	SU		
Centella erecta	Coinleaf	G5	S3		
Centrosema virginianum	Spurred Butterfly-pea	G5	S2		
Ceratophyllum echinatum	Prickly Hornwort	G4?	S1	Ε	
Chamaecrista fasciculata var. macrosperma	Marsh Wild Senna	G5T3	S1	Ε	
Chamaecyparis thyoides	Atlantic White Cedar	G4	S3		
Chamaedaphne calyculata	Leatherleaf	G5	S1	Т	
Chamaelirium luteum	Devil's-bit	G5	S3		
Chamaesyce vermiculata	Hairy Spurge	G5	SH		
Chelone obliqua	Red Turtlehead	G4	S1	Т	
Chenopodium gigantospermum	Maple-leaved Goosefoot	G5	S1	Е	
Chenopodium leptophyllum	Narrow -leaved Goosefoot	G5	SX		
Chenopodium standleyanum	Standley's Goosefoot	G5	S1	Е	
Chimaphila umbellata	Prince's Pine	G5	S3		
Chrysogonum virginianum	Golden-knees	G5	S3		
Cicuta bulbifera	Bulb-bearing Water Hemlock	G5	S1	Е	
Cinna latifolia	Slender Wood Reedgrass	G5	S3		
Cirsium horridulum	Yellow Thistle	G5	S3		
Cirsium muticum	Swamp Thistle	G5	S3		
Claytonia caroliniana	Carolina Spring-beauty	G5	S3		
Cleistes divaricata	Spreading Pogonia	G4	S1	Е	
Clematis occidentalis	Purple Clematis	G5	S1	Е	
Clematis ochroleuca	Curly-heads	G4	SH	X	
Clematis viorna	Leatherflower	G5	S3		
Clintonia alleghaniensis	Harned's Swamp Clintonia	G1Q	S1		
Clintonia borealis	Yellow Clintonia	G5	S2	Т	
Coeloglossum viride	Long-bracted Orchis	G5	S1	Е	
Coelorachis rugosa	Wrinkled Jointgrass	G5	S1	Е	
Commelina erecta	Slender Dayflower	G5	S3		
Coptis trifolia	Goldthread	G5	S1	Е	
Corallorhiza trifida	Early Coralroot	G5	S1	E	
Corallorhiza wisteriana	Wister's Coralroot	G5	S1	E	
Coreopsis rosea	Rose Coreopsis	G3	S1	E	
Coreopsis tripteris	Tall Tickseed	G5	S1	E	
Coreopsis verticillata	Whorled Coreopsis	G5	S3	_	
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Cornus canadensis	Bunchberry	G5	S1	Е	
Cornus rugosa	Round-leaved Dogwood	G5	S1	Е	
Corydalis sempervirens	Pale Corydalis	G4G5	S3		
Corylus cornuta	Beaked Hazelwood	G5	S3		
Crassula aquatica	Pygmyweed	G5	SH	X	
Crotalaria rotundifolia	Rabbit-bells	G5	S1	E	
Croton capitatus	Hogwort	G5	SU		
Cuscuta coryli	Hazel Dodder	G5?	SH	X	
Cuscuta indecora	Pretty Dodder	G5	S1?		
Cuscuta polygonorum	Smartweed Dodder	G5	S1	Е	
Cuscuta rostrata	Beaked Dodder	G4	S1	Е	
Cymophyllus fraserianus	Fraser's Sedge	G4	S1	Е	
Cyperus dentatus	Toothed Sedge	G4	SH	Χ	
Cyperus diandrus	Low Cyperus	G5	SU		
Cyperus haspan	Sheathed Flatsedge	G5	S1?		
Cyperus houghtonii	Houghton's Umbrella-sedge	G4?	S1		
Cyperus lancastriensis	Lancaster's Sedge	G5	SU		
Cyperus plukenetii	Plukenet's Cyperus	G5	SH	X	
Cyperus refractus	Reflexed Cyperus	G5	S2?		
Cyperus retrofractus	Rough Cyperus	G5	S2		
Cypripedium candidum	Small White Lady's Slipper	G4	S1	Е	
Cypripedium reginae	Showy Lady's Slipper	G4	SU	X	
Cystopteris bulbifera	Bulblet Fern	G5	S3		
Cystopteris tennesseensis	Tennessee Bladder-fern	G5	S1		
Delphinium exaltatum	Tall Larkspur	G3	S1	Е	
Delphinium tricorne	Dwarf Larkspur	G5	S3		
Deschampsia cespitosa	Tufted Hairgrass	G5	S1	Е	
Desmodium canadense	Showy Tick-trefoil	G5	S3		
Desmodium cuspidatum	Large-bracted Tick-trefoil	G5	S1		
Desmodium humifusum	Trailing Tick-trefoil	G1G2Q	SH	Х	
Desmodium laevigatum	Smooth Tick-trefoil	G5	S3S4		
Desmodium lineatum	Linear-leaved Tick-trefoil	G5	S1	Е	
Desmodium nuttallii	Nuttall's Tick-trefoil	G5	SU		
Desmodium ochroleucum	Cream-flowered Tick-trefoil	G1G2	S1	Е	
Desmodium pauciflorum	Few -flowered Tick-trefoil	G5	S1	Е	
Desmodium rigidum	Rigid Tick-trefoil	GNRQ	S1	Е	
Desmodium sessilifolium	Sessile-leaved Tick-trefoil	G5	SH	X	
Desmodium strictum	Stiff Tick-trefoil	G4	S1	Е	
Desmodium viridiflorum	Velvety Tick-trefoil	G5?	S3S4		
Dicentra eximia	Wild Bleeding-heart	G4	S2	Т	
Dichanthelium aciculare	Bristling Panicgrass	G5	S2?		
Dichanthelium boreale	Northern Panicgrass	G5	SU	Х	
Dichanthelium laxiflorum	Lax-flowered Witchgrass	G5	S1?		
Dichanthelium leucothrix	Roughish Panicgrass	G4?Q	SU		
Dichanthelium oligosanthes	Few -flowered Panicgrass	G5	S2S3		
Dichanthelium ravenelii	Ravenel's Witchgrass	G5	S3		
Dichanthelium scabriusculum	Tall Swamp Panicgrass	G4	S1	Е	
Dichanthelium wrightianum	Wright's Panicgrass	G4	S1	E	
Digitaria villosa	Shaggy Crabgrass	G5	SU	X	
Dioscorea hirticaulis	Wild Yam	G3Q	SH	^	

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Diplazium pycnocarpon	Glade Fern	G5	S2	Т	
Dirca palustris	Leatherwood	G4	S2	Т	
Dodecatheon meadia	Shooting-star	G5	S3		
Doellingeria infirma	Cornel-leaf Aster	G5	S3		
Drosera capillaris	Pink Sundew	G5	S1	Е	
Drosera rotundifolia	Round-leaved Sundew	G5	S3		
Dryopteris campyloptera	Mountain Wood-fern	G5	S1	Е	
Dryopteris celsa	Log Fern	G4	S3		
Dryopteris clintoniana	Clinton's Wood-fern	G5	S1	Е	
Dryopteris goldiana	Goldie's Wood-fern	G4	S2		
Echinodorus cordifolius	Upright Burhead	G5	S1	Е	
Elatine americana	American Waterwort	G4	S3		
Elatine minima	Small Waterwort	G5	S1	Е	
Eleocharis albida	White Spikerush	G4G5	S2	Т	
Eleocharis compressa	Flattened Spikerush	G4	S1	Е	
Eleocharis engelmannii	Engelmann's Spikerush	G4G5Q	S3		
Eleocharis equisetoides	Knotted Spikerush	G4	S1	Е	
Eleocharis erythropoda	Bald Spikerush	G5	SU		
Eleocharis geniculata	Capitate Spikerush	G5	SU		
Eleocharis halophila	Salt-marsh Spikerush	G4	S1	Е	
Eleocharis intermedia	Matted Spikerush	G5	S1	Е	
Eleocharis melanocarpa	Black-fruited Spikerush	G4	S1	Е	
Eleocharis robbinsii	Robbins' Spikerush	G4G5	S1	Е	
Eleocharis rostellata	Beaked Spikerush	G5	S2?		
Eleocharis tortilis	Twisted Spikerush	G5	S3		
Eleocharis tricostata	Three-ribbed Spikerush	G4	S1	Е	
Elephantopus tomentosus	Tobaccoweed	G5	S1?	Е	
Epilobium ciliatum	Northern Willowherb	G5	S1	Е	
Epilobium leptophyllum	Linear-leaved Willowherb	G5	S2S3		
Epilobium strictum	Downy Willowherb	G5?	S1	Е	
Equisetum fluviatile	Water Horsetail	G5	S1	Е	
Equisetum sylvaticum	Wood Horsetail	G5	S1	Е	
Eragrostis refracta	Meadow Lovegrass	G5	S3S4		
Erigenia bulbosa	Harbinger-of-spring	G5	S3		
Erigeron pulchellus var. brauniae	Lucy Braun's Robin Plantain	G5T4	S1		
Eriocaulon aquaticum	Seven-angled Pipewort	G5	S1	Е	
Eriocaulon compressum	Flattened Pipewort	G5	S2		
Eriocaulon decangulare	Ten-angled Pipewort	G5	S2		
Eriocaulon parkeri	Parker's Pipewort	G3	S2	Т	
Eriophorum gracile	Slender Cottongrass	G5	S1	Е	
Eriophorum virginicum	Tawny Cottongrass	G5	S3		
Eryngium yuccifolium	Tall Rattlesnake Master	G5	SH	X	
Erythronium albidum	White Trout Lily	G5	S2	Т	
Eupatorium altissimum	Tall Boneset	G5	S3		
Eupatorium leucolepis	White-bracted Boneset	G5	S2S3	Т	
Eupatorium maculatum	Spotted Joe-pye-weed	G5	SU	X	
Euphorbia obtusata	Blunt-leaved Spurge	G5	S1	E	
Euphorbia pubentissima	Flowering Spurge	G5	SU	_	
Euphorbia purpurea	Darlington's Spurge	G3	S1	Е	
Eurybia radula	Rough-leaved Aster	G5	S1	E	
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Eurybia spectabilis	Showy Aster	G5	S1	E	
Festuca paradoxa	Cluster Fescue	G5	SU	Χ	
Filipendula rubra	Queen-of-the-prairie	G4G5	S1	E	
Fimbristylis annua	Baldwin's Fimbristylis	G5	S3		
Fimbristylis caroliniana	Carolina Fimbry	G4	S1S2		
Fimbristylis perpusilla	Harper's Fimbristylis	G2	S2	Е	
Fimbristylis puberula	Hairy Fimbristylis	G5	SU		
Fraxinus nigra	Black Ash	G5	S3		
Fuirena pumila	Smooth Fuirena	G4	S2S3		
Galactia volubilis	Downy Milk Pea	G5	S3		
Galium boreale	Northern Bedstraw	G5	S1	E	
Galium concinnum	Shining Bedstraw	G5	S3		
Galium hispidulum	Coast Bedstraw	G5	S1	Е	
Galium latifolium	Purple Bedstraw	G5	S3		
Galium trifidum	Small Bedstraw	G5	SU		
Gaultheria hispidula	Creeping Snowberry	G5	S1	Е	
Gaylussacia brachycera	Box Huckleberry	G3	S1	Е	
Gentiana andrewsii	Fringe-tip Closed Gentian	G5?	S2	Т	
Gentiana linearis	Narrow -leaved Gentian	G4G5	S3		
Gentiana puberulenta	Downy Gentian	G4G5	SH	X	
Gentiana villosa	Striped Gentian	G4	S1	Е	
Gentianella quinquefolia	Stiff Gentian	G5	S1	Е	
Gentianopsis crinita	Fringed Gentian	G5	S1	E	
Geranium robertianum	Herb-robert	G5	S1		
Geum aleppicum	Yellow Avens	G5	S1	E	
Geum laciniatum	Rough Avens	G5	S3		
Glaux maritima	Sea Milkwort	G5	SH	Х	
Glyceria acutiflora	Sharp-scaled Mannagrass	G5	S1	E	
Glyceria grandis	American Mannagrass	G5	S1	Е	
Goodyera repens	Dwarf Rattlesnake-plantain	G5	SH	X	
Goodyera tesselata	Tesselated Rattlesnake-plantain	G5	SH	X	
Gratiola ramosa	Branching Hedge-hyssop	G4G5	SH	Х	
Gratiola viscidula	Short's Hedge-hyssop	G4G5	S1	Е	
Gymnocarpium dryopteris	Oak Fern	G5	S1	Е	
Gymnocladus dioicus	Kentucky Coffee-tree	G5	S1		
Gymnopogon brevifolius	Broad-leaved Beardgrass	G5	S1	Е	
Hasteola suaveolens	Sweet-scented Indian-plantain	G4	S1	Е	
Helianthemum bicknellii	Hoary Frostweed	G5	S1	Е	
Helianthus hirsutus	Hirsute Sunflower	G5	SU		
Helianthus laevigatus	Smooth Sunflower	G4	S1	Е	
Helianthus microcephalus	Small-headed Sunflower	G5	S1	Е	
Helianthus occidentalis	Mcdowell's Sunflower	G5	S1	Т	
Helonias bullata	Swamp Pink	G3	S2	E	LT
Heracleum lanatum	Cow -parsnip	G5	S3		
Heuchera pubescens	Downy Heuchera	G4?	S3		
Heuchera villosa	Rough Heuchera	G5	SH	Х	
Hexalectris spicata	Crested Coralroot	G5	SH	X	
Hexastylis virginica	Virginia Heartleaf	G4	S1	E	
Hibiscus laevis	Halberd-leaved Rose-mallow	G5	S3	_	
Hierochloe odorata	Holy Grass	G5	S1	Е	
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Honckenya peploides	Sea-beach Sandwort	G5	S1	Е	
Hottonia inflata	Featherfoil	G4	S1	E	
Houstonia serpyllifolia	Thyme-leaved Bluets	G4?	S3		
Houstonia tenuifolia	Slender-leaved Bluets	G4G5	S1		
Hudsonia ericoides	Golden-heather	G4	S1	Е	
Huperzia porophila	Rock Clubmoss	G4	SX		
Hybanthus concolor	Green Violet	G5	S3		
Hydrastis canadensis	Goldenseal	G4	S2	Т	
Hydrophyllum macrophyllum	Large-leaved Waterleaf	G5	S2	Т	
Hypericum adpressum	Creeping St. John's-wort	G3	S1	Е	
Hypericum denticulatum	Coppery St. John's-wort	G5	S2	Т	
Hypericum drummondii	Drummond's St. John's-wort	G5	SH	X	
Hypericum ellipticum	Pale St. John's-wort	G5	SU		
Hypericum gymnanthum	Clasping-leaved St. John's wort	G4	S3		
Hypericum pyramidatum	Great St. John's-wort	G4	SH	X	
llex decidua	Deciduous Holly	G5	S2		
Iresine rhizomatosa	Bloodleaf	G5	S1	E	
Iris cristata	Crested Iris	G5	S1	Е	
Iris prismatica	Slender Blue Flag	G4G5	S1	Е	
Iris verna	Dwarf Iris	G5	S1	Е	
Iris virginica	Virginia Blue Flag	G5	S3		
Isoetes engelmannii	Appalachian Quillwort	G4	S3		
Isoetes riparia	Riverbank Quillwort	G5?	SU		
Isotria medeoloides	Small Whorled Pogonia	G2	SH	X	LT
Juglans cinerea	Butternut	G4	S2S3		
Juncus articulatus	Jointed Rush	G5	S1		
Juncus balticus	Baltic Rush	G5	SH	X	
Juncus brachycarpus	Short-fruited Rush	G4G5	SU		
Juncus brachycephalus	Small-headed Rush	G5	SH	Х	
Juncus brevicaudatus	Narrow-panicled Rush	G5	S2		
Juncus caesariensis	New Jersey Rush	G2	S1	E	
Juncus longii	Long's Rush	G3Q	S1	Е	
Juncus megacephalus	Big-headed Rush	G4G5	SH	Х	
Juncus militaris	Bayonet Rush	G4	SH	Х	
Juncus pelocarpus	Brown-fruited Rush	G5	S1	Е	
Juncus torreyi	Torrey's Rush	G5	S1	Е	
Juncus trifidus	Highland Rush	G5	S1	Е	
Juniperus communis	Juniper	G5	SH	Χ	
Kalmia angustifolia	Sheep-laurel	G5	S3S4		
Krigia biflora	Two-flowered Cynthia	G5	S3		
Krigia dandelion	Potato Dandelion	G5	S1	Е	
Kyllinga pumila	Thin-leaved Flatsedge	G5	S1	E	
Lachnanthes caroliana	Red-root	G4	S1	E	
Lactuca hirsuta	Hairy Lettuce	G5?	SH	X	
Larix laricina	Larch	G5	S1	E	
Lathyrus palustris	Vetchling Peavine	G5	S1	E	
Lathyrus venosus	Veiny Pea	G5	S3	_	
Lechea maritima	Beach Pinweed	G5	S3		
Lechea tenuifolia	Narrow-leaved Pinweed	G5	SH	Х	
Leersia hexandra	Club-headed Cutgrass	G5	S1	E	
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Leersia lenticularis	Catchfly-grass	G5	S1	E	
Lemna trisulca	Star Duckweed	G5	S1	Е	
Leptochloa fusca ssp. fascicularis	Long-awned Diplachne	G5T5	SU		
Lespedeza frutescens	Violet Bushclover	G5	S3		
Lespedeza stuevei	Downy Bushclover	G4?	S3		
Liatris spicata	Spiked Blazing-star	G5	S1		
Liatris squarrosa	Scaly Blazing-star	G5	S1	Е	
Liatris turgida	Robust Blazing-star	G3	SH	X	
Ligusticum canadense	American Lovage	G4	SH	X	
Lilium philadelphicum	Wood Lily	G5	SH	X	
Limnobium spongia	American Frog's -bit	G4	S1	E	
Limosella australis	Mudwort	G4G5	S2	Е	
Linnaea borealis	Twinflower	G5	SU	X	
Linum floridanum	Florida Yellow Flax	G5?	SH	Χ	
Linum intercursum	Sandplain Flax	G4	S2	Т	
Linum sulcatum	Grooved Flax	G5	S1	Е	
Liparis liliifolia	Large Twayblade	G5	S2S3		
Liparis loeselii	Loesel's Twayblade	G5	S1S2		
Lipocarpha micrantha	Small-flowered Hemicarpha	G5	S1	Е	
Listera australis	Southern Twayblade	G4	S3		
Listera cordata	Heartleaf Twayblade	G5	SH	X	
Listera smallii	Appalachian Twayblade	G4	S1	E	
Lithospermum latifolium	American Gromwell	G4	S1	E	
Litsea aestivalis	Pondspice	G3	S1	E	
Lobelia canbyi	Canby's Lobelia	G4	S1	E	
Lobelia elongata	Elongated Lobelia	G4G5	S3		
Lonicera canadensis	Canada Honeysuckle	G5	S1	Е	
Ludwigia brevipes	Creeping Ludwigia	G2G3	SU		
Ludwigia decurrens	Primrose Willow	G5	S2S3		
Ludwigia glandulosa	Cylindric-fruited Seedbox	G5	S1	E	
Ludwigia hirtella	Hairy Ludwigia	G5	S1	E	
Lupinus perennis	Wild Lupine	G5	S2	Т	
Lycopodiella caroliniana	Carolina Clubmoss	G5	S1	Е	
Lycopodiella inundata	Bog Clubmoss	G5	S2		
Lycopodium tristachyum	Ground-cedar	G5	S3		
Lycopus amplectens	Sessile-leaved Water-horehound	G5	S1	Е	
Lygodium palmatum	Climbing Fern	G4	S2	Т	
Lysimachia hybrida	Lowland Loosestrife	G5	S2	Т	
Lysimachia lanceolata	Lance-leaved Loosestrife	G5	S3		
Lysimachia thyrsiflora	Tufted Loosestrife	G5	S1	Е	
Lythrum alatum	Winged Loosestrife	G5	S1	Е	
Magnolia tripetala	Umbrella Magnolia	G5	S3		
Malus angustifolia	Narrow -leaved Wild Crab	G5?	S3		
Manfreda virginica	False Aloe	G5	SU		
Marshallia grandiflora	Large-flowered Barbara's Buttons	G2	SU	Х	
Matelea carolinensis	Anglepod	G4	S1	E	
Matelea decipiens	Old-field Milkvine	G5	SH	X	
Matelea gonocarpos	Angular-fruited Milkvine	G5	S1?		
Matelea obliqua	Climbing Milkweed	G4?	S1	Е	
Matteuccia struthiopteris	Ostrich Fern	G5	S2	-	
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Mecardonia acuminata	Erect Water-hyssop	G5	S1	Е	
Melanthium latifolium	Broad-leaved Bunchflower	G5	S1	E	
Melanthium virginicum	Virginia Bunchflower	G5	S3		
Melica mutica	Two-flowered Melicgrass	G5	S1	Т	
Melica nitens	Three-flowered Melicgrass	G5	S2	Т	
Melothria pendula	Creeping Cucumber	G5?	S1	E	
Menyanthes trifoliata	Buckbean	G5	S1	E	
Micranthemum micranthemoides	Nuttall's Micranthemum	GH	SH	X	
Milium effusum	Millet Grass	G5	S3		
Minuartia caroliniana	Carolina Sandwort	G5	S1	Е	
Minuartia glabra	Mountain Sandwort	G4	S1	Е	
Minuartia michauxii	Rock Sandwort	G5	S2	Т	
Moehringia lateriflora	Grove Sandwort	G5	S1	Е	
Monarda clinopodia	Basal Bee-balm	G5	S3		
Monarda media	Purple Bergamot	G4?	SU		
Monotropsis odorata	Sweet Pinesap	G3	S1	Е	
Morella caroliniensis	Evergreen Bayberry	G5	S1	E	
Muhlenbergia capillaris	Long-awned Hairgrass	G5	S1	E	
Muhlenbergia glabrifloris	Hair Grass	G4?	SU		
Muhlenbergia glomerata	Marsh Muhly	G5	SU		
Muhlenbergia sylvatica	Woodland Dropseed	G5	S3		
Muhlenbergia torreyana	Torrey's Dropseed	G3	S1	Е	
Myosotis macrosperma	Large-seeded Forget-me-not	G5	S2S3		
Myosotis verna	Spring Forget-me-not	G5	S3		
Myriophyllum heterophyllum	Broadleaf Water-milfoil	G5	S1		
Myriophyllum tenellum	Slender Water-milfoil	G5	SH	Х	
Myriophyllum verticillatum	Whorled Water-milfoil	G5	SU		
Najas flexilis	Slender Naiad	G5	S3		
, Najas gracillima	Thread-like Naiad	G5?	SU	Х	
Najas guadalupensis	Southern Naiad	G5	S3		
Napaea dioica	Glade Mallow	G4	S1	Е	
Nelumbo lutea	American Lotus	G4	S2		
Nemopanthus mucronatus	Mountain Holly	G5	S3		
Nemophila aphylla	Small-flowered Baby-blue-eyes	G5	S1		
Nymphoides aquatica	Larger Floating-heart	G5	S1	Е	
Nymphoides cordata	Floating-heart	G5	S1	Е	
Oenothera argillicola	Shale-barren Primrose	G3G4	S3		
Oldenlandia uniflora	Clustered Bluets	G5	S3		
Oligoneuron rigidum	Hard-leaved Goldenrod	G5	SH	Х	
Onosmodium molle	Shaggy False-gromwell	G4G5	S1	E	
Onosmodium virginianum	Virginia False-gromwell	G4	S1	E	
Orthilia secunda	One-sided Pyrola	G5	SH	X	
Oryzopsis asperifolia	White-fruited Mountainrice	G5	S2	T	
Oxydendrum arboreum	Sourwood	G 5	S1	E	
Oxypolis canbyi	Canby's Dropwort	G2	S1	E	LE
Packera antennariifolia	Shale-barren Ragwort	G2 G4	S3	_	
Packera paupercula	Balsam Ragwort	G5	S3		
Panax quinquefolius	Ginseng	G3G4	S3		
Panicum flexile	Wiry Witch-grass	G5 G5	S1	Е	
Panicum hemitomon	Maidencane	G5?	S3	L	
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Panicum philadelphicum	Tuckerman's Panicgrass	G5	SU		
Parnassia asarifolia	Kidneyleaf Grass-of-parnassus	G4	S1	Е	
Paronychia virginica var. virginica	Yellow Nailwort	G4T1Q	S1	Е	
Parthenium integrifolium	American Feverfew	G5	S1	Е	
Paspalum dissectum	Walter's Paspalum	G4?	S2	Т	
Paspalum fluitans	Floating Paspalum	G5	S1	Е	
Paxistima canbyi	Canby's Mountain Lover	G2	S1	Е	
Pedicularis lanceolata	Swamp Lousewort	G5	S1	Е	
Pellaea glabella	Smooth Cliffbrake	G5	S1	Е	
Penstemon laevigatus	Smooth Beardtongue	G5	S3		
Persea palustris	Red Bay	G5	S1	Е	
Phacelia covillei	Coville's Phacelia	G3	S2	Е	
Phacelia purshii	Miami- mist	G5	S3		
Phalaris caroliniana	May Grass	G5?	SH	X	
Phaseolus polystachios	Wild Bean	G5	S3		
Phegopteris connectilis	Northern Beech Fern	G5	S2		
Phlox glaberrima	Smooth Phlox	G5	S1	Е	
Phlox latifolia	Mountain Phlox	G4	SH	X	
Phlox pilosa	Downy Phlox	G5	S1	Е	
Photinia floribunda	Purple Chokeberry	G4G5Q	S3		
Phyllanthus caroliniensis	Carolina Leaf-flower	G5	S3		
Physalis virginiana	Virginia Ground-cherry	G5	S3		
Picea rubens	Red Spruce	G5	S3		
Pilea fontana	Coolwort	G5	S3		
Piptatherum racemosum	Black-fruited Mountainrice	G5	S2	Т	
Plantago cordata	Heart-leaved Plantain	G4	SH	X	
Plantago pusilla	Slender Plantain	G5	SH	X	
Platanthera blephariglottis	White Fringed Orchid	G4G5	S2	Т	
Platanthera ciliaris	Yellow Fringed Orchid	G5	S2	Т	
Platanthera cristata	Crested Yellow Orchid	G5	S3		
Platanthera flava	Pale Green Orchid	G4	S2		
Platanthera grandiflora	Large Purple Fringed Orchid	G5	S2	Т	
Platanthera peramoena	Purple Fringeless Orchid	G5	S1	T	
Platanthera psycodes	Small Purple Fringed Orchid	G5	SH	X	
Pleopeltis polypodioides	Resurrection Fern	G5	S3		
Pluchea camphorata	Marsh Fleabane	G5	S1	Е	
Poa alsodes	Grove Meadow -grass	G4G5	S2	_	
Poa languida	Weak Speargrass	G3G4Q	SU		
Poa palustris	Fowl Bluegrass	G5	SH		
Poa saltuensis	Drooping Bluegrass	G5	S1	Е	
Podostemum ceratophyllum	Threadfoot	G5	S3	_	
Pogonia ophioglossoides	Rose Pogonia	G5	S3		
Polanisia dodecandra	Clammyweed	G5	S1	Е	
Polemonium vanbruntiae	Jacob's-ladder	G3G4	S2	T	
Polygala cruciata	Cross-leaved Milkwort	G5	S2	T	
Polygala incarnata	Pink Milkwort	G5	S2S3	•	
Polygala polygama	Racemed Milkwort	G5	S1	Т	
Polygala senega	Seneca Snakeroot	G4G5	S2	T.	
Polygonum careyi	Carey's Knotweed	G4	SU	•	
Polygonum cilinode	Fringed Bindweed	G5	S3		
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Polygonum glaucum	Seaside Knotweed	G3	S1	Е	
Polygonum ramosissimum	Bushy Knotweed	G5	SH	Χ	
Polygonum robustius	Stout Smartweed	G4G5	SU	Χ	
Polygonum setaceum	Bristly Smartweed	G5	SU		
Porteranthus stipulatus	American Ipecac	G5	SH	X	
Potamogeton amplifolius	Large-leaved Pondweed	G5	SH	X	
Potamogeton foliosus	Leafy Pondweed	G5	S1	Е	
Potamogeton illinoensis	Illinois Pondweed	G5	S1		
Potamogeton natans	Floating Pondweed	G5	SU		
Potamogeton perfoliatus	Clasping-leaved Pondweed	G5	S2		
Potamogeton pusillus	Slender Pondweed	G5	S1		
Potamogeton richardsonii	Redheadgrass	G5	SH	Χ	
Potamogeton robbinsii	Robbins' Pondweed	G5	SH	Χ	
Potamogeton spirillus	Spiral Pondweed	G5	S1		
Potamogeton zosteriformis	Flatstem Pondweed	G5	S1	Е	
Potentilla arguta	Tall Cinquefoil	G5	SU		
Prenanthes autumnalis	Slender Rattlesnake-root	G4G5	S1	Е	
Prunus alleghaniensis	Alleghany Plum	G4	S2	Т	
Prunus maritima	Beach Plum	G4	S1	Е	
Prunus pumila	Eastern Dwarf Cherry	G5	SU		
Psoralea psoralioides	False Scurf -pea	G4?	SX		
Ptelea trifoliata	Wafer-ash	G5	S3		
Ptilimnium nodosum	Harperella	G2	S1	Е	LE
Pycnanthemum clinopodioides	Basil Mountain-mint	G2	SH		
Pycnanthemum pycnanthemoides	Southern Mountain-mint	G5	SH	X	
Pycnanthemum torrei	Torrey's Mountain-mint	G2	S1	Е	
Pycnanthemum verticillatum	Whorled Mountain-mint	G5	S1	Е	
Pycnanthemum virginianum	Virginia Mountain-mint	G5	S2		
Pyrola virens	Greenish-flowered Pyrola	G5	SH	X	
Quercus macrocarpa	Mossy-cup Oak	G5	S1		
Quercus prinoides	Dwarf Chestnut Oak	G5	S3		
Quercus shumardii	Shumard's Oak	G5	S2	Т	
Ranunculus allegheniensis	Mountain Crowfoot	G4G5	S3		
Ranunculus ambigens	Water-plantain Spearwort	G4	SH	X	
Ranunculus carolinianus	Carolina Buttercup	G5T5	SU	Χ	
Ranunculus fascicularis	Early Buttercup	G5	S1	Е	
Ranunculus flabellaris	Yellow Water-crowfoot	G5	S1	E	
Ranunculus hederaceus	Long-stalked Crowfoot	G5	S1	Е	
Ranunculus laxicaulis	Mississippi Buttercup	G5?	SU		
Ranunculus pensylvanicus	Bristly Crowfoot	G5	SH	Х	
Ranunculus pusillus	Low Spearwort	G5	SU		
Ranunculus trichophyllus	White Water-crowfoot	G5	S1	Е	
Rhododendron arborescens	Smooth Azalea	G4G5	S3		
Rhododendron calendulaceum	Flame Azalea	G5	S1		
Rhododendron canescens	Hoary Azalea	G5	SU		
Rhynchosia tomentosa	Hairy Snoutbean	G5	S2	Т	
Rhynchospora alba	White Beakrush	G5	S3	•	
Rhynchospora cephalantha	Capitate Beakrush	G5	S1	E	
Rhynchospora globularis	Grass-like Beakrush	G5?	S1	E	
Rhynchospora glomerata	Clustered Beakrush	G5	S3	_	
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Rhynchospora harperi	Harper's Beakrush	G4?	S1	Т	
Rhynchospora inundata	Drowned Hornedrush	G4?	S1	Е	
Rhynchospora microcephala	Tiny-headed Beakrush	G5	S2		
Rhynchospora nitens	Short-beaked Baldrush	G4?	S1	Е	
Rhynchospora oligantha	Few -flowered Beaked-rush	G4	SH	X	
Rhynchospora pallida	Pale Beakrush	G3	SH	X	
Rhynchospora rariflora	Few -flowered Beakrush	G5	SU	X	
Rhynchospora recognita	Globe Beaksedge	G5?	S2		
Rhynchospora scirpoides	Long-beaked Baldrush	G4	S2	Т	
Rhynchospora torreyana	Torrey's Beakrush	G4	S2	Т	
Ribes americanum	Wild Black Currant	G5	SH	X	
Ribes cynosbati	Prickly Gooseberry	G5	S3		
Ribes glandulosum	Skunk Currant	G5	S3		
Ribes hirtellum	Low Wild Gooseberry	G5	S1		
Rosa blanda	Smooth Rose	G5	S1	Е	
Rudbeckia fulgida	Orange Coneflower	G5	S3		
Rudbeckia triloba	Thin-leaved Coneflower	G5	S3		
Ruellia humilis	Hairy Wild-petunia	G5	S1	Е	
Ruellia purshiana	Pursh's Ruellia	G3	S1	Е	
Ruellia strepens	Rustling Wild-petunia	G4G5	S1	Е	
Rumex altissimus	Tall Dock	G5	S1	Е	
Rumex hastatulus	Engelmann's Dock	G5	SU		
Sabatia campanulata	Slender Marsh Pink	G5	S1	Е	
Sabatia difformis	Lance-leaved Sabatia	G4G5	S1	E	
Sabatia dodecandra	Large Marsh Pink	G5?	S3		
Saccharum alopecuroidum	Woolly Beardgrass	G5	S1?		
Saccharum baldwinii	Narrow Plumegrass	G5	S1	Е	
Saccharum contortum	Bent-awn Plumegrass	G5	S3S4		
Sacciolepis striata	Sacciolepis	G5	S1	Е	
Sagittaria australis	Long-beaked Arrowhead	GNRQ	SU		
Sagittaria calycina	Spongy Lophotocarpus	G5	S2		
Sagittaria engelmanniana	Engelmann's Arrowhead	G5?	S2	Т	
Sagittaria graminea	Grass-leaved Arrowhead	G5	SU	-	
Sagittaria rigida	Sessile-fruited Arrowhead	G5	S1	Е	
Sagittaria subulata	Subulate Arrowhead	G4	SU	_	
Salix bebbiana	Bebb's Willow	G5	SH	Х	
Salix caroliniana	Carolina Willow	G5	S3	•	
Salix discolor	Pussy Willow	G5	SU		
Salix exigua	Sandbar Willow	G5	S1	Е	
Salix humilis var. tristis	Dwarf Prairie Willow	G5T4T5	S1	_	
Salix lucida	Shining Willow	G5	SH	Х	
Salvia urticifolia	Nettle-leaved Sage	G5	SX	X	
Sanguisorba canadensis	Canada Burnet	G5	S2	T	
Sanicula marilandica	Sanicle	G5	S3	•	
Sanicula trifoliata	Three-leaved Snakeroot	G4	S3		
Sarracenia purpurea	Northern Pitcher-plant	G5	S2	Т	
Saxifraga micranthidifolia	Lettuce-leaved Saxifrage	G5	S3	'	
Schizachne purpurascens	Purple Oat	G5 G5	S3	Е	
Schoenoplectus etuberculatus	Canby's Bulrush	G3G4	S1	E	
Schoenoplectus novae-angliae	Salt-marsh Bulrush	G5 G5	S2	L	
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Schoenoplectus smithii	Smith's Clubrush	G5?	SU	X	
Schoenoplectus subterminalis	Water Clubrush	G4G5	S1	Е	
Schoenoplectus torreyi	Torrey's Clubrush	G5?	SH	X	
Schwalbea americana	Chaffseed	G2G3	SX	X	LE
Scirpus ancistrochaetus	Northeastern Bulrush	G3	S1	E	LE
Scirpus expansus	Wood Bulrush	G4	S3		
Scirpus pendulus	Pendulous Bulrush	G5	S3		
Scleria minor	Slender Nutrush	G4	S1	Е	
Scleria muehlenbergii	Muhelenberg's Nutrush	G5	S1S2		
Scleria nitida	Shining Nutrush	GNR	S1	Е	
Scleria pauciflora	Papillose Nutrush	G5	S3		
Scleria reticularis	Reticulated Nutrush	G4	S2S3		
Scleria triglomerata	Tall Nutrush	G5	S1S2		
Scleria verticillata	Whorled Nutrush	G5	S1	E	
Sclerolepis uniflora	Pink Bog-button	G4	S2	Т	
Scrophularia lanceolata	Hare Figwort	G5	S3		
Scutellaria galericulata	Common Skullcap	G5	S1		
Scutellaria incana	Downy Skullcap	G5	S3		
Scutellaria leonardii	Leonard's Skullcap	G4	S2	Т	
Scutellaria nervosa	Veined Skullcap	G5	S1	Е	
Scutellaria ovata	Heart-leaved Skullcap	G5	S3		
Scutellaria parvula	Small Skullcap	G4	SH	Х	
Scutellaria saxatilis	Rock Skullcap	G3	S1	Е	
Scutellaria serrata	Showy Skullcap	G4G5	S3		
Sedum glaucophyllum	Cliff Stonecrop	G4	S1	Е	
Sesuvium maritimum	Sea-purslane	G5	S1	Е	
Sida hermaphrodita	Virginia Mallow	G3	S1	Е	
Silene nivea	Snowy Campion	G4?	S1	Е	
Silphium trifoliatum	Three-leaved Rosinweed	G4?	S3		
Sisyrinchium fuscatum (arenicola)	Coastal Plain Blue-eyed Grass	G5?	S1	Е	
Smilacina stellata	Star-flowered False Solomon's-seal	G5	S1	Е	
Smilax bona-nox	Bullbrier	G5	S3		
Smilax ecirrata	Upright Smilax	G5?	SU		
Smilax pseudochina	Halberd-leaved Greenbrier	G4G5	S2	Т	
Solidago arguta var. arguta	Late Goldenrod	G5T4T5	S1?		
Solidago arguta var. harrisii	Cut-leaved Goldenrod	G5T4	S3		
Solidago curtisii	Curtis' Goldenrod	G4G5	S1	Е	
Solidago hispida	Hairy Goldenrod	G5	SH	Х	
Solidago latissimifolia	Elliott's Goldenrod	G5	S3		
Solidago patula	Sharp-leaved Goldenrod	G5	S3		
Solidago roanensis	Mountain Goldenrod	G4G5	S1?	Е	
Solidago rupestris	Rock Goldenrod	G4?	SH	Х	
Solidago simplex var. racemosa	Riverbank Goldenrod	G5T3?	S1	Т	
Solidago speciosa	Showy Goldenrod	G5	S2	T	
Solidago stricta	Wandlike Goldenrod	G5	SU	•	
Solidago uliginosa	Bog Goldenrod	G4G5	S3		
Sorbus americana	American Mountain-ash	G5	S3		
Sorghastrum elliottii	Long-bristled Indian-grass	G5	S1	Е	
Sparganium androcladum	Branching Bur-reed	G4G5	S3	_	
Sparganium erectum	Green-fruited Bur-reed	G5	S3		
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Sparganium eurycarpum	Broad-fruited Bur-reed	G5	S3		
Spermacoce glabra	Buttonweed	G4G5	S1	Е	
Sphenopholis pensylvanica	Swamp-oats	G4	S2	Т	
Spiraea betulifolia	Corymbed Spiraea	G5	S3		
Spiranthes laciniata	Lace-lip Ladys' Tresses	G4G5	SU		
Spiranthes lucida	Wide-leaved Ladys' Tresses	G5	S1	E	
Spiranthes ochroleuca	Yellow Nodding Ladys' Tresses	G4	S1	E	
Spiranthes odorata	Sweet-scented Ladys' Tresses	G5	SH	X	
Spiranthes praecox	Grass-leaved Ladys' Tresses	G5	S1		
Spiranthes tuberosa	Little Ladys' Tresses	G5	S3		
Sporobolus asper	Long-leaved Rushgrass	G5	S1		
Sporobolus clandestinus	Rough Rushgrass	G5	S2	Т	
Sporobolus heterolepis	Northern Dropseed	G5	S1	E	
Sporobolus neglectus	Small Rushgrass	G5	S1?	X	
Stachys aspera	Rough Hedge-nettle	G4?	S1	E	
Stachys hyssopifolia	Hyssop-leaved Hedge-nettle	G4G5	SU		
Stachys latidens	Broad-toothed Hedge-nettle	G4G5	S1		
Stachys nuttallii	Nuttall's Hedge-nettle	G5?	S1		
Stellaria alsine	Trailing Stitchwort	G5	S1	Е	
Stenanthium gramineum	Featherbells	G4G5	S1	Т	
Stenanthium leimanthoides	Death-camas	G4Q	S1		
Streptopus roseus	Rose Twisted-stalk	G5	S1S2	Т	
Suaeda linearis	Tall Sea-blite	G5	S3		
Symphoricarpos albus	Snowberry	G5	S1	Т	
Symphyotrichum concolor	Silvery Aster	G5	S1	Е	
Symphyotrichum depauperatum	Serpentine Aster	G2	S1	Е	
Symphyotrichum drummondii	Drummond Aster	G5	S1		
Symphyotrichum laeve var. concinnum	Steele's Aster	G5T4	SH	Χ	
Symphyotrichum praealtum	Willow Aster	G5	S1		
Symphyotrichum shortii	Short's Aster	G5	S3		
Symplocos tinctoria	Sweetleaf	G5	S3		
Taenidia montana	Mountain Pimpernel	G3	S2	Т	
Talinum teretifolium	Fameflower	G4	S1	Т	
Taxus canadensis	American Yew	G5	S2	Т	
Tephrosia spicata	Southern Goat's Rue	G4G5	S1	Е	
Thaspium trifoliatum	Purple Meadow -parsnip	G5	S1	Е	
Thelypteris simulata	Bog Fern	G4G5	S2	Т	
Thuja occidentalis	Arbor-vitae	G5	S1	Т	
Tillandsia usneoides	Spanish Moss	G5	SX		
Tofieldia racemosa	Coastal False Asphodel	G5	SX	X	
Torreyochloa pallida var. pallida	Pale Mannagrass	G5T5?	S3		
Torreyochloa pallida var. fernaldii	Fernald's Mannagrass	G5T4Q	S1		
Trachelospermum difforme	Climbing Dogbane	G4G5	S1	E	
Trautvetteria caroliniensis	Carolina Tassel-rue	G5	S3		
Triadenum tubulosum	Large Marsh St. John's -wort	G4?	S1		
Trichophorum planifolium	Bashful Bulrush	G4G5	S2S3		
Trichostema brachiatum	False Pennyroyal	G5	S3		
Trichostema setaceum	Narrow-leaved Bluecurls	G5	S1		
Tridens flavus var. chapmanii	Chapman's Redtop	G5T3	S1		
Trifolium reflexum	Buffalo Clover	G3G4	SH	Χ	

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Trifolium virginicum	Kate's-mountain Clover	G3	S2S3	Т	
Triglochin striata	Three-ribbed Arrow -grass	G5	S1	Е	
Trillium cernuum	Nodding Trillium	G5	S3		
Trillium flexipes	Drooping Trillium	G5	S1	Е	
Trillium nivale	Snow Trillium	G4	S1	Е	
Trillium pusillum (var. virginianum)	Dwarf Trillium	G3T2	S2	Т	
Triosteum angustifolium	Narrow-leaved Horse-gentian	G5	S1	Е	
Triphora trianthophora	Nodding Pogonia	G3G4	S1	Е	
Typha domingensis	Southern Cattail	G4G5	S3		
Utricularia cornuta	Horned Bladderwort	G5	SH		
Utricularia inflata	Swollen Bladderwort	G5	S1	Е	
Utricularia purpurea	Purple Bladderwort	G5	S1	Т	
Utricularia resupinata	Reversed Bladderwort	G4	S1	Е	
Utricularia striata	Fibrous Bladderwort	G4G5	S1	Е	
Utricularia subulata	Zig-zag Bladderwort	G5	S3		
Uvularia grandiflora	Large-flowered Bellwort	G5	S1		
Vaccinium macrocarpon	Large Cranberry	G4	S3		
Vaccinium myrtilloides	Velvetleaf Blueberry	G5	S3		
Vaccinium oxycoccos	Small Cranberry	G5	S2	Т	
Valeriana pauciflora	Valerian	G4	S1	Е	
Valerianella chenopodiifolia	Goose-foot Cornsalad	G5	S1	Е	
Valerianella umbilicata	Tall Cornsalad	G3G5	SH	Х	
Vernonia gigantea	Giant Ironweed	G5	SU		
Veronica scutellata	Marsh Speedwell	G5	S1	Е	
Viburnum lentago	Nannyberry	G5	S1		
Vicia americana	Purple Vetch	G5	SU	Χ	
Viola appalachiensis	Appalachian Blue Violet	G3	S2		
Viola blanda var. palustriformis	Large-leaved White Violet	G4G5T4T5	S1		
Viola rostrata	Long-spurred Violet	G5	S3		
Viola septentrionalis	Northern Blue Violet	G5	SU		
Vitis cinerea	Graybark	G4G5	SU		
Vitis novae-angliae	New England Grape	G4G5Q	SH	Χ	
Vitis rupestris	Sand Grape	G3	S1		
Wolffia columbiana	Columbian Water-meal	G5	S3		
Wolffia papulifera	Water-meal	G4	S2		
Wolffia punctata	Dotted Water-meal	G5	S2		
Wolffiella floridana	Wolffiella	G5	SH	Χ	
Woodsia ilvensis	Rusty Woodsia	G5	S1	Т	
Xyris fimbriata	Fringed Yelloweyed-grass	G5	S1	E	
Xyris smalliana	Small's Yelloweyed-grass	G5	S1	E	
Zanthoxylum americanum	Northern Prickly-ash	G5	S1	Е	
Zephyranthes atamasca	Atamasco Lily	G4G5	S1	Е	
Zizaniopsis miliacea	Southern Wildrice	G5	S1	Е	
Zizia aurea	Golden Alexanders	G5	S3		

APPENDIX I

CHANGES TO STATE RANKS AND STATUSES SINCE LAST PUBLISHED LIST (November 2007)

Scientific Name	Common Name	Current Rank	Former Rank	State Status	Former Status
Agalinis fasciculata	Fascicled Gerardia	SH	S1	-	Е
Amelanchier obovalis	Coastal Juneberry	S4	SR		
Aristida curtissii	Curtiss' Three-awn	S4	SU		
Axonopus furcatus	Big Carpet Grass	S2?	SU	=	Χ
Azolla caroliniana	Mosquito Fern	SE	SU		
Bidens discoidea	Swamp Beggar-ticks	S4	S3		
Bromus ciliatus	Fringed Brome	S1?	SU	=	Χ
Bromus nottowayanus	Nottoway's Brome	S1S2	SU	=	Χ
Chimaphila umbellata	Prince's Pine	S3	S1?		
Desmodium cuspidatum	Large-bracted Tick-trefoil	S1	SU		
Dichanthelium aciculare	Bristling Panicgrass	S2?	SU		
Dichanthelium laxiflorum	Lax-flowered Witchgrass	S1?	SU		
Dryopteris clintoniana	Clinton's Wood-fern	S1	S1	Е	=
Eleocharis fallax	Creeping Spikerush	SRF	S3		
Eleocharis flavescens	Pale Spikerush	SRF	S1		
Fraxinus profunda	Pumpkin Ash	S4	S2S3		
Juncus polycephalus	Many-headed Rush	SR	SU		
Liparis liliifolia	Large Twayblade	S2S3	NEW		
Liparis loeselii	Loesel's Twayblade	S1S2	S3		
Lobelia glandulosa	Glandular Lobelia	SRF	SU	-	Χ
Passiflora incarnata	Purple Passionflower	SE	SU		
Phacelia covillei	Coville's Phacelia	S2	S1	Е	
Platanthera psycodes	Small Purple Fringed Orchid	SH	SU	Χ	Χ
Polygonum densiflorum	Dense-flowered Knotweed	SNA	S1?	-	Е
Polygonum robustius	Stout Smartweed	SU	S1?	Χ	X
Pycnanthemum clinopodioides	Basil Mountain-mint	SH	S1S2		
Ranunculus carolinianus	Carolina Buttercup	SU	S1?	Χ	X
Ranunculus hederaceus	Long-stalked Crowfoot	S1	S1	Е	X
Rhynchospora microcephala	Tiny-headed Beakrush	S2	S2S3		
Rhynchospora rariflora	Few -flowered Beakrush	SU	S1	Χ	X
Rhynchospora recognita	Globe Beaksedge	S2	NEW		
Scleria muehlenbergii	Muhelenberg's Nutrush	S1S2	NEW		
Scleria reticularis	Reticulated Nutrush	S2S3	S2		
Solidago rupestris	Rock Goldenrod	SH	S1	Χ	Χ
Stenanthium leimanthoides	Death-camas	S1	NEW		
Symphyotrichum lowrieanum	Lowrie's Aster	S5	S 3		
Torreyochloa pallida var. pallida	Pale Mannagrass	S3	S1S2	-	Е

APPENDIX II

CROSS REFERENCE OF PLANT SYNONYM NAMES

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Agalinis decemloba Agalinis obtusifolia Agalinis virgata Agalinis fasciculata Agave virginica Manfreda virginica Agropyron trachycaulum Elymus trachycaulus Amelanchier spicata Amelanchier stolonifera Ammannia teres Ammannia latifolia Anemone virginiana var riparia Anemone riparia Arabis perstellata var shortii Arabis shortii

Arctostaphylos alpina Arctostaphylos uva-ursi Arctostaphylos rubra Arctostaphylos uva-ursi Arenaria caroliniana Minuartia caroliniana Arenaria groenlandica var glabra Minuartia glabra Arenaria lateriflora Moehringia lateriflora Arenaria peploides Honckenya peploides

Minuartia michauxii Arenaria stricta Aristida purpurascens var virgata Aristida virgata

Aristolochia durior Aristolochia macrophylla Armoracia aquatica Armoracia lacustris Arnoglossum muehlenbergii Cacalia muehlenbergii Aronia prunifolia Photinia floribunda

Asarum virginicum Hexastylis virginica Asplenium cryptolepis Asplenium ruta-muraria

Aster concinnus Symphyotrichum laeve var. concinnum Aster concolor Symphyotrichum concolor Aster depauperatus Symphyotrichum depauperatum

Aster drummondii Symphyotrichum drummondii

Aster infirums Doellingeria infirma Aster laevis var. concinnus

Symphyotrichum laeve var. concinnum Aster nemoralis Oclemena nemoralis Symphyotrichum praealtum Aster praealtus

Aster radula

Eurybia radula Aster shortii Symphyotrichum shortii Aster spectabilis Eurybia spectabilis

Aster steeleorum Symphyotrichum laeve var. concinnum

Athyrium pycnocarpon Diplazium pycnocarpon Bacopa acuminata Mecardonia acuminata Bacopa stragula Bacopa in nominata Botrychium dissectum forma oneidense Botrychium oneidense

Botrychium lanceolatum Botrychium lanceolatum ssp. angustisegmentum

Cacalia suaveolens Hasteola suaveolens Calopogon pulchellus Calopogon tuberosus Carex amphibola var. amphibolia Fernald Carex planispicata

Carex aquatilis var substricta Carex aquatilis Carex brevior, in part. Carex molesta Carex cephalantha Carex echinata

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Carex copulata Carex laxiculmis var. copulata

Carex crinita var. mitchellianaCarex mitchellianaCarex filiformisCarex lasiocarpaCarex lanuginosaCarex pellitaCarex pensylvanica var. distansCarex lucorum

Carex ritchii Carex straminea

Cassia fasciculata var macrosperma Chamaecrista fasciculata var. macrosperma

Centunculus minimus

Ceratophyllum echinatum

Chenopodium hybridum var gigantospermum

Chenopodium hybridum var standleyanum

Chenopodium standleyanum

Chenopodium standleyanum

Cimicifuga americanaActaea podocarpaClem atis verticillarisClematis occidentalisConvolvulus spithamaeusCalystegia spithamaea

Coptis groenlandica Coptis trifolia

Cymophyllus fraseri Cymophyllus fraserianus
Cyperus aristatus Cyperus squarrosus
Cyperus inflexus Cyperus squarrosus
Cyperus te nuifolius Kyllinga pumila

Dichanthelium aciculare var. aciculare Dichanthelium aciculare

Digitaria filiformis var villosa

Dioscorea villosa var hirticaulis

Dioscorea hirticaulis

Diplachne fascicularis Leptochloa fusca ssp. fascicularis

Dryopteris cristata var clintoniana

Dryopteris clintoniana

Dryopteris disjuncta

Dryopteris disjuncta

Dryopteris clintoniana

Gymnocarpium dryopteris

Dryopteris campyloptera

Eleocharis calva

Eleocharis erythropoda

Epilobium glandulosum var adenocaulon

Epilobium ciliatum

Eragrostis virginica Eragrostis refracta
Erianthus alopecuroides Saccharum alopecuroidum
Erianthus contortus Saccharum contortum
Erianthus strictus Saccharum baldwinii
Eriocaulon septangulare Eriocaulon aquaticum
Eupatoriadelphus maculatus Eupatorium maculatum
Euphorbia vermiculata Chamaesyce vermiculata

Euthamia minor Euthamia tenuifolia var. tenuifolia

Festuca shortii Festuca paradoxa
Fimbristylis baldwiniana Fimbristylis annua
Galax urceolata Galax aphylla
Gentiana crinita Gentiana puberula Gentiana puberulenta

Gentiana quinquefolia Gentianella quinquefolia
Gerardia auriculata Agalinis auriculata
Gerardia laevigata Aureolaria laevigata
Gillenia stipulata Porteranthus stipulatus

Glyceria fernaldii Torreyochloa pallida var. fernaldii Glyceria pallida Torreyochloa pallida var. pallida

Habenaria blephariglottis Platanthera blephariglottis

Habenaria ciliaris Platanthera ciliaris
Habenaria cristata Platanthera cristata

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Habenaria fimbriata Platanthera grandiflora Habenaria flava Platanthera flava Habenaria grandiflora Platanthera grandiflora Habenaria peramoena Platanthera peramoena Habenaria psycodes Platanthera psycodes Habenaria psycodes var. grandiflora Platanthera grandiflora Habenaria viridis var bracteata Coeloglossum viride Hedyotis michauxii Houstonia serpyllifolia

Hedyotis michauxiiHoustonia serpyllifoliaHedyotis unifloraOldenlandia unifloraHemicarpha micranthaLipocarpha micranthaHeracleum maximumHeracleum lanatumHibiscus militarisHibiscus laevis

Hypericum ascyronHypericum pyramidatumHypericum tubulosumTriadenum tubulosumIsanthus brachiatusTrichostema brachiatumJussiaea decurrensLudwigia decurrensLachnanthes carolinianaLachnanthes caroliana

Leptochloa fascicularis Leptochloa fusca ssp. fascicularis

Limosella subulata Limosella australis Lophotocarpus calycina Sagittaria calycina Lycopodium carolinianum Lycopodiella caroliniana Lycopodium inundatum Lycopodiella inundata Lycopodium porophilum Huperzia porophila Maianthemum s tellatum Smilacina stellata Manisuris rugosa Coelorachis rugosa Melanthium hybridum Melanthium latifolium Myrica heterophylla Morella caroliniensis

Nymphaea tuberosa Nymphaea odorata ssp. tuberosa

Nemophila aphylla

Onosmodium his pidissimum
Onosmodium molle
Orbexilum pedunculatum var psoralioides
Oryzopsis racemosa
Piptatherum racemosum

Nemophila microcalyx

Pachistima canbyi
Panicum aciculare
Panicum angustifolium
Panicum boreale
Panicum boreale
Panicum boreale
Panicum boreale
Panicum boreale
Panicum boreale

Panicum ensifolium Dichanthelium dichotomum var. ensifolium

Panicum laxiflorum
Panicum leucothrix
Panicum oligosanthes
Panicum ravenelii
Panicum scabriusculum
Panicum tuckermanii
Panicum wrightianum
Dichanthelium leucothrix
Dichanthelium oligosanthes
Dichanthelium ravenelii
Dichanthelium scabriusculum
Panicum tuckermanii
Panicum wrightianum
Dichanthelium wrightianum

Persea borbonia Persea palustris
Phlox ovata Phlox latifolia

Polemonium van-bruntiae Polemonium vanbruntiae

Polygonum opelousanum Polygonum hydropiperoides var. opelousanum

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Polypodium polypodioides Pleopeltis polypodioides Pseudotaenidia montana Taenidia montana Psilocarya nitens Rhynchospora nitens Psilocarya scirpoides Rhynchospora scirpoides Pteretis pensylvanica Matteuccia struthiopteris Ptilimnium fluviatile Ptilimnium nodosum

Puccinellia fernaldii Torreyochloa pallida var. fernaldii

Puccinellia pallida Torreyochloa pallida Pyrola chlorantha Pyrola virens Pyrola secunda Orthilia secunda

Ranunculus aquatilis Ranunculus trichophyllus Ranunculus hispidus var. nitidus Ranunculus carolinianus Rhynchospora globularis (in part) Rhynchospora recognita Rhynchospora globularis var. recognita Rhynchospora recognita

Rumex floridanus Rumex verticillatus Saccharum alopecuroides

Saccharum alopecuroidum Saccharum brevibarbe var. contortum Saccharum contortum

Sagittaria longirostra Sagittaria australis Sagittaria spathulata Sagittaria calycina Salix humilis Salix humilis var. tristis

Salix humilis var microphylla Salix humilis var. tristis Salix interior Salix exigua

Scirpus acutus Schoenoplectus acutus

Scirpus cylindricus Schoenoplectus novae-angliae Scirpus etuberculatus Schoenoplectus etuberculatus Scirpus maritimus var fernaldi Schoenoplectus novae-angliae

Scirpus smithii Schoenoplectus smithii Scirpus subterminalis Schoenoplectus subterminalis

Schoenoplectus torreyi Scirpus torreyi Scirpus verecundus Trichophorum planifolium Scleria reticularis (in part) Scleria muehlenbergii Scleria reticularis var. pubescens Scleria muehlenbergii Scutellaria epilobiifolia Scutellaria galericulata

Scutellaria parvula var leonardii Scutellaria leonardii Senecio antennarifolius Packera antennariifolia Senecio pauperculus Packera paupercula Senna marilandica Cassia marilandica Silphium asteriscus Silphium trifoliatum Sisvrinchium arenicola Sisyrinchium fuscatum Smilax tamnifolia Smilax pseudochina

Solidago elliottii Solidago latissimifolia Solidago microcephala Euthamia tenuifolia var. tenuifolia

Solidago racemosa Solidago simplex var. racemosa

Solidago rigida Oligoneuron rigidum Solidago spathulata Solidago simplex var. racemosa Solidago tarda Solidago arguta var. arguta

Spiraea corymbosa Spiraea betulifolia Spiranthes cernua var ochroleuca Spiranthes ochroleuca

Stachys cordata Stachys nuttallii Stachys hyssopifolia var ambigua Stachys aspera

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Stachys riddellii Stachys nuttallii
Stachys tenuifolia var latidens Stachys latidens
Synosma suaveolens Hasteola suaveolens
Thelypteris phegopteris Phegopteris connectilis
Tillaea aquatica Crassula aquatica
Tomanthera auriculata Agalinis auriculata

Tridens chapmanii

Trisetum pensylvanicum

Utricularia fibrosa

Againis adriculata

Argainis adriculata

Againis adriculata

Againis adriculata

Againis adriculata

Utridens flavus var. chapmanii

Sphenopholis pensylvanica

Utricularia striata

Utricularia fibrosa
Utricularia striata
Utricularia gibba
Utricularia biflora
Vernonia altissima
Vernonia gigantea

Viola incognitaViola blanda var. palustriformisXanthoxylum americanumZanthoxylum americanum

APPPENDIX III

PLANT SPECIES UNDER REVIEW FOR INCLUSION ON LIST

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	GLOBAL RANK	STATE RANK
Desmodium fernaldii	Fernald's tick-trefoil	G4	S?
Gaylussacia dumosa	Dwarf Huckleberry	G5	S?
Hypericum virgatum	Coppery St. Johnswort	G4?	S?
Rhamnus alnifolia	Alderleaf Buckthorn	G5	S?
Rhynchospora inexpansa	Nodding Beakrush	G5	S?
Spartina pectinata	Fresh Water Cordgrass	G5	S?

APPENDIX IV

PLANT SPECIES REPORTED, FALSELY REPORTED, OR POTENTIALLY OCCURRING IN MARYLAND

The following species do not regularly occur in Maryland based on currently available information. Although not exhaustive, the list is included to provide clarification for those species whose rank in Maryland may be unclear due to conflicting reports or vague published accounts. For those species with a rank of SR, only unverified reports exist. Species with a rank of SRF have been falsely reported, and the error may persist in the literature. The list is also provided to bring attention to those species that potentially occur in Maryland (SP) and, if documented, their presence could have significant conservation value.

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	STATE RANK
Aconitum reclinatum	White Monkshood	SRF
Agalinis linifolia	Flax-leaved Gerardia	SP
Anemone riparia	Large White Anemone	SRF
Carex foenea	Dry-spike Sedge	SRF
Carex novae-angliae	New England Sedge	SRF
Carex retrorsa	Retrorse Sedge	SP
Carex rostrata	Beaked Sedge	SRF
Carex verrucosa	A Sedge	SRF
Collinsonia verticillata	Whorled Horse-balm	SR
Corydalis aurea	Golden Corydalis	SR
Crataegus flabellata	A Hawthorn	SRF
Croton monanthogynus	Prairie-tea	SR
Diarrhena americana	Twin Oats	SRF
Eleocharis fallax	Creeping Spikerush	SRF
Eleocharis flavescens	Pale Spikerush	SRF
Elymus trachycaulus	Slender Wild Rye	SR
Galax aphylla	Galax	SR
Juncus polycephalus	Many-headed Rush	SR
Lobelia glandulosa	Glandular Lobelia	SRF
Lycopodium sabinifolium	Ground-fir	SRF
Narthecium americanum	Bog Asphodel	SRF
Paspalum boscianum	Bull Paspalum	SR
Poa chapmaniana	Chapman Bluegrass	SR
Populus balsamifera	Balsam Poplar	SRF
Quercus laurifolia	Laurel-leaved Oak	SRF
Rhexia aristosa	Awned Meadow-beauty	SRF
Rhynchospora knieskernii	Knieskern's Beaksedge	SRF
Sagittaria teres	Slender Arrowhead	SRF
Spigelia marilandica	Indian-pink	SRF
Stachys clingmanii	Clingman's Hedge-nettle	SRF
Streptopus amplexifolius	White Mandarin	SR
Thalictrum dasycarpum	Purple Meadowrue	SRF
Thalictrum macrostylum	Piedmont Meadowrue	SRF
Thalictrum subrotundum	Reclined Meadowrue	SRF
Tofieldia glutinosa	False Asphodel	SR
Triglochin maritima	Seaside Arrow -grass	SR
Trillium pusillum var. pusillum	Least Trillium	SRF
Verbesina virginica	White Crownbeard	SRF

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SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	STATE RANK
Xerophyllum asphodeloides	Eastern Turkeybeard	SRF

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Red-throated Loon (nb)	Short-billed Dowitcher (nb)
Pied-billed Grebe	Least Tern (c)
Horned Grebe (nb)	Gull-billed Tern
Greater Shearwater (nb)	Black Skimmer
Audubon's Shearwater (nb)	Short-eared Owl (nb)
American Bittern	Whip-poor-will
Least Bittern	Red-headed Woodpecker
Snowy Egret	Loggerhead Shrike
Bald Eagle (b)	Brown-headed Nuthatch
Peregrine Falcon (b)	Sedge Wren
Black Rail	Wood Thrush
Wilson's Plover	Blue-winged Warbler
American Oystercatcher	Golden-winged Warbler
Solitary Sandpiper (nb)	Prairie Warbler
Lesser Yellowlegs (nb)	Cerulean Warbler
Upland Sandpiper	Worm-eating Warbler
Whimbrel (nb)	Kentucky Warbler
Hudsonian Godwit (nb)	Henslow's Sparrow
Marbled Godwit (nb)	Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Red Knot (rufa ssp.) (a) (nb)	Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Semipalmated Sandpiper (Eastern) (nb)	Seaside Sparrow (c)
Purple Sandpiper (nb)	Rusty Blackbird (nb)
Buff-breasted Sandpiper (nb)	(2) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1

⁽a) ESA candidate, (b) ESA delisted, (c) non-listed subspecies or population of threatened or endangered species, (d) MBTA protection uncertain or lacking, (nb) non-breeding in this bird conservation region Source: USFWS 2008

EXPLANATION OF SPECIES RANK AND STATUS CODES

STATE RANK

- S1 = Highly State rare. Critically imperiled in Maryland because of extreme rarity (typically 5 or fewer estimated occurrences or very few remaining individuals or acres in the State) or because of some factor(s) making it especially vulnerable to extirpation.
- S2 = State rare. Imperiled in Maryland because of rarity (typically 6 to 20 estimated occurrences or few remaining individuals or acres in the State) or because of some factor(s) making it vulnerable to becoming extirpated.
- S3 = Watch List. Rare to uncommon with the number of occurrences typically in the range of 21 to 100 in Maryland. It may have fewer occurrences but with a large number of individuals in some populations, and it may be susceptible to large-scale disturbances. Species with this rank are not actively tracked by the Wildlife and Heritage Service.
- S3.1 = A Watch List species that is actively tracked by the Wildlife and Heritage Service because of the global significance of Maryland occurrences. For instance, a G3 S3 species is globally rare to uncommon, and although it may not be currently threatened with extirpation in Maryland, its occurrences in Maryland may be critical to the long term security of the species. Therefore, its status in the State is being monitored.
- S4 = Apparently secure in Maryland with typically more than 100 occurrences in the State or may have fewer occurrences if they contain large numbers of individuals. It is apparently secure under present conditions, although it may be restricted to only a portion of the State.
- S5 = Demonstrably secure in Maryland under present conditions.
- SH = Historically known from Maryland, but not verified for an extended period (usually 20 or more years), with the expectation that it may be rediscovered.
- SNA = Species is not a suitable conservation target
- S? = The species has not yet been ranked.
- _B = A qualifier at the end of a rank. This species is a migrant and the subrank refers only to the breeding status of the species in Maryland. This species may have a different subrank for nonbreeding populations.
- _N = A qualifier at the end of a rank. This species is a migrant and the subrank refers only to the nonbreeding status of the species in Maryland. This species may have a different subrank for breeding populations.

STATE STATUS

State status is the legal protection status of a species as determined by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in accordance with the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act. Definitions for the following categories have been taken from Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 08.03.08.

E = Endangered; a species whose continued existence as a viable component of the State's flora or fauna is determined to be in jeopardy.

T = Threatened; a species of flora or fauna that appears likely, within the foreseeable future, to become endangered in the State.

I = In Need of Conservation; an animal species whose population is limited or declining in the State such that it may become threatened in the foreseeable future if current trends or conditions persist.

X = Endangered Extirpated; a species that was once a viable component of the flora or fauna of the State, but for which no naturally occurring populations are known to exist in the State.

FEDERAL STATUS

Federal Status is the legal protection status of a species as determined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Endangered Species, in accordance with the Endangered Species Act. Definitions for the following categories have been modified from 50 CFR 17.

LE = Taxa listed as endangered; in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of their range.

LT = Taxa listed as threatened; likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of their range.

C = Candidate taxa for listing for which the Service has on file enough substantial information on biological vulnerability and threat(s) to support proposals to list them as endangered or threatened.

Birds of USNA, North Severn, and the USNA Dairy Farm

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
SEABIRDS/SHOREBIRD	S/WADERS					
Cormorants						
Phalacrocorax auritus	Double-crested Cormorant					
Grebes						
Podilymbus podiceps	Pie-billed Grebe		S2B			
Podiceps auritus	Horned Grebe					
Gulls/Terns						
Larus argentatus	Herring Gull					
Larus marinus	Great Black-backed Gull					
Larus delawarensis	Ring-billed Gull					
Larus atracilla	Laughing Gull		S1B			
Sterna antillarum	Least Tern		S2B		T	
Sterna hirundo	Common Tern					
Sterna caspia	Caspian Tern					
Sterna maxima	Royal Tern					
Sterna forsteri	Forster's Tern					
Larus philadelphia	Bonaparte's Gull					
Herons						
Ardea herodias	Great Blue Heron					

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
Ardea alba	Great Egret					
Butorides virescens	Green Heron					
Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned Night Heron					
Egretta thula	Snowy Egret					
Killdeer						
Charadrius vociferus	Killdeer					
Loons						
Gavia stellata	Red-throated Loon					
Gavia immer	Common Loon					
Plovers						
Charadrius semipalmatus	Semipalmated Plover					
Rails						
Fulica americana	American Coot					
Sandpipers						
Actitis macularia	Spotted Sandpiper		S3S4B			
Calidris mauri	Western Sandpiper					
Tringa flavipes	Lesser Yellowlegs					
Tringa melanoleuca	Greater Yellowlegs					
Limnodromus sp.	Dowitcher sp.					
Ducks, Geese, Swans						
Aix sponsa	Wood Duck					

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
Anas clypeata	Northern Shoveler					
Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard					
Anas rubripes	American Black Duck					
Anas strepera	Gadwall		S2B			
Aythya affinis	Lesser Scaup					
Aythya americana	Redhead					
Aythya marila	Greater Scaup					
Aythya valisineria	Canvasback					
Branta canadensis	Canada Goose					
Bucephala clangula	Common Goldeneye					
Buchephala albeola	Bufflehead					
Clangula hyemalis	Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw)					
Cygnus columbianus	Mute Swan					
Cygnus olor	Tundra Swan					
Lophodytes cucullatus	Hooded Merganser		S1B			
Melanitta perspicillata	Surf Scoter					
Mergus serrator	Red-breasted Merganser					
Oxyura jamaicensis	Ruddy Duck					
QUAIL						
Colinus virginianus	Northern Bobwhite					
RAPTORS						

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
Eagles, Falcon, Hawks						
Accipiter cooperii	Cooper's Hawk					
Accipiter striatus	Sharp-shinned Hawk		S1S2B			
Buteo jamaicensis	Red-tailed Hawk					
Buteo lineatus	Red-shouldered Hawk					
Buteo platypterus	Broad-winged Hawk					
Circus cyaneus	Northern Harrier		S2B			
Falco columbarius	Merlin					
Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon		S2		I	not nesting
Falco sparverius	American Kestrel					
Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle		S3.1B			not nesting
Pandion haliaetus	Osprey					
Vultures						
Cathartes aura	Turkey Vulture					
Coragyps atratus	Black Vulture					
WOODPECKERS						
Colaptes auratus	Northern Flicker/Common Flicker					
Melanerpes carolinus	Red-bellied Woodpecker					
Picoides pubescens	Downy Woodpecker					
Picoides villosus	Hairy Woodpecker					

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Sphyrapicus varius	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		SHB			
CUCKOOS						
Coccyzus americanus	Yellow-billed Cuckoo					
DOVES						
Columba livia	Rock Pigeon					
Zenaida macroura	Mourning dove					
HUMMINGBIRDS/SWI	FTS					
Archilochus colubris	Ruby Throated Hummingbird					
Chaetura pelagica	Chimney Swift					
KINGFISHERS						
Ceryle alcyon	Belted Kingfisher					
OWLS						
Asio flammeus	Short-eared Owl		S1B		E	no nests spotted
Bubo virginianus	Great Horned Owl					
Otus asio	Eastern Screech Owl					
Strix varia	Barred Owl					
PERCHING BIRDS						
Blackbirds, Orioles						
Agelaius phoeniceus	Red-winged Blackbird					
Dolichonyx oryzivorus	Bobolink					
Icterus galbula	Baltimore Oriole					

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Icterus spurius	Orchard Oriole					
Molothrus ater	Brown-headed Cowbird					
Quiscalus quiscula	Common Grackle					
Sturnella magna	Eastern Meadowlark					
Buntings, Grosbeaks						
Cardinalis cardinalis	Northern Cardinal					
Guiraca caerulea	Blue Grosbeak					
Passerina cyanea	Indigo Bunting					
Chickadees, Titmice						
Baeolophus bicolor	Tufted Titmouse					
Poecile carolinensis	Carolina Chickadee					
Creepers						
Certhia americana	Brown Creeper					
Crows, Jays						
Corvus brachyrhynchos	American Crow					
Corvus ossifragus	Fish Crow					
Cyanocitta cristata	Blue Jay					
Finches						
Carpodacus mexicanus	House Finch					
Flycatchers						
Contopus virens	Eastern Wood Pewee					

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Empidonax flaviventris	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher					
Empidonax traillii	Willow Flycatcher/Traill's Flycatcher					
Empidonax virescens	Acadian Flycatcher					
Myiarchus crinitus	Great Crested Flycatcher					
Sayornis phoebe	Eastern Phoebe					
Tyrannus tyrannus	Eastern Kingbird					
Gnatcatchers						
Polioptila caerulea	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					
Kinglets						
Regulus satrapa	Golden-crowned Kinglet		S2B			
Regulus calendula	Ruby-crowned Kinglet					
Mimics, Thrashers						
Mimus polyglottos	Northern Mockingbird					
Dumetella carolinensis	Gray Catbird					
Toxostoma rufum	Brown Thrasher					
Nuthatches						
Sitta canadensis	Red-breasted Nuthatch		S1B			
Sitta carolinensis	White-breasted Nuthatch					
Old World Sparrows						
Passer domesticus	House Sparrow					

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Pipits						
Anthus rubescens	American Pipit					
Towhees, Sparrows						
Ammodramus savannarum	Grasshopper Sparrow					
Junco hyemalis	Dark-Eyed Junco		S2B			
Melospiza georgiana nigrscens	Coastal Plain Swamp Sparrow		S2B		I	
Melospiza lincolnii	Lincoln's Sparrow					
Melospiza melodia	Song Sparrow					
Passerculus sandwichensis	Savannah Sparrow		S3S4B			
Pipilo erythrophthalmus	Rufous-sided Towhee					
Pipilo erythrophthalmus	Eastern Towhee					
Spizella arborea	American Tree Sparrow					
Spizella passerina	Chipping Sparrow					
Spizella pusilla	Field Sparrow					
Zonotrichia albicollis	White-throated Sparrow					
Zonotrichia leucophrys	White-crowned Sparrow					
Shrikes						
Lanius ludovicianus	Loggerhead Shrike		S1B		E	no nests spotted
Starling						
Sturnus vulgaris	European Starling					

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
Swallows						
Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow					
Progne subis	Purple Martin					
Stelgidopteryx serripennis	Northern Rough-winged Swallow					
Tachycineta bicolor	American Tree Swallow					
Tanagers						
Piranga olivacea	Scarlet Tanager					
Thrushes						
Catharus fuscescens	Veery					
Catharus guttatus	Hermit Thrush		S3S4B			
Hylocichla mustelina	Wood Thrush					
Sialia sialis	Eastern Bluebird					
Turdus migratorius	American Robin					
Vireos						
Vireo griseus	White-eyed Vireo					
Vireo olivaceus	Red-eyed Vireo					
Warblers						
Dendroica coronata	Yellow-rumped Warbler					
Dendroica magnolia	Magnolia Warbler		S3S4B			
Dendroica petechia	Yellow Warbler					

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Dendroica pinus	Pine Warbler					
Dendroica striata	Blackpoll Warbler					
Geothlypsis trichas	Common Yellowthroat					
Icteria virens	Yellow-breasted Chat					
Mniotilta varia	Black-and-white Warbler					
Oporornis philadelphia	Mourning Warbler		S1B		E	no nests spotted
Parula americana	Northern Parula					
Seiurus aurocapillus	Oven Bird					
Setophaga ruticilla	American Redstart					
Vermivora ruficapilla	Nashville Warbler		S1S2B		I	
Wilsonia canadensis	Canada Warbler		S3B			
Waxwings						
Bombycilla cedrorum	Cedar Waxwing					
Wrens						
Cistothorus palustris	Marsh Wren					
Thryothorus ludovicianus	Carolina Wren					
Troglodytes aedon	House Wren					
Troglodytes troglodytes	Winter Wren		S2B			

¹Surveys primarily occurred on North Severn with occasional surveys at USNA.

Sources: Anne Arundel Bird Club Observers 1999; Bystrack 2002, 2003; Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. 2005; Haury et al. 1996; Haury A. and S. Ricciardi 1997; Haury A. 2004; Ricciardi S. 1998; Sprenger A. 2005, 2006; USFWS 2000b. U.S. Navy 1997; U.S. Navy 2001c., MDNR 2010a

²No comprehensive surveys have been conducted. These data represent incidental observations only.

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
CRABS						
Callinectes sapidus	Blue Crab	SR				
CARPS/MINNOWS						
Cyprinus carpio	Carp	SR, GP				
Notropis hudsonius	Spottail Shiner	SR				
CATFISH						
Ameiurus catus	White Catfish	GP	SU			
FLATFISH/FLOUNDERS						
Paralichthys dentatus	Summer Flounder	SR				
Pseudopleuronectes americanus	Winter Flounder	SR				
Trinectes maculatus	Hogchoker	SR				
FRESHWATER EELS						
Anguilla rostrata	American Eel	SR, GP				
HERRINGS						
Alosa aestivalis	Blueback Herring	SR				
Alosa pseudoharengus	Alewife	SR				
Anchoa hepsetus	Striped Anchovy	SR				
Anchoa mitchilli	Bay Anchovy	SR				
Brevoortia tyrannus	Atlantic Menhaden	SR				

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Dorosoma cepedianum	Gizzard Shad	SR				
KILLIFISHES						
Cyprinodon variegatus	Sheepshead Minnow	SR				
Fundulus diaphanus	Banded Killifish	SR				
Fundulus heteroclitus	Mummichog	SR				
Fundulus majalis	Striped Killifish	SR				
Lucania parva	Rainwater Killifish	SR				
LIZARDFISHES						
Synodus foetens	Inshore Lizardfish	SR				
NEEDLEFISHES						
Strongylura marina	Atlantic Needlefish	SR				
PERCHES/SUNFISH/TEMP ERATE BASSES						
Chasmodes bosquianus	Striped Blenny	SR				
Cynoscion regalis	Weakfish	SR				
Etheostoma vitreum	Glassy Darter	DF	S1S2		T	
Gobiesox strumosus	Skillet Fish	SR				
Gobiosoma bosc	Naked Goby	SR				
Leiostomus xanthurus	Spot	SR				
Lepomis gibbosus	Pumpkinseed	SR				
Lepomis sp.	Bluegill	GP				

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Micropogonias undulatus	Atlantic Croaker	SR				
Morone americana	White Perch	SR				
Morone saxatilis	Striped Bass	SR				
Parablennius marmoreus	Seaweed Blenny	SR				
Perca flavescens	Yellow Perch	SR				
Pomatomus saltatrix	Bluefish	SR				
Pomoxis nigromaculatus	Black Crapppie	GP				
PICKERELS						
Esox niger	Chain Pickerel	SR				
RAYS						
Rhinoptera bonasus	Cownose Ray	SR				
SILVERSIDES						
Membras martinica	Rough Silverside	SR				
Menidia beryllina	Inland Silverside	SR				
Menidia menidia	Atlantic Silverside	SR				
STICKLEBACKS/PIPEFISH						
Apeltes quadracus	Fourspine Stickleback	SR				
Gasterosteus aculeatus	Threespine Stickleback	SR				
Syngnathus fuscus	Northern Pipefish	SR				
TOADFISHES						

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
Opsanus tau	Oyster Toadfish	SR				

SR = Severn River
GP = U.S. Naval Station area manmade freshwater pond at Greenbury Point
DF = Little Patuxent River at the Dairy Farm

Sources: MDNR 1994, 2008; U.S. Navy 1985, MDNR 2010a

Reptiles and Amphibians of USNA, North Severn, and the USNA Dairy Farm

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
AMPHIBIANS						
Frogs						
Hyla versicolor	Gray Treefrog					
Pseudacris crucifer	Spring Peeper					
Rana catesbeiana	Bullfrog					
Rana clamitans melanota	Green Frog					
Rana palustris	Pickerel Frog					
Rana sphenocephala (Rutricularia)	Southern Leopard Frog					
Rana sylvatica	Wood frog					
Salamanders						
Plethodon cinereus	Redback Salamander					
Toads						
Bufo americanus	American Toad					
REPTILES						
Snakes						
Carphophis amoenus	Eastern Worm Snake					
Coluber constrictor	Northern Black Racer					
Elaphe obsoleta	Black Rat Snake					
Heterodon platyrhinos	Eastern Hognose Snake					

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
Nerodia erythrogaster	Red-belly Water Snake					
Nerodia sipedon	Northern Water Snake					
Thamnophis sirtalis	Eastern Garter Snake					
Skinks						
Eumeces fasciatus	Five-lined Skink					
Turtles						
Chelydra serpentina	Common Snapping Turtle					
Malaclemys terrapin	Northern Diamondback Terrapin					
Kinosternon subrubrum	Eastern Mud Turtle					
Chrysemys picta	Eastern Painted Turtle					
Terrapene carolina	Eastern Box Turtle					

Sources: Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc., 2005; U.S. Navy 1985, 1997; Wood R. 1998

Mammals of USNA, North Severn, and the USNA Dairy Farm

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
DEER						
Odocoileus virginianus	White-tailed Deer					
FOXES/RACCOONS						
Procyon lotor	Raccoon					
Urocyon cinereoargenteus	Gray Fox					
Vulpes vulpes	Red Fox					
BATS						
Myostis lucifugus	Little Brown Bat					
OPOSSUMS						
Didelphis marsupialis	Opossum					
MOLES/SHREWS						
Blarina brevicauda	Short-tailed Shrew					
Scalopus aquaticus	Eastern Mole					
RABBITS						
Sylvilagus floridiana	Eastern Cottontail					
RODENTS						
Mice, Rats						
Microtis pennsylvanicus	Meadow Vole					
Mus musculus	House mouse					

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
Ondatra zibethicus	Muskrat					
Peromyscus leucopus	White-footed Mouse					
Peromyscus maniculatus	Deer Mouse					
Rattus norvegicus	Norway Rat					
Chipmunks, Squirrels, Woodchucks						
Marmota monax	Woodchuck					
Sciurus carolinensis	Gray Squirrel					
Tamias striatus	Chipmunk					

Sources: Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. 2005; Healey, S. 2008; U.S. Navy 1985, 1997, 2001c; Wood, R. 1998.

$\ \, \text{Moths and Butterflies of USNA, North Severn, and the USNA Dairy Farm} \\$

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
BRUSH-FOOTED BUTTER	FLIES					
Boloria bellona	Meadow Fritillary	GP				
Cercyonis pegala	Common Wood Nymph	GP				
Danaus plexippus	Monarch	GP				
Euptoieta claudia	Variegated Fritillary	GP				
Junonia coenia	Common Buckeye	GP				
Limenitis archippus	Viceroy	GP				
Limenitis arthemis astyanax	Red-spotted Purple	GP				
Megisto cymela	Little Wood Satyr	GP				
Nymphalis antiopa	Mourning Cloak	GP				
Phyciodes tharos	Pearl Crescent	GP				
Polygonia interrogationis	Question Mark	GP				
Speyeria cybele	Great Spangled Fritillary	GP				
Vanessa atalanta	Red Admiral	GP				
Vanessa cardui	Painted Lady	GP				
Vanessa virginiensis	American Lady/American Painted Lady	GP				
GOSSAMER-WING BUTTE	ERFLIES					
Coppers		GP				

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
Lycaena phlaeas	American Copper/Little Copper	GP				
Blues						
Celastrina ladon	Spring Azure	GP				
Cupido comyntas	Eastern Tailed-Blue	GP				
Hairstreaks						
Calycopis cecrops	Red-banded Hairstreak	GP				
Parrhasius m-album	White M Hairstreak	GP				
Satyrium titus	Coral Hairstreak	GP				
Strymon melinus	Gray Hairstreak	GP				
SKIPPERS						
Ancyloxypha numitor	Least Skipper	GP				
Atalopedes campestris	Sachem	GP				
Epargyreus clarus	Silver-spotted Skipper	GP				
Erynnis baptisiae	Wild Indigo Duskywing	GP				
Erynnis horatius	Horace's Duskywing	GP				
Euphyes vestris	Dun Skipper	GP				
Hylephila phyleus	Fiery Skipper	GP				
Lerema accius	Clouded Skipper	GP				
Nastra Iherminier	Swarthy Skipper	GP				
Panoquina ocola	Ocola Skipper	GP				

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
Pholisora catullus	Common Sootywing	GP				
Poanes aaroni	Aaron's Skipper	GP				
Poanes viator	Broad-winged Skipper	GP				
Poanes zabulon	Zabulon Skipper	GP				
Polites origenes	Crossline Skipper	GP				
Polites peckius	Peck's Skipper	GP				
Polites themistocles	Tawny-edged Skipper	GP				
Pompeius verna	Little Glassywing	GP				
Pyrgus communis	Common Checkered- Skipper	GP				
Staphylus hayhurstii	Hayhurst's Scallopwing	GP				
Thorybes bathyllus	Southern Cloudywing	GP				
Thymelicus lineola	European Skipper	GP				
Urbanus proteus	Long-tailed Skipper	GP				
Wallengrenia egeremet	Northern Broken Dash	GP				
SWALLOWTAILS		GP				
Battus philenor	Pipevine Swallowtail	GP				
Papilio glaucus	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	GP				
Papilio polyxenes	Black Swallowtail	GP				
Papilio troilus	Spicebush Swallowtail	GP				
SULPHURS/WHITES		GP				
Sulphurs						

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Notes
Abaeis nicippe	Sleepy Orange	GP				
Colias eurytheme	Orange Sulphur	GP				
Colias philodice	Clouded Sulphur	GP				
Phoebis sennae	Cloudless Sulphur	GP				
Pyrisitia lisa	Little Yellow	GP				
Whites						
Anthocharis midea	Falcate Orangetip	GP				
Colias eurytheme	Alfalfa Butterfly	GP				
Pieris rapae	Cabbage White	GP				

GP = Greenbury Point

Source: Haury, A. 2004; U.S. Navy 2001c; Wierenga, H. 1997, 1998.

Plants of USNA, North Severn, and the USNA Dairy Farm

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Origin
Abutilon theophrasti	Velvetleaf					I
Acer negundo	Boxelder					N
Acer platanoides	Norway Maple					I
Acer rubrum	Red Maple					N
Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple					N
Achillea millefolium	Yarrow					N/I
Acorus calamus	Sweet Flag					N
Agrimonia parviflora	Small-flowered Agrimony					N
Agrostis hyemalis	Ticklegrass					N
Agrostis stolonifera	Redtop					N
Ailianthus altissima	Tree of Heaven					I
Albizia julibrissin	Mimosa					I
Alisma plantago-aquatica	Water Plantain					I
Allium vineale	Onion Grass					I
Ambrosia artemisiifolia	Common Ragweed					N
Ambrosia trifida	Giant Ragweed	DF				N
Amelanchier sp.	Serviceberry	DF				N
Amorpha fruticosa	False Indigo					N
Andropogon gerardii	Big Blue Stem					N

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Origin
Andropogon virginicus	Broomsedge	DF				N
Antennaria neglecta	Field-pussytoes					N
Antennaria plantaginfolia	Plantain-leaved Pussytoes					N
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal Grass					I
Apocynum cannabinum	Indian Hemp					N
Aralia spinosa	Devil's Walkingstick					N
Arisaema triphyllum	Jack-in-the-Pulpit					N
Aristida dichotoma	Church-mouse Three-awn					N
Aristida obligantha	Prairie Three-awn					N
Artemesia vulgaris	Mugwort					I
Asclepias amplexicaulis	Clasping Milkweed					N
Asclepias incarnata	Swamp Milkweed	DF				N
Asclepias syriaca	Common Milkweed					N
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterflyweed					N
Asclepias viridiflora	Green Milkweed					N
Asparagus officinalis	Asparagus					I
Baccharis halimifolia	Groundsel Tree					N
Bambusa spp.	Bamboo	DF				I
Barbarea vulgaris	Common Wintercress					I
Betula nigra	River Birch	DF				N
Bidens cernua	Nodding Beggartick					N

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Bidens mitis	Smallfruit Beggartick	DF	S 1		Е	N
Bidens polylepis	Tickseed Sunflower					N
Boehmeria cylindrica	False Nettle					N
Bromus commutatus	Hairy Chess					I
Bromus sp.	A Brome Grass					N/I
Campsis radicans	Trumpet Creeper	DF				N
Carex crinita	Fringed Sedge					N
Carex frankii	Frank's Sedge					N
Carex longii	Long's Sedge					N
Carex lurida	Lurid Sedge					N
Carex pensylvanica	Pennsylvania Sedge					N
Carex swanii	Swan's Sedge					N
Carex tribuloides	Blunt Broom Sedge					N
Carex vulpinoidea	Foxtail Sedge					N
Carpinus caroliniana	Musclewood	DF				N
Carya alba	Mockernut Hickory					N
Carya cordiformis	Bitternut Hickory					N
Carya glabra	Pignut Hickory					N
Carya ovata	Shagbark Hickory					N
Carya pallida	Sand Hickory					N
Catalpa bignonioides	Southern Catalpa					N

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Celastrus orbiculatus	Oriental Bittersweet	DF				I
Centaurea jacea	Brown Knapweed					I
Cephalanthus occidentalis	Buttonbush					N
Cercis canadensis	Redbud					N
Chamaecrista fasciculata	Patridge Pea					N
Chenopodium album	Lamb's-quarters					N/I
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	Ox-eye Daisy					I
Cichorium intybus	Chicory					I
Cinna arundinacea	Sweet Woodreed	DF				N
Cirsium arvense	Canada Thistle					I
Cirsium vulgare	Bull Thistle					I
Clematis sp.	A Clematis					N/I
Commelina communis	Asiatic Dayflower					I
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed					I
Conyza canadensis	Horseweed					N
Cornus florida	Flowering Dogwood					N
Cornus sericea	Redosier Dogwood	DF				N
Coronilla sp.	Crown Vetch					N/I
Cortaderia selloana	Pampas Grass					I
Cynanchum laeve	Honeyvine					N

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Cynodon dactylon	Bermuda Grass					I
Cyperus lancastriensis	Lancaster's Sedge		SU			N
Cyperus strigosus	Straw-colored Nutsedge					I
Danthonia spicata	Povertygrass					N
Datura stramonium	Jimsonweed					I
Daucus carota	Queen Anne's Lace					I
Deschampsia flexuosa	Hairgrass					N
Desmodium ciliare	Small-leaved Tick-trefoil					N
Desmodium paniculatum	Panicled Tick-trefoil					N
Desmodium perplexum	Beggar's-lice					N
Dichanthelium acuminatum	Tapered Rosette Grass					N
Dichanthelium clandestinum	Deer's-tongue Panic Grass	DF				N
Dichanthelium scoparium	Velvet Panicum					N
Digitaria cognata	Fall Witchgrass					N
Digitaria ischaemum	Smooth Crabgrass					I
Digitaria sanguinalis	Crabgrass					I
Diospyros virginiana	Persimmon	DF				N
Draba verna	Whitlow Mustard					I
Duchesnea indica	Indian Strawberry					I
Echinochloa crusgalli	Barnyard Grass	DF				I

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Echinocystis lobata	Spiny Cucumber					N
Elaeagnus angustifolia	Russian Olive	DF				I
Elaeagnus umbellata	Autumn Olive					I
Eleocharis obtusa	Blunt Spikerush					N
Eleusine indica	Quackgrass					I
Elymus virginicus	Virginia Wildrye	DF				N
Eragrostis curvula	Weeping Lovegrass					I
Eragrostis pectinacea	Carolina Lovegrass					N
Eragrostis spectabilis	Purple Lovegrass					N
Erechtites hieracifolia	Fireweed					N
Erigeron annuus	Daisy Fleabane					N
Euonymus americanus	Strawberry Bush					N
Eupatoriadelphus fistulosus	Joe-pye Weed					N
Eupatorium hyssopifolium	Hyssop-leaved Thoroughwort					N
Eupatorium serotinum	Late-flowering Thoroughwort					N
Euphorbia maculata	Milk Purslane					N
Euphorbia nutans	Eyebane					N
Euthamia graminifolia	Grass-leaved Goldenrod					N
Fagus grandfolia	American Beech	DF				N
Festuca rubra	Red Fescue					N

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Fragaria vesca	Woodland Strawberry					I
Fragaria virginiana	Virginia Strawberry					N
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green Ash	DF				N
Galium tinctorium	Clayton's Bedstraw					N
Gamochaeta purpurea	Purple Cudweed					N
Gaylussacia frondosa	Huckleberry					N
Glechoma hederacea	Ground Ivy					I
Hamamelis virginiana	Witchhazel					N
Hedera helix	English Ivy					I
Hemerocallis fulva	Common Daylily					I
Hesperis matronalis	Dame's Rocket					I
Heterotheca subaxillaris	Camphorweed					N
Hibicus moscheutos	Marsh Mallow					N
Hieracium gronovii	Hairy Hawkweed					N
Hypericum punctatum	Spotted St. Johnswort					N
Ilex opaca	American Holly	DF				N
Ilex verticillata	Winterberry	DF				N
Impatiens capensis	Spotted Jewelweed	DF				N
Ipomoea pandurata	Wild Potato Vine					N
Iris pseudacorus	Yellow Flag					N
Juglans nigra	Black Walnut	DF				I

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Origin
Juncus canadensis	Canada Rush					N
Juncus effusus	Soft Rush					N
Juncus marginatus	Grass-leaved Rush					N
Juncus tenuis	Path Rush					N
Juniperus virginiana	Eastern Redcedar	DF				N
Kalmia latifolia	Mountain Laurel					N
Lactuca canadensis	Wild Lettuce					I
Lamium purpureum	Purple Dead Nettle					I
Laportea canadensis	Canadian Woodnettle	DF				N
Lepidium virginicum	Wild Peppergrass					N
Lespedeza angustifolia	Narrow-leaved Lespedeza					N
Lespedeza bicolor	Bicolor Lespedeza					I
Lespedeza capitata	Round-headed Bushclover					N
Lespedeza cuneata	Chinese Lespedeza					I
Lespedeza striata	Japanese Clover					I
Lespedeza virginica	Slender Bushclover					N
Ligustrum spp.	Privet					I
Ligustrum vulgare	European Privet					I
Linaria canadensis	Blue Toadflax					N
Linaria vulgaris	Butter-and-eggs					I
Lindera benzoin	Spicebush					N

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Origin
Liquidambar styraciflua	Sweetgum	DF				N
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tuliptree	DF				N
Lolium perenne	Perennial Ryegrass					I
Lonicera japonica	Japanese Honeysuckle	DF				I
Lonicera tatarica	Tatarian Honeysuckle					I
Ludwigia alternifolia	Seedbox					N
Ludwigia palustris	Marsh Seedbox	DF				N
Lychnis alba	White Campion					I
Maianthemum racemosum	False Solomon's Seal					N
Malus sp.	Apple	DF				I
Medicago lupulina	Black Medic					I
Melilotus officinalis	Yellow Sweet Clover					I
Microstegium vimineum	Japanese Stiltgrass	DF				I
Miscanthus sinensis	Chinese Miscanthus					I
Monarda punctata	Spotted Horsemint					N
Morus rubra	Red Mulberry					N
Myosotis arvensis	Field Scorpion-grass					I
Myosotis scorpioldes	True Forget-me-not					I
Myrica pensylvanica	Northern Bayberry					N
Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum	DF				N
Oenothera biennis	Common Evening Primrose					I

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Origin
Oenothera fruticosa	Sundrops					N
Onoclea sensibilis	Sensitive Fern					N
Ornithogalum umbellatum	Star-of-Bethlehem					I
Osmunda regalis	Royal Fern					N
Oxalis sp.	A Wood Sorrel					N/I
Panicum amarum	Beachgrass					N
Panicum dichotomiflorum	Fall Panic Grass					N
Panicum virgatum	Switchgrass	DF				N
Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Virginia Creeper	DF				N
Paspalum floridanum	Florida Paspalum					N
Paspalum setaceum	Beadgrass					N
Paulownia tomentosa	Princess Tree					I
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed Canarygrass	DF				N
Phleum pratense	Timothy Grass	DF				I
Photinia pyrifolia	Red Chokeberry	DF				N
Photinia melanocarpa	Black Chokeberry	DF				N
Phragmites australis	Common Reed					I
Physalis longifolia	Smooth Ground Cherry					N
Phytolacca americana	Pokeweed	DF				N
Picea abies	Norway Spruce					I

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Pinus rigida	Pitch Pine					N
Pinus strobus	White Pine					N
Pinus taeda	Loblolly Pine					N
Pinus virginiana	Virginia Pine					N
Plantago aristata	Bracted Plantain					N
Plantago lanceolata	English Plantain					I
Plantago rugelii	Broad-leaved Plantain					N
Plantago virginica	Virginia Plantain					N
Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore	DF				N
Poa annua	Annual Bluegrass					I
Poa compressa	Canada Bluegrass					I
Poa pratensis	Kentucky Bluegrass					N/I
Podophyllum peltatum	Mayapple					N
Polygonum hydropiperoides	Mild Waterpepper					N
Polygonum pensylvanicum	Pennsylvania Smartweed					N
Polygonum persicaria	Lady's-thumb	DF				I
Polygonum sagittatum	Arrowleaf Tearthumb	DF				N
Pontederia cordata	Pickerelweed					N
Potamogeton perfoliatus	Clasping-leaved Pondweed	SR	S2			N
Prunella vulgaris	Heal-all					I

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Origin
Prunus amygdalus	Peach					I
Prunus avium	Sweet Cherry					I
Prunus cerasus	Sour Cherry					I
Prunus serotina	Wild Black Cherry	DF				N
Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium	Cudweed					N
Pyrus calleryana	Bradford Pear					I
Pyrus coronaria	Crabapple					N
Quercus acutissima	Sawtooth Oak					I
Quercus alba	White Oak	DF				N
Quercus falcata	Southern Red Oak					N
Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	DF				N
Quercus phellos	Willow Oak					N
Quercus prinus	Chestnut Oak					N
Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak					N
Quercus velutina	Black Oak					N
Rhus copallinum	Winged Sumac					N
Rhus glabra	Smooth Sumac					N
Rhus typhina	Staghorn Sumac					N
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust					N
Rosa multiflora	Multiflora Rose	DF				I

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Origin
Rubus argutus	Tall Blackberry					N
Rubus occidentalis	Wild Black Raspberry					N
Rubus pensilvanicus	Pennsylvania Blackberry					N
Rubus phoenicolasius	Wineberry					I
Rubus sp.	Blackberry	DF				N/I
Rudbeckia hirta	Black-eyed Susan					N
Rumex acetosella	Sheep Sorrel					I
Rumex sp.	A Dock					N/I
Ruppia maritima	Widgeongrass	SR				N
Sagittaria graminea	Grass-leaved Arrowhead		SU			N
Salix nigra	Black Willow					N
Sambuscus nigra ssp. canadensis	Elderberry	DF				N
Sassafras albidum	Sassafras					N
Schedonorus phoenix	Tall Fescue	DF				I
Schedonorus pratensis	Kentucky Fescue					I
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Bluestem					N
Scirpus cyperinus	Woolgrass	DF				N
Senna hebecarpa	American Senna					N
Setaria italica	Millet Foxtail					I
Setaria pumila (S. glauca)	Yellow Foxtail					I

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location	State Rank	Federal Status	State Status	Origin
Sisyrinchium angustifolium	Blue-eyed Grass					N
Smilax rotundifolia	Common Greenbrier					N
Solanum sp.	Horse Nettle					N/I
Solidago altissima	Tall Goldenrod					N
Solidago bicolor	Silverrod					N
Solidago juncea	Early Goldenrod					N
Solidago nemoralis	Gray Goldenrod					N
Solidago odora	Sweet Goldenrod					N
Solidago rugosa	Rough Goldenrod					N
Solidago sempervirens	Seashore Goldenrod					N
Sonchus asper	Spiny-leaved Sow Thistle					I
Sorghastrum nutans	Indiangrass					N
Sorgum halepense	Johnsongrass					I
Sparganium eurycarpum	Broadfruit Bur-reed		S3			N
Spartina alterniflora	Smooth Cordgrass					N
Spartina patens	Salt-meadow Cordgrass	DF				N
Stellaria media	Common Chickweed					I
Strophostyles helvola	Trailing Wild Bean					N
Symphyotrichum lanceolatum	Tall White Aster					N
Symphyotrichum puniceum	Purple-stemmed Aster					N

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Symplocarpus foetidus	Skunk Cabbage	DF				N
Taraxacum officinale	Dandelion					I
Taxodium distichum	Bald Cypress					N
Thelypteris palustris	Marsh Fern					N
Tilia americana	Basswood					N
Toxicodendron radicans	Poison Ivy	DF				N
Tragopogon dubius	Meadow Goat's-beard					I
Tridens flavus	Purpletop					N
Trifolium aureum	Yellow-hop Clover					I
Trifolium campestre	Low Hop Clover					I
Trifolium incarnatum	Crimson Clover					I
Trifolium pratense	Red Clover					I
Trifolium repens	White Clover					I
Triodanis perfoliata	Venus' Looking-glass					N
Typha latifolia	Broad-leaved Cattail	DF				N
Ulmus americana	American Elm					N
Ulmus pumila	Siberian Elm					I
Vaccinium corymbosum	Highbush Blueberry	DF				N
Verbascum blattaria	Moth Mullein					I
Verbascum thapsus	Common Mullein					I
Verbena hastata	Swamp Verbena	DF				N

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Verbena urticifolia	White Vervain					N
Verbesina alternifolia	Wingstem					N
Veronica agrestis	Field Speedwell					I
Veronica arvensis	Corn Speedwell					I
Veronica officinalis	Common Speedwell					I
Viburnum acerifolium	Maple-leaf Viburnum					N
Viburnum dentatum	Arrowwood	DF				N
Viburnum prunifolium	Black Haw					N
Viola papilionacea	Common Blue Violet					N
Vitis labrusca	Fox Grape					N
Vitis rotundifolia	Muscadine Grape					N
Vitis vulpina	Frost Grape					N
Vulpia myuros	Rat-tail Fescue					I
Wisteria sinensis	Chinese Wisteria					I
Zannichellia palustris	Horned Pondweed	SR				N

N = Native

I = Introduced

DF = Dairy Farm

SR = Severn River and its tributaries

Sources: Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. 2003, 2004, 2005; U.S. Navy 1997, 2000a, 2001c, 2003; Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) 2005., MDNR 2010b

Appendix 3

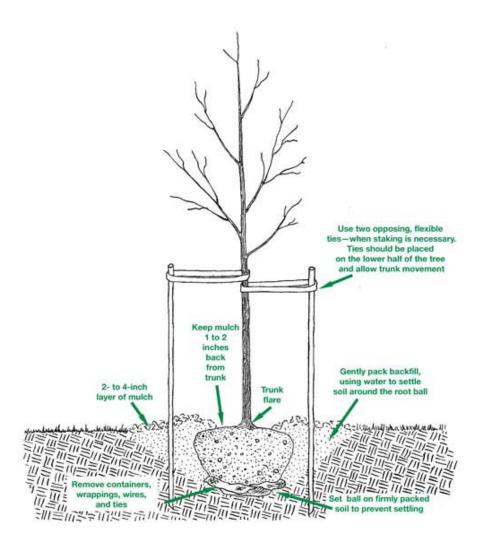
Tree Planting and Tree Care Standards
Native Plant Species for Landscaping
Landscaping Plants and Their Palatability to Deer

NEW TREE PLANTING

The ideal time to plant trees and shrubs is during the dormant season, in the fall after leaf drop or early spring before bud-break. Weather conditions are cool and allow plants to establish roots in the new location before spring rains and summer heat stimulate new top growth. However, trees properly cared for in the nursery or garden center, and given the appropriate care during transport to prevent damage, can be planted throughout the growing season. In either situation, proper handling during planting is essential to ensure a healthy future for new trees and shrubs. Before you begin planting your tree, be sure you have had all underground utilities located prior to digging.

If the tree you are planting is balled and burlapped, or bare rooted, it is important to understand that the tree's root system has been reduced by 90-95% of its original size during transplanting. As a result of the trauma caused by the digging process, trees will commonly exhibit what is known as transplant shock. Transplant shock is indicated by slow growth and reduced vigor following transplanting. Proper site preparation before and during planting, coupled with good follow up care will reduce the amount of time the plant experiences transplant shock and will allow the tree to quickly establish in its new location. Carefully follow eight simple steps and you can significantly reduce the stress placed on the plant at the time of planting.

- 1. **Dig a shallow, broad planting hole.** Make the hole wide, as much as three times the diameter of the root ball, but only as deep as the root ball. It is important to make the hole wide because the tree roots on the newly establishing tree must push through surrounding soil to establish. On most planting sites in new developments, the existing soils have been compacted and are unsuitable for healthy root growth. Breaking up the soil in a large area around the tree provides the newly emerging roots room to expand into loose soil to hasten establishment.
- 2. **Identify the trunk flare.** The trunk flare is where the roots spread at the base of the tree. This point should be partially visible after the tree has been planted (see diagram). If the trunk flare is not partially visible, you may have to remove some soil from the top of the root ball. Find it so you can determine how deep the hole needs to be for proper planting.
- 3. Place the tree at the proper height. Before placing the tree in the hole, check to see that the hole has been dug to the proper depth, and no more. The majority of the roots on the newly planted tree will develop in the top 12" of soil. If the tree is planted too deep, new roots will have difficulty developing due to a lack of oxygen. It is better to plant the tree a little high, 1-2" above the base of the trunk flare, than to plant it at or below the original growing level. This will allow for some settling (see diagram). To avoid damage when setting the tree in the hole, always lift the tree by the root ball, and never by the trunk.
- 4. **Straighten the tree in the hole.** Before you begin backfilling have someone view the tree from several directions to confirm the tree is straight. Once you begin backfilling it is difficult to reposition.



- 5. **Fill the hole, gently but firmly.** Fill the hole about 1/3 full and gently but firmly pack the soil around the base of the root ball. Then, if the tree is balled and burlapped, cut and remove the string and wire from around the trunk and top 1/3 of the root ball (see diagram). Be careful not to damage the trunk or roots in the process. Fill the remainder of the hole, taking care to firmly pack soil to eliminate air pockets that may cause roots to dry out. To avoid this problem, add the soil a few inches at a time and settle with water. Continue this process until the hole is filled and the tree is firmly planted. It is not recommended to apply fertilizer at the time of planting.
- 6. **Stake the tree, if necessary.** If the tree is grown and dug properly at the nursery, staking for support is not necessary in most home landscape situations. Studies have shown that trees will establish more quickly and develop stronger trunk and root systems if they are not staked at the time of planting. However, protective staking may be required on sites where lawn mower damage, vandalism or windy conditions are concerns. If staking is necessary for support, two stakes used in conjunction with a wide flexible tie material will hold the tree upright, provide flexibility, and

- minimize injury to the trunk (see diagram). Remove support staking and ties after the first year of growth. Leave protective staking in place as long as necessary.
- 7. **Mulch the base of the tree.** Mulch is simply organic matter applied to the area at the base of the tree. It acts as a blanket to hold moisture, protect against harsh soil temperatures, both hot and cold, and reduces competition from grass and weeds. Some good choices are leaf litter, pine straw, shredded bark, peat moss, or wood chips. A two to four inch layer is ideal. More than four inches may cause a problem with gas exchange. When placing mulch, care should be taken so that the actual trunk of the tree is not covered. This may cause decay of the living bark at the base of the tree. A mulch-free area, one to two inches wide at the base of the tree, is sufficient to avoid moist bark conditions and prevent decay.
- 8. **Follow-up care.** Keep the soil moist but not soaked; overwatering will cause leaves to turn yellow or fall off. Water trees at least once a week, barring rain, and more frequently during hot weather. When the soil is dry below the surface of the mulch, it is time to water. Continue until mid-fall, tapering off for lower temperatures that require less frequent watering. Other follow-up care may include minor pruning of branches damaged during the planting process. Prune sparingly immediately after planting, and wait to begin necessary corrective pruning until after a full season of growth in the new location.

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PRUNING TREES

Pruning is the most common tree maintenance procedure. Although forest trees grow quite well with only nature's pruning, landscape trees require a higher level of care to maintain their safety and aesthetics. Pruning should be done with an understanding of how the tree responds to each cut. Improper pruning can cause damage that will last for the life of the tree, or worse, it will shorten the tree's life.

Reasons for Pruning

Since each cut has the potential to change the growth of the tree, no branch should be removed without a reason. Common reasons for pruning are to remove dead branches, to remove crowded or rubbing limbs, and to eliminate hazards. Trees may also be pruned to increase light and air penetration to the inside of the tree's crown or to the landscape below. In most cases, mature trees are pruned as a corrective or preventative measure.

When to Prune

Most routine pruning to remove weak, diseased or dead limbs can be accomplished at any time during the year with little effect on the tree. As a rule, growth is maximized and wound closure is fastest if pruning takes place before the spring growth flush. Some trees, such as maples and birches, tend to "bleed" if pruned early in the spring. This may be unsightly, but is of little consequence to the tree.

A few tree diseases, such as oak wilt, can be spread when pruning wounds allow spores access into the tree. Susceptible trees should not be pruned during active transmission periods.

Heavy pruning just after the spring growth flush should be avoided. This is when trees have just expended a great deal of energy to produce foliage and early shoot growth. Removal of a large percentage of foliage at this time can stress the tree.

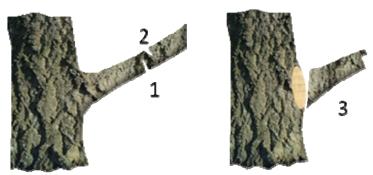
Making Proper Pruning Cuts to Mature Trees

Pruning cuts should be made just outside the branch collar. The branch collar contains trunk or parent branch tissue and should not be damaged or removed. If trunk collar has grown out on a dead limb to be removed, make the cut just beyond the collar. Do not cut the collar (see figure).



On a dead branch that has a collar of live wood, the final cut should be made just beyond the outer edge of the collar.

If a large limb is to be removed, its weight should first be reduced. This is done by making an undercut about 12-18 inches from the limb's point of attachment. A second cut is made from the top, directly above or a few inches further out on the limb. This removes the limb leaving the 12-18 inch stub. The stub is removed by cutting back to the branch collar. This technique reduces the possibility of tearing the bark



Use the 3-cut method to remove a large limb.

How Much Should be Pruned?

The amount of live tissue that should be removed depends on the tree size, species, and age, as well as the pruning objectives. Younger trees will tolerate the removal of a higher percentage of living tissue than mature trees. A common mistake is to remove too much inner foliage and small branches. It is important to maintain an even distribution of foliage along large limbs and in the lower portion of the crown. A widely accepted rule of thumb is never to remove more than one fourth of a tree's leaf bearing crown. In a mature tree, pruning even that much could have negative effects. Removing even a single, large-diameter limb can create a wound that the tree may not be able to close. The older and larger a tree becomes, the less energy it has in reserve to close wounds and defend against decay or insect attack. The pruning of large, mature trees is usually limited to the removal of dead or potentially hazardous limbs.

Wound Dressings

Wound dressings were once thought to accelerate wound closure, protect against insects and diseases, and reduce decay. However, research has shown that dressings do not reduce decay or speed closure, and rarely prevent insect or disease infestations. Most experts recommend that wound dressings not be used. If a dressing must be used for cosmetic purposes, then only a thin coating of a non-toxic material should be applied.

Newly Planted Trees

Pruning of newly planted trees should be limited to corrective pruning. Remove torn or broken branches. Save other pruning measures for the second or third year. The belief that trees should be pruned when planted to compensate for root loss is misguided. Trees need their leaves and shoot tips to provide food and the substances, which stimulate new root production. Unpruned trees establish faster, with a stronger root system than trees pruned at the time of planting.

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RECOGNIZING HAZARDOUS TREES

Hazardous Trees & Utility Lines. Trees that fall into utility lines have additional serious consequences. Not only can they injure people or property near the line, but hitting a line may cause power outages, surges, fires and other damage. Downed lines still conducting electricity are especially dangerous. A tree with a potential to fall into a utility line is a very serious situation.

Tree Hazard Checklist

Consider these questions...

- 1. Are there large dead branches in the tree?
- 2. Are there detached branches hanging in the tree?
- 3. Does the tree have cavities or rotten wood along the trunk or in major branches?
- 4. Are mushrooms present at the base of the tree?
- 5. Are there cracks or splits in the trunk or where branches are attached?
- 6. Have any branches fallen from the tree?
- 7. Have adjacent trees fallen over or died?
- 8. Has the trunk developed a strong lean?
- 9. Do many of the major branches arise from one point on the trunk?
- 10. Have the roots been broken off, injured or damaged by lowering the soil level, installing pavement, repairing sidewalks or digging trenches?
- 11. Has the site recently been changed by construction, raising the soil level or installing lawns?
- 12. Have the leaves prematurely developed an unusual color or size?
- 13. Have trees in adjacent wooded areas been removed?
- 14. Has the tree been topped or otherwise heavily pruned?

Managing Tree Hazards

One of these treatments may help make your tree safer. Reducing the risk associated with hazardous trees can take many forms.

- 1. **Prune the tree**. Remove the defective branches of the tree. Since in appropriate pruning may also weaken a tree,
- 2. **Provide routine care**. Mature trees need routine care in the form of water, fertilizer (in some cases), mulch and pruning as dictated by the season and their structure.

A number of treatments are best done by a Certified Arborist

- 1. **Cable and brace the tree.** Provide physical support for weak branches and stems to increase their strength and stability.
- 2. **Remove the tree.** Some hazardous trees are best removed. If possible, plant a new tree in an appropriate place as a replacement.

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Native Plants for Landscaping and Site Reclamation

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Low Moisture	Moderate Moisture	High Moisture	Full Shade	Partial Sun	Full Sun	Suggested Uses
Forbs/Herbs		22018220	112020002	1/10150410	1120200010	5114420		1 411 5411	Suggested See
Boneset	Eupatorium spp.	1'-4'	√	$\sqrt{}$	√		√	√	reclamation, wildflower meadow
Butterfly weed	Asclepias tuberosa	1'-3'	√					√	reclamation, wildflower meadow
Common milkweed	Asclepias syriaca	1'-2'		V	V		$\sqrt{}$	√	reclamation, wildflower meadow
Goat's rue	Tephrosia virginiana	1'-2'	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$				$\sqrt{}$	reclamation
Goldenrod	Solidago spp.	2'-6'	√	V	√		√	√	reclamation, wildflower meadow
Late purple aster	Symphyotrichum patens	1'-4'	V	V			√	√	reclamation, wildflower meadow
New York aster	Symphyotrichum novi-belgii	1'-4'		V	V		√	√	reclamation, wildflower meadow
Round-head bushclover	Lespedeza capitata	2'-4'	\checkmark					$\sqrt{}$	reclamation
Sunflower	Helianthus spp.	1'-2'	√	V			√	√	reclamation, wildflower meadow
Threadleaf coreopsis	Coreopsis verticillata	2'	√				√	√	reclamation, wildflower meadow
Wand-like bushclover	Lespedeza intermedia	1'-3'	√	√			√	√	reclamation
Wild bergamot	Monarda fistulosa	<1'-3'	√					√	reclamation, wildflower meadow
Grasses									
Broomsedge	Andropogon virginicus	1'-3'	V	√			√	√	native warm-season grassland
Bushy broomsedge	Andropogon glomeratus	1.5' -5'		√	√		√	√	native warm-season grassland
Switchgrass	Panicum virgatum	3'-5'		$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		√		native warm-season grassland

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height		Moderate Moisture	High Moisture	Full Shade	Partial Sun	Full Sun	Suggested Uses
Little bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	2'-3'	√ √	√ √	1110154414	Siluce	√ √	√ V	native warm-season grassland
Eastern gamma grass	Tripsacum dactyloides		√	√			√	√	native warm-season grassland
Side-oats grama	Bouteloua curtipendula			√					native warm-season grassland
Indian grass	Sorghastrum nutans	5'-6'	V	√				√	native warm-season grassland
Shrubs		•	•					•	
Blueberry, highbush	Vaccinium corymbosum	2'-12'		√	√	√	$\sqrt{}$		riparian buffer
Blueberry, lowbush	Vaccinium pallidum	1'-1.5'	√	√		\checkmark	√		reclamation, wildlife
Buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis	3'-7'			√	\checkmark	√		riparian buffer
Chokeberry, red	Aronia arbutifolia	3'-10'	√	√	√		√	√	riparian buffer, reclamation
Dogwood, graystem	Cornus racemosa	10'-15'	√	√	√	\checkmark	√	√	riparian buffer, reclamation
Dogwood, silky	Cornus amomum	6'-10'		√	√		√		riparian buffer
Hazel alder	Alnus serrulata	6'-15'		√	√	√	√		riparian buffer
Hazelnut	Corylus americana	6'-10'		√	√		√	√	reclamation, wildlife
Inkberry	Ilex glabrs	2'-10'		√	√	$\sqrt{}$	√		riparian buffer, landscape
Mountain laurel	Kalmia latifolia	3'-10'	√	√		$\sqrt{}$	√		landscape
Serviceberry	Amelanchier canadensis	5'-15'		√					landscape, wildlife
Swamp azalea	Rhododendron viscosum	3'-8'		√	√	$\sqrt{}$	√		riparian buffer
Sweet pepperbush	Clethra alnifolia	3'-8'		√	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	√	√	riparian buffer, landscape
Viburnum, arrowwood	Viburnum dentatum	4'-8'		√	√		√	√	riparian buffer, landscape
Viburnum, blackhaw	Viburnum prunifolium	8'-15'	√	√	√	$\sqrt{}$	√		landscape, reclamation
Virginia sweetspire	Itea virginica	3'-5'		√	√	√	√	√	riparian buffer, landscape
Wax myrtle	Morella (Myrica) cerifera	2'-6'		√	√		√	√	riparian buffer
Winterberry	Ilex verticilatta	4'-12'		√	√		√	√	riparian buffer
Small Trees									
Dogwood	Cornus florida	20'-30'		√			√	√	landscape
Hawthorn	Crataegus spp.	10'-20'		√			√	√	landscape
Sassafras	Sassafras albidum	20'-40'		√			√	√	landscape, reclamation

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Low Moisture	Moderate Moisture	High Moisture	Full Shade	Partial Sun	Full Sun	Suggested Uses
Serviceberry	Amelanchier arboria	15'-25'		√			√		landscape, wildlife
Sweetbay magnolia	Magnolia virginiana	15'-30'		√	$\sqrt{}$	V	$\sqrt{}$		riparian buffer, landscape
Medium to Large Tree	s	•	•					•	
America holly	Ilex opaca	40'-50'		√	$\sqrt{}$		$\sqrt{}$	√	landscape, wildlife
Ash, green	Fraxinus americana	50'-80'		√	√			√	riparian buffer, landscape
Ash, White	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	50'-60'		√	√			√	riparian buffer, landscape
Black locust	Robinia pseudoacacia	30'-50'	√	√			√	√	reclamation
Black willow	Salix nigra	30'-50'		√	√	$\sqrt{}$	√		riparian buffer
Blackgum	Nyssa sylvatica	50'-70'		√	√		√	√	riparian buffer, landscape
Eastern red cedar	Juniperus virginiana	45'-65'	√	√	√		√	V	visual screen
Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	40'-60'		√	√		√	V	riparian buffer, landscape
Oak, black	Quercus velutina	65'-80'	√	V	$\sqrt{}$		V	V	landscape, reforestation
Oak, cherrybark	Quercus pagodaefolia	70'-80'		$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark		V	$\sqrt{}$	landscape, reforestation,
Oak, chestnut	Quercus prinus	65'-80'	√				V		reforestation, reclamation
Oak, pin	Quercus palustris	60'-70'		$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$			$\sqrt{}$	riparian buffer, landscape
Oak, southern red	Quercus falcata	70'-80'	√	\checkmark				$\sqrt{}$	landscape, reforestation
Oak, white	Quercus alba	70'-80'		$\sqrt{}$			V	$\sqrt{}$	landscape, reforestation
Oak, willow	Quercus phellos	40'-60'	√	V	$\sqrt{}$		V	V	landscape, riparian buffer,
Persimmon	Diospyros virginiana	30'-40'	√	$\sqrt{}$			V	$\sqrt{}$	reclamation, wildlife
Pine, loblolly	Pinus taeda	80'-100'	√	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		V	$\sqrt{}$	landscape, reforestation
Pine, shortleaf	Pinus echinata	80'-100'	√	V			V	V	reforestation
Pine, Virginia	Pinus virginiana	30'-50'	√	\checkmark				$\sqrt{}$	reclamation
Red maple	Acer rubrum	50'-80'	√	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		V	$\sqrt{}$	riparian buffer, landscape
Red mulberry	Morus rubra	30'-40'		√			√	√	wildlife
River birch	Betula nigra	40'-70'		√	V	√	√		riparian buffer, landscape
Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	75'-120'		√	V		V	√	riparian buffer, landscape
Yellow poplar	Leriodendron tulipifera	100'-150'		\checkmark			$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	landscape, reforestation

Whitetail Deer Resistant Plants

Scientific Name	Common name
Plants Rarely Damaged:	
Betula papyrifera	Paper Birch
Buxus sempervirens	Common Boxwood
I/ex opaca	American Holly
Leucothoe spp	Doghobble, Staggerbush, etc.
Osmunda	Ferns
Plants Seldom Severely Damaged:	
Calastrus scandens	American Bittersweet
Cornus sericea	Red Osier Dogwood
Cornus florida	Flowering Dogwood
Crataegus spp	Hawthorn species
Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust
llex glabra	Inkberry
Kalmia latifolia	Mountain Laurel
Pinus rigida	Pitch Pine
Salix spp	Willows
Sassafras albidum	Common Sassafras
Syringa vulgaris	Common Lilac
Plants Occasionally Severely Damaged:	
Acer rubrum	Red Maple
Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple
Acer saccharum	Sugar Maple
Aesculus hippocastanum	Common Horsechestnut
Amelanchier spp	Serviceberries
Campsis radicans	Trumpet Creeper
Cornus racemosa	Panicled Dogwood
Hamamelis virginiana	Common Witchhazel
Hydrangea spp	Hydrangeas
Juniperus virginiana	Eastern Red Cedar
Magnolia (x) soulangiana	Saucer Magnolia
Parthenocissus quinquifolia	Virginia Creeper
Pinus strobus	Eastern White Pine
Quercus spp	Oaks
Rhododendron spp.	Deciduous Azaleas
Rhus typhina	Staghorn Sumac
Rosa rugosa	Rugosa Rose
Salix spp.	Willows
Tilia americana	Basswood
Viburnum spp	Viburnum spp
Plants Frequently Severely Damaged:	
Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud
Chamaecyparis thyoides	Atlantic White Cedar
Clematis spp.	Clematis
Euonymus alatus	Winged Euonymus

Whitetail Deer Resistant Plants (cont'd)

Scientific Name	Common name
Euonymus fortunei	Wintercreeper
Hedera helix	English Ivy
Malus spp,	Apples
Prunus spp.	Cherries, Plums
Rhododendron spp.	Rhododendrons
Thuja occidentalis	American Arborvitae

Source: Fargione et al. 1991

Appendix 4

Soil and Water Conservation Plan

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PLAN FOR LEASE AT U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY DAIRY FARM

14 November 2007

The LESSEE shall apply appropriate conservation measures and use the premises of the U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY (USNA) DAIRY FARM, Gambrills, Maryland (hereinafter referred to as "FARM") by following generally accepted local farming and grazing practices. The LESSEE shall in no manner substantially change the contour or condition of land without expressed written authority from the NAVFAC WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE Contracting Officer (NFW RECO).

In addition, opportunities exist to enhance natural resources while continuing FARM agricultural operations. The LESSEE through the NFW RECO shall coordinate farming and grazing practices on the FARM with NAVFAC WASHINGTON Natural Resources (NFW NR) personnel to facilitate the protection and enhancement of a diversity of natural ecological communities, including (1) fish and wildlife populations and their associated habitat; (2) wetlands, streams, and floodplains; and (3) rare, threatened, or endangered species. Management of the natural resources at the FARM also includes providing opportunities for enhanced recreational use and aesthetic value of wildlife resources.

- 1. <u>DESCRIPTION</u>. The USNA DAIRY FARM is an 857-acre farm located in Gambrills, MD (Appendix A, Conservation Plan Map). The use of the FARM is for farming, ranching, and associated holistic programs associated with agricultural uses. Of the 857 acres, 165 acres are available for pasture, 630 acres are available for crop production, 26 acres are improved, and 35 acres are identified as wetlands.
- 2. <u>USE.</u> The primary use of the FARM is for agricultural purposes (see Appendix A). The lease operation is authorized by section 2881 of H.R. 119, National Defense Authorization Act of FY 1998 and subject to the military requirements for the land. Typical crops grown on the FARM are grains, hay, vegetables, and other crops in support of dairy farming activities, as well as beef production. Fields available for planting of crops are identified in Appendix B. NFW RECO must approve any ornamental plantings. The planting of vineyard, orchard, rice crops, or sod farming is not permitted.
- 3. <u>NON-REIMBURSABLE WORK.</u> The GOVERNMENT will not provide any reimbursement for work (i.e. improvements, land management, conservation efforts, landscaping, etc.) conducted on the leased portion.
- 4. <u>SOILS.</u> The LESSEE shall apply prudent erosion control measures associated with normal farming operations to reduce soil loss as requested by the GOVERNMENT.

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This includes potential erosion under fence lines and along stream banks. Several soil types exist at the FARM (see Appendix C), a description of the predominant soil types follows:

- a. <u>Butlertown silt loam (BuA)</u>. A 0-2 percent slope is level and suited for small grains and corn.
- b. <u>Butlertown silt loam (BuB2)</u>. A 2-5 percent slope is moderately eroded soils. Soils are deep and well drained. Erosion control is more important than drainage improvement.
- c. <u>Butlertown silt loam (BuC3)</u>. A 5-10 percent slope is a moderately sloping soils that have retained little of its original surface layer thus being severely eroded. This soil is subject to compaction by grazing animals and farm machinery.
- d. <u>Butlertown silt loam (BuD3)</u>. A 10-15 percent slope has little of its original surface layer. This soil often consists of loamy and clayey material and has reddish brown, gravelly subsoil with deep gullies. The soils are deep and well drained but exist on steep slopes. These soils are not suited for cultivation, but rather, for pasture, woodland, and well sodded orchards. Conservation measures applied for safely cultivating these soils may not be economically feasible.
- e. <u>Sassafras fine sandy loam (SaD3)</u>. A 10-15 percent slope is unable to be cultivated due to high erosion potential. This soil needs permanent vegetation cover.
- f. Sassafras fine sandy loam (SaB2). A 2-5 percent slope is well suited to most crops but some erosion control measures are required due to potential erosion. When properly managed, these soils are well suited to truck crops, corn, small grains, hay, and pasture. Because these soils erode readily, a cover crop should be present at all times.
- g. <u>Bibb silt loam (Bm)</u>. It is nearly level and is often associated with hydric soils. Erosion potential along stream banks and fields requires the attention of the LESSEE to ensure appropriate erosion control measures are implemented. Because the soils are considered hydric, State and local permits may be required for cultivation.

5. IRRIGATION.

a. <u>Irrigation Pipeline System.</u> The LESSEE shall not be allowed to make any modifications, additions, or deletions in or to the GOVERNMENT owned irrigation system without written approval from NFW RECO. The LESSEE shall maintain the GOVERNMENT owned irrigation system in at least as

- good a condition as received hereunder throughout the lease term. If the LESSEE desires to install a new or add upon an existing irrigation system the written approval of the NFW RECO is required. The GOVERNMENT will not approve the LESSEE to drill any new wells for the purpose of irrigation.
- b. <u>Irrigation Ditches.</u> The LESSEE shall maintain all irrigation ditches within the leased property essentially free of weeds, silt, debris, and refuse at the expense of the LESSEE. Drainage ditches within established natural areas shall not be maintained. The LESSEE shall obtain written approval from NFW RECO before dredging any drainage ditch at the FARM. All new ditches shall be constructed at least eight (8) feet from utility poles, survey monuments, and manholes. A utility survey shall be conducted prior to digging. The LESSEE shall immediately repair all leaking irrigation ditches to prevent soil erosion and to provide unimpaired vehicle access between parcels. Borders and/or furrows shall be constructed as needed for an efficient distribution of irrigation water.
- 6. <u>FARMING PRACTICES</u>. No clearing of land is permitted without the prior written authorization from the NFW RECO.
 - a. <u>Minimum Tillage</u>. The LESSEE shall practice "minimum tillage" wherever practical and feasible. The LESSEE shall vary the depth of plowing from year to year to prevent plow pan from forming and to facilitate water infiltration. To reduce possible erosion, tillage operations shall be scheduled to minimize the time during which soil will be subject to wind erosion and dust production. Organic practices on the property are authorized.
 - b. <u>Soil Ripping.</u> Soil ripping/chiseling is a very beneficial practice for enhancing water infiltration and reducing toxic salt accumulations. The LESSEE shall be very careful when ripping/chiseling or slip plowing to avoid damaging GOVERNMENT improvements and/or utilities.
 - c. <u>Planting Schedule</u>. The LESSEE shall plan and implement a planting schedule so that all crops are harvested and removed from the parcel by termination date of the final lease year. The GOVERNMENT does not guarantee any extension of the lease term for the sole purpose of harvesting crops. The LESSEE shall rotate crops on an annual basis and submit a yearly crop planting schedule by 31 January to the NFW RECO. This schedule shall identify the previous year's planting by parcel and the proposed planting for the next calendar year. Similar (e.g. legume to legume) crops may not be planted in the same field two years in a row. This restriction does not apply to cover crops.
 - d. <u>Harvested Crop Storage</u>. The LESSEE may store harvested crops only in areas designated by the NFW RECO. The LESSEE may not store harvested crops of other farmers on a reimbursable basis at the FARM.

- e. <u>Fallow Cropland</u>. If the LESSEE elects to lay fallow any portion of the leased cropland, the area shall have a cover crop, such as close-growing grasses, legumes, or small grain, applied for soil erosion reduction, soil improvement, and nutrient management purposes, until the land is again farmed.
- f. Field Border. The LESSEE shall establish a field border of perennial vegetation no less than 10 inches in height on the edge of cropped fields. This border can be used for access to the field and will aid in reducing soil erosion transported off the field. Field borders throughout the FARM will vary in width depending on the topography of the field and it's location on the FARM relative to surface water features. However, at a minimum, field borders will not be less than 5 feet in width.
- 7. <u>GRAZING MANAGEMENT</u>. No grazing shall be allowed in established riparian areas surrounding Towser's Branch or the unnamed tributary of Towser's Branch.
 - a. Grazing Intensity. Grazing shall be allowed on the FARM, but shall not increase soil erosion, sediment production, or nutrient loading within the Little Patuxent River watershed. It is the expressed concern of the GOVERNMENT that the FARM not be overgrazed. Therefore, vegetation shall be maintained at an average minimum height of 3.0 inches, and a rotational grazing system with a permanent perimeter fence shall be established. If, in a given year, it is determined that there is not enough available forage area to graze the established acres under management, then the GOVERNMENT reserves the right to reduce the number of allowable acres under management in the lease year. The Navy may however, allow an increase in the grazing intensity, providing adequate forage area exists to support additional acres under management. Written permission from NFW RECO must be sought by the LESSEE prior to exceeding the established grazing intensity.
 - b. <u>Season of Use</u>. Year long grazing is allowed. The LESSEE shall utilize a pasture rotation system.
 - c. <u>Livestock Distribution</u>. If salt blocks and feed supplements are utilized, they shall be distributed evenly throughout the FARM. In addition, they shall not be located within a ¼ mile of watering areas.
 - d. <u>Livestock Water Facilities</u>. The LESSEE shall frequently inspect and maintain existing and future livestock watering facilities, including water storage tanks, wells, pipelines, and water troughs. Maintenance includes, but is not limited to, (1) maintaining water free of excessive amounts of algae, silt, and manure; (2) clearing obstructions away from drain and spillways; (3) repairing pipeline, float, and valve mechanisms; and (4) stabilizing reservoir slopes and spillways. The LESSEE shall not be permitted to drill new wells for the purposes of livestock watering.

- e. <u>Livestock Fence and Gate Maintenance.</u> The LESSEE shall repair and maintain in a livestock-tight condition all fences, gates, and other facilities associated with the FARM, in at least as good a condition as received hereunder. All material used in maintaining GOVERNMENT owned facilities shall be of at least the same type and quality as those used in original construction. All materials used for such repairs shall become the property of the GOVERNMENT and shall not be removed by the LESSEE upon termination of the lease. Every three years of the lease, all fences shall be tightened and all fence posts and braces shall be straightened to the satisfaction of NFW NR Personnel. If the LESSEE desires to change existing fence line patterns or add additional fencing written approval from the NFW RECO is required. All new fences become the property of the Government at the end of the lease. Vegetation maintenance surrounding fences shall be at the discretion of the LESSEE, given applicable restrictions in accordance with Section 9.
- f. <u>Animal Health.</u> The LESSEE shall comply with all Federal, state, and local animal health laws and regulations with respect to livestock grazing on the FARM.
- g. Livestock Processing. The LESSEE is not allowed to process livestock on the FARM for the purposes of human consumption.
- h. <u>Removal of Dead Livestock.</u> The LESSEE shall immediately dispose of any dead animals in a manner satisfactory to NFW RECO. The NFW NR will provide the LESSEE a map of pre-approved livestock disposal locations prior to lease execution. Upon discovery of dead livestock, disposal shall take place within 24 hours or sooner.
- i. <u>Reporting Requirements.</u> The LESSEE shall retain grazing records and upon NFW RECO request provide such records to the GOVERNMENT.

8. LAND MANAGEMENT.

- a. <u>Riparian Buffers</u>. The LESSEE shall maintain existing riparian buffers on land adjacent to water courses, waterbodies, and wetlands. The LESSEE shall coordinate with NFW NR to maintain riparian buffers at the FARM that serve to improve water quality, reduce undercutting of stream banks, and minimize sedimentation.
- b. <u>Hayfields</u>. The LESSEE shall set aside 50 contiguous acres, approximately 8% of the 630 acres are available for crop production, of hayfields where cutting is delayed (after July 15) for "conservation grasslands." This will contribute to grassland breeding bird success and the LESSEE shall coordinate with NFW NR.

- c. Road Damage Prevention. The LESSEE shall not maneuver "track-laying" or "spike-wheeled" vehicles over the FARM's roads unless adequate road protective measures are taken. The LESSEE shall be billed by the GOVERNMENT for any and all road damage repairs resulting from any activities of the LESSEE on the FARM.
- d. <u>Dust Control</u>. The LESSEE shall control excessive dust generated from farming activities on the unpaved roads of the leased area through the application of water. The LESSEE shall take all appropriate actions to control excessive dust generated by the LESSEE activities.
- e. <u>Debris Removal</u>. The LESSEE shall dispose of all debris generated at the FARM to the satisfaction of NFW RECO. Within 30 days of being notified, the LESSEE shall correct any deficiency noted by the GOVERNMENT.
- f. <u>Fire Prevention</u>. The LESSEE shall comply with the Navy and USNA fire control and prevention regulations. The LESSEE shall be liable for any fire damage to GOVERNMENT owned structures and improvements and associated costs of fire suppression, which are a direct or indirect result of any activities of the LESSEE on the FARM.
 - i. <u>Equipment</u>. All engine driven equipment used by the LESSEE on the FARM shall be equipped with properly operating spark arresters, mufflers, and tailpipe assemblies. In addition, any vehicle having a catalytic converter shall not be driven through areas of dry, combustible material.
 - ii. Storage of Equipment and Flammable Materials. Equipment, fuel, and oil shall be stored only in the designated "LESSEE Storage Area". The LESSEE shall obtain written approval from NFW RECO prior to storing equipment and flammable materials at the FARM.
 - iii. <u>Spark-producing Equipment</u>. Arc, gas, TIG ("Heli-Arc") welders shall be used only with an adequate fire extinguisher readily accessible and only in the "LESSEE Storage Area", or for repairs on a specific piece of equipment parked on and surrounded by a fire resistant area, as designated by NFW RECO.
- 9. <u>PEST MANAGEMENT</u>. The LESSEE shall control by mechanical means or by pesticide/herbicide/insecticide application all noxious weeds and undesirable weeds, rodents, insects, and other pests on the parcel. The term "pesticide" includes herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides and algaecides. Pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides shall be used sparingly by the LESSEE in order to minimize chemical concentrations draining off the FARM into the Little Patuxent River watershed.

- a. Permits and Pest Management Plan. The LESSEE shall be responsible for complying with all federal, state, and local environmental standards, including obtaining required permits. At the beginning of each planting season, the LESSEE shall furnish NFW RECO with a Pest Management Plan (see Appendix D). This annual plan shall contain the following information regarding all pesticides that the LESSEE will use on the FARM: (1) common name; (2) concentration of the product; (3) product formula; (4) amount to be used; (5) target pest or weed; (6) crop and acreage to be treated; (6) application rate per acre; (7) time and frequency of application; and (8) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registration number. Changes in the LESSEE's pesticide application program, such as target pest, application time and frequency, name of pesticide, and total amount of the product to be used, must be reported to and approved by NFW RECO prior to application. The LESSEE shall not proceed with its application program until receipt of NFW RECO approval.
- b. Mosquito Abatement. In order to minimize mosquito breeding, the LESSEE shall not permit tail water or runoff to stand in ditches between irrigation operations. The LESSEE shall be responsible for the abatement of mosquitoes and shall be billed by the GOVERNMENT for any and all mosquito control expenses attributed to the farming activities of the LESSEE of the FARM. Any chemical use for mosquito control must be included in the Pest Management Plan. General guidelines for the control of mosquitoes on irrigated farmland shall be provided, if requested from NFW RECO.
- c. <u>Rodent Control</u>. Rodent control measures shall be undertaken by the LESSEE to prevent damage to the FARM. In no instance shall the LESSEE be allowed to use any chemical toxicant that has secondary poisoning effects. The LESSEE must have approval from NFW RECO prior to using any rodenticide in the leased premises and all rodenticides used shall be reported on the Pest Management Plan.
- d. <u>Bird Control.</u> All control measures initiated to protect crops from bird depredation shall be coordinated and approved by the NFW RECO. The LESSEE shall provide management plans to include bird species, control measures, and estimated number of birds to be taken. Also prior to any taking of birds, the LESSEE shall have the due diligence and financial burden of obtaining all appropriate permits.

10. NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT.

a. <u>Nutrient Management Plan.</u> The LESSEE shall provide a Nutrient Management Plan within 45 days of lease award. To develop this plan the LESSEE shall work with Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District. Upon approval by a certified nutrient management consultant licensed by the

Maryland Department of Agriculture, this plan shall be submitted to NFW RECO for concurrence. Fields with a Phosphorus Fertility Index Value (FIV-P) greater than 150 shall be analyzed with the Maryland Phosphorus Site Index and addressed in the Nutrient Management Plan.

- b. <u>Fertlizer Application</u>. The LESSEE shall follow soil test requirements when planning the timing and application of crop fertilizers at the FARM. Application equipment shall be properly calibrated and maintained. Records shall be submitted to the Navy annually by 31 December detailing the planned and actual amount of fertilizer applied to each field, including the planned and actual date of application.
- c. <u>Manure Stockpiles</u>. The LESSEE shall ensure that manure (fertilizer) piles are not be stockpiled uncovered on the FARM, especially in areas above Towser's Branch and its tributary. This will minimize non-point source pollution, e.g. nutrient loading, to streams.

11. NOTIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION.

- a. <u>Coordination</u>. The LESSEE shall closely coordinate farming operation with NFW RECO. The LESSEE shall be available at all times to correct emergency situations with regard to the FARM lease. The LESSEE shall provide NFW RECO with current emergency telephone numbers at which the LESSEE may be contacted during working and non-working hours.
- b. <u>Vehicle Operation</u>. Ingress and egress routes on and within the FARM shall be designated by NFW RECO. Vehicles used by the LESSEE and associated lease employees, contractors, and agents shall meet Maryland licensing requirements, Maryland vehicle safety standards, and Maryland vehicle insurance requirements. The lease document shall be presented when registering vehicles.
- c. <u>Authorization</u>. Visitors, other than GOVERNMENT personnel and LESSEE employees, must obtain a pass from the LESSEE. All migrant farm workers shall be properly authorized to work in the United States and authorized by the USNA Security Office. Any farm worker not properly authorized to work on the FARM will be held for the appropriate authorities.
- 12. <u>DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY</u>. Information regarding the existence, location, and depth of underground utilities shall be obtained from the USNA. Other signs, poles, piezometers, survey markers, or structures adjacent to or included within the parcel shall not be damaged. The LESSEE shall be held liable for all damages to GOVERNMENT owned structures, utilities, monuments, and improvements, which result from lease activities. The LESSEE shall repair or replace damaged GOVERNMENT property, or the GOVERNMENT will bill the LESSEE for any and

all expenses for repairing damaged GOVERNMENT property that is required as a result of activities of the LESSEE.

13. <u>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.</u>

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ANNE ARUNDEL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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14. LEASE ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE.

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Appendix 5

Signed Findings of No Significant Impacts

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) ADDENDUM FOR UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY (USNA) BRIGADE SPORTS COMPLEX, ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Ref: (1) Environmental Assessment for the USNA Brigade Sports Complex at Annapolis, MD, April 2006

- (2) Department of Defense, Department of the Navy, Finding of No Significant Impact for Environmental Assessment for the USNA Brigade Sports Complex at Annapolis, MD, May 2006
- (3) Environmental Assessment Addendum for the USNA Sports Complex at Annapolis, MD, March 2009

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, and Chief of Naval Operations Instruction 5090.1C, the Department of the Navy (Navy) gives notice that an EA Addendum has been prepared and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

Background: Reference (1) analyzed the environmental impacts of constructing and operating a Brigade Sports Complex that includes a 135,500 ft² building containing an indoor ice rink, six indoor tennis courts, and locker rooms; six outdoor tennis courts; a separate indoor hockey rink in another building; and parking spaces. Reference (2) was signed in May 2006.

After Reference (2) was signed, an outdoor artificial rugby field was determined to be required to elevate the rugby program to a Club "A" designation. Presently, multi-use fields are used for rugby, but a dedicated field is necessary for Club "A" designation. Therefore, Reference (3), has been prepared to assess the potential environmental issues and consequences that may be associated with the construction and operation of an outdoor rugby field in conjunction with the proposed action evaluated in Reference (1).

Proposed Action: The construction of an outdoor artificial turf rugby field.

Existing Conditions: The current facilities for the academy's ice hockey, tennis, and rugby programs are insufficient for Class "A" rugby, tennis, and hockey. The purpose of the proposed action is

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to provide the US Naval Academy (USNA) a consolidated sports complex. A portion of the preferred site includes a young forest within and outside of the tidal waters buffer.

The men's and women's rugby programs currently use on-site fields located on the main campus of the U.S. Naval Academy (Yard) for both practice and home games. With the competing field sports on-site, there is inadequate field space at the Yard, so a new field is needed. Both men's and women's rugby programs anticipate further growth and interest by the midshipmen. Rugby is further being elevated to a Club "A" designation, and a dedicated facility versus multi-use fields is necessary for this designation. With the extensive use of existing fields on the Yard, the supplemental field is critical to meeting the needs of the teams.

Alternatives Analyzed: Alternative 1-Adjacent to USNA Golf Course, Alternative 2-Composting Area, and the No Action Alternative were evaluated in Reference (1). Alternative 1-Adjacent to USNA Golf Course was identified as the preferred alternative per References (1) and (2). In Reference (3), the footprint of the alternatives increased from 20 to 24 acres to accommodate the rugby field.

Environmental Effects: There will be no significant impacts to any federally listed threatened or endangered species, critical habitat, essential fish habitat, or biological resources or archeological or historic resources. No federally listed threatened and endangered species are known to exist within the project impact area. An archeological survey has been completed with no significant findings. The final report was forwarded to the Maryland State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO). The SHPO has provided their concurrence. Additionally, there will be no significant impacts to the health and safety of children or minority and low-income populations.

There will be no significant impacts to air quality. The proposed action will occur in an area designated in attainment for five of the six Criteria Pollutants and in severe non-attainment for ozone. An Applicability Analysis was performed in accordance with the General Conformity Rule of the Clean Air Act. The analysis

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determined that potential emission levels to be produced during construction or operation of the complex were clearly below de minimis levels and, therefore, the proposed action is exempt from the Clean Air Act General Conformity Rule requirements.

There will be no significant impacts on water quality or wetlands. Additional tree planting on Greenbury Point will mitigate for forest lost. The Maryland Critical Area Commission and US Fish and Wildlife Service approved the forest mitigation plan. Mitigation for clearing forest for the original Brigade Sports Complex (Reference (1)) consisted of planting 9.22 acres with 805-2" caliper canopy trees, 801 - 3 gallon container understory trees, 1608 seedlings, and 1210 - 3 gallon container shrubs. Mitigation for clearing forest for the rugby field combined with the original Brigade Sports Complex (Reference (3)) consisted of planting a total of 12.28 acres of forest: 1039 - 2" caliper canopy trees, 1039 - 3 gallon container understory trees, 2341 seedlings, and 1557 - 3 gallon container shrubs.

Finding: Based on the analysis presented in References (1) and (3), the Navy finds that the proposed construction and operation of the Brigade Sports Complex and rugby field at Naval Support Activity Annapolis will not significantly impact the quality of the human or natural environment or generate significant controversy.

Reference (3) prepared by the Navy addressing this action is on file and interested parties may obtain a copy from: Public Works Department Annapolis, Environmental Division, 181 Wainwright Road, Annapolis, MD 21402 (Attention: Kimberly Hickey, 410-293-1116). A limited number of copies of Reference (3) are available to fill single copy requests.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MORALE, WELFARE, AND RECREATION COTTAGES AT NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY ANNAPOLIS, NORTH SEVERN GREENBURY POINT, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Chief of Naval Operations Instruction 5090.lC, the Department of the Navy (Navy) gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for the construction and operation of 16 Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Cottages at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Annapolis North Severn Greenbury Point.

Proposed Action: NSA Annapolis is proposing the construction of 16 cottages and necessary supporting infrastructure at Greenbury Point. The project would construct 16 free-standing cottages: 12 two-bedroom cottages of approximately 1,000 square feet each and 4 three-bedroom cottages of approximately 1,200 square feet each. There would be one or two covered outdoor pavilions as well as a 1,000 square-foot support building to house check-in and housekeeping functions sited near the proposed cottages. Two of the 16 cottages (1 two-bedroom and 1 three-bedroom) would meet minimum Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (ADAAG) compliance requirements for access for individuals with disabilities.

An access road is proposed at one of the two sites under consideration; however, crushed shell aggregate topping on a stabilized base is planned for the cottage driveways/parking. This is intended to maintain the rustic setting within which the cabins should be set and avoid significantly increasing impermeable ground area. Necessary utility infrastructure would also be constructed.

Background: A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the construction and operation of 16 MWR Cottages at NSA Annapolis was previously approved by Rear Admiral Handley on June 6, 2008. The previous FONSI selected the preferred Alternative Site A of the proposed action. This decision was based on the determination that the Alternative Site B location was too close to other potential land uses being considered at that time. Those uses are no longer being considered and the Alternative

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Site B is now considered the most reasonable location for the proposed action.

Purpose and Need: The purpose and need for the proposed action is to provide additional on-base transient lodging options needed for visitors to the Naval Academy/Annapolis area by constructing 16 cottages on Greenbury Point. NSA Annapolis does not currently operate any cottage or cabin facilities.

Existing Conditions: The project site, approximately 3 acres in size, is located on the eastern shore of Greenbury Point, in the vicinity of Building NA255. Building NA05 is located to the southwest of the project site. The site has a vegetative cover consisting of scattered trees and shrubs and maintained lawn. The location of the proposed project is partially within the Critical Area, but is not within the 100-foot Critical Area Buffer, is outside the State regulated 25-foot nontidal wetlands buffer, and is not within 100 feet of jurisdictional waterways.

Alternatives Analyzed: Two action alternatives were considered, Alternatives A and B. As required by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA, the No Action alternative was also analyzed.

Alternative A: South of Building NA05 - Under Alternative A, 16 cottages and a support building would be constructed at Greenbury Point, totaling approximately 17,800 square feet (1,654 m²) of building space and 4,600 square feet (427 m²) of associated walkways. The proposed facilities would be located on a 5-acre parcel of upland grassland and upland scrub/shrub habitat south of Building NA05. The proposed site would be set back 150 feet or more from the shore of the Chesapeake Bay and is currently accessible by a hard packed dirt road. Construction of a 900-foot all-weather, asphalt paved road is proposed for access that would add approximately 19,800 square feet of impervious surface.

There is a 15-percent impervious surface limit and forest clearing limitations that are applicable to development in Limited Development Areas and Resource Conservation Areas by Maryland law and regulations. Although impermeable ground area would increase from construction of the new access road, impermeable ground area would not increase from the construction of the cottage driveways, because the driveways would use crushed shell aggregate topping on a stabilized base.

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Alternative B: Eastern Shore of Greenbury Point Adjacent to Building NA255 Site (Preferred Alternative) - Under Alternative B, the proposed facilities would be located on the eastern shore of Greenbury Point, in a 3-acre parcel adjacent to Building NA255. The scope of the project would be the same as for Alternative A: 16 cottages and a support building would be constructed totaling approximately 17,800 square feet (1,654 m²) of building space and 4,600 square feet (427 m²) of associated walkways. The project site would be set back 150 feet or more from the shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Because this site is already accessible by nearby asphalt paved roads, impermeable ground area would be increased primarily by the cottage footprints, as the proposed access driveways would use crushed shell aggregate topping on a stabilized base. No new asphalt paved roads would be constructed.

No Action Alternative: The proposed MWR Cottages and support facilities would not be constructed and current facilities would remain insufficient to satisfy demand.

Environmental Effects of the Proposed Action: No significant impacts would be expected to the natural and human environment. Minor impacts expected would include soil disturbance, a potential for increased stormwater runoff, an increase in noise during construction, vegetation removal, a small increase in traffic into Greenbury Point, and utility relocations and extensions. Handling of housekeeping materials in compliance with applicable regulations would ensure that impacts to human health and safety would be negligible.

Emissions associated with constructing and operating the proposed facilities, when compared to the de minimis values for an ozone and PM non-attainment area of 100 TPY for NOx, VOC, $PM_{2.5}$, and SO_2 fall below the de minimis values even under the conservative assumptions that were employed. The alternatives are not subject to further analysis under the General Conformity Rule requirements and a Record of Non-Applicability has been prepared.

The State has concurred that the proposed action is consistent with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program, because it will not directly impact the 100-foot Critical Buffer Area, the State regulated 25-foot non-tidal wetlands buffer, or jurisdictional waterways. The proposed action will also be completed within the 15-percent impervious surface limit through the use of crushed shell aggregate topping on a stabilized base for cottage driveways.

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Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) found the alternative sites to be free of historic structures or archaeological sites. The SHPO concurred that no historic properties will be affected by the construction of the MWR cottages as proposed on either of the alternative sites. Best management practices (BMPS) would be employed to reduce or minimize any potential impacts. BMPs considered for use include, protective devices, erosion control matting, and sediment traps for erosion and sediment control; structural and nonstructural stormwater management practices; control measure for fugitive dust; and Low Impact Development (LID) measures for design of stormwater management measures.

The cumulative effects to NSA Annapolis Greenbury Point or the surrounding areas of the Alternatives also would not be expected to be significant.

Finding: Based on the analysis presented in the EA and consultation with the State of Maryland, the Navy finds that the proposed action would not have significant or controversial adverse impacts on the human environment. This FONSI will replace the previous FONSI for the proposed action signed on June 6, 2008.

The EA addressing this action is on file and interested parties may obtain a copy from: Mr. Jeff Gardner, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington Navy Yard, Building 212, 1314 Harwood Street Southeast, Washington, DC 20374, or by email to: jeffrey.a.gardner2@navy.mil.

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY DAIRY FARM, GAMBRILLS, MARYLAND

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Navy regulations (32 CFR Part 775) and Chief of Naval Operations Instruction 5090.1C, the Department of the Navy (Navy) gives notice that an EA has been prepared and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for the United States Naval Academy (USNA) Dairy Farm in Gambrills, Maryland.

Proposed Action: The proposed action is to authorize certain rural and agricultural land uses and activities proposed by the long-term lessee of the USNA Dairy Farm, Anne Arundel County. The proposed action would include concepts similar to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Community Supported Agriculture Program", which consists of "a community of individuals who pledge support to a farm operation so that the farmland becomes, either legally or spiritually, the community's farm, with growers and consumers providing mutual support and sharing the risks and benefits of food production". Reuse of the Dairy Farm would be guided by the County's vision for the property, which is a combination of preservation, utilization, recreation, and education (PURE). The proposed action would also incorporate Low Impact Development (LID) features consistent with the goals of Section 438 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to reduce stormwater runoff to protect water resources.

Purpose and Need: The purpose of the proposed action is to specify the activities and uses of the farm by the new lessee that are authorized by the Navy for the 30-year term of the lease. Federal law (10 U.S.C. §6976) mandates that the Naval Academy Dairy Farm shall be maintained in its rural and agricultural nature. The proposed action is needed because actions permitted under the lease must be authorized by the Navy before they can be implemented by the lessee.

All money received from a lease would be retained by the Superintendent of the Naval Academy and would be available to cover expenses related to the Naval Academy Dairy Farm property, including reimbursing non-appropriated fund instrumentalities of the Naval Academy (10 U.S.C. §6976). Proceeds from leasing the

Dairy Farm are currently used and continue to be needed to support the Academy's Midshipmen Fund. A long-term lease of the farm would continue to generate proceeds and maximize results in support of the Midshipmen Fund.

Alternatives Analyzed: Two action alternatives were considered, Alternatives A and B. As required by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA, the No Action alternative was also analyzed.

Under either action Alternative A or B, the proposed County use of the Dairy Farm would maintain the property in viable, sustainable agriculture production, with a continuation of all the existing types of recreational activities, including seasonal special events. Additionally, the County would consider holding two to four special events per year with a maximum attendance of approximately 300-500 people.

Under either Action Alternative A or B, existing picnic pavilions, the firehouse, stores, and buildings in the currently developed northern portion of the Farm (the Common Area) would be reused once these buildings are redeveloped or brought up to applicable safety standards. As the Farm is National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible, activities related to contributing resources to the Historic District must meet Department of the Interior guidelines for NRHP-eligible structures. Such actions would be approved by the Navy and properly documented per NRHP guidelines.

In the first year of lease to Anne Arundel County, the farm would maintain its current farming operation. Future farming operations would be in accordance with environmental regulations and the USNA Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP), and all farm tenants would continue to adhere to the Navy's Soil and Water Conservation Plan.

Any new non-farming uses of the land would be primarily focused on the western parcel of the property and have been grouped for implementation during two phases - Phases I and II. Alternative A would implement both Phases I and II, while Alternative B would implement only the Phase I actions.

Alternative A USNA Dairy Farm Reuse, Phases I and II (Preferred Alternative): Under Alternative A, both Phases I and II would be implemented. The proposed Phase I elements would be sited on approximately 110 acres of the western parcel and consist of

construction of themed and formal gardens, hiking/biking trails, offshoot nature trails, a small picnic pavilion, a restroom, a sled run, a water quality demonstration system, a small visitor/interpretation center, access road improvements, and parking for 184. In addition, the County plans to improve the streambed corridor located on the western boundary of the property to double the existing forest buffer to approximately 300 feet. Phase II as currently planned would consist of additional gardens including a community garden, an area providing an exhibit of orchard-type agriculture, an additional picnic pavilion with restrooms and playground, 126 additional parking spaces, potentially the addition of an old barn, and an additional access roadway to the community garden.

Fencing would be installed around the proposed elements of Phase I to keep visitors from the farming operations. Land designated for Phase II could continue to be used for farming during Phase I, but all farming operations would be separated by fencing from the other areas once the Phase II elements are in place.

Alternative B USNA Dairy Farm Reuse, Phase I Only: Under Alternative B, only Phase I would be implemented; Phase II would not be implemented.

No Action Alternative: The proposed non-farming uses of the Dairy Farm would not be implemented for the reuse of the property and dairy and farming methods and activities on the property would continue to operate.

Environmental Effects: No significant impacts would be expected to the natural and human environment. Reuse of the Diary Farm under either Alternative A or B would be expected to provide the facilities necessary to promote the land uses and activities proposed by Anne Arundel County. Minor impacts are expected that would include soil disturbance, a small increase in stormwater runoff, removal of vegetation, increased noise during construction, and minor increases in traffic. Construction related soil erosion would be minimized through the implementation of best management practices. Long-term stormwater impacts from the increase in impervious surfaces would be minimized through the use of LID features to reduce stormwater runoff and sediment and nutrient loads.

Air emissions analysis shows peak annual pollutant emissions would be below de minimis levels for this ozone and $PM_{2.5}$ non-attainment area and are not regionally significant; therefore, alternatives are not subject to further analysis under the

General Conformity Rule requirements. A Record of Non-Applicability has been prepared.

The Maryland Department of Environment indicated the state concurs with the Navy's determination that the proposed federal action is consistent with the Maryland Coastal Zone Management Program. The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) concurred with the Navy's determination that the long-term lease of the Dairy Farm will have no adverse effect on historical properties, including archeological resources, and that a Programmatic Agreement would be the appropriate mechanism to address future Section 106 concerns. Coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Maryland Department of Natural Resources has been completed. Their response was that except for occasional transient individuals, no federally proposed or listed endangered or threatened species were known to exist within the project area and no state-listed threatened species are known to exist at the site.

Through a Programmatic Agreement (PA), the Navy would continue to exercise appropriate stewardship over cultural resources (archeological sites and historic structures). The PA stipulations would be incorporated into the long-term lease between the Navy and Anne Arundel County ensuring adverse effects to cultural resources are avoided or mitigated. None of the other expected impacts would require mitigation to avoid being considered significant. However, a number of best management practices would be employed where appropriate to reduce or minimize impacts.

Finding: Based on the analysis presented in the EA and consultation with the State of Maryland, and with implementation of mitigation that has been coordinated and has received agreement from MHT for each action affecting cultural resources, the Department of the Navy finds that implementation of either Alternative A, the Preferred Alternative, or Alternative B would not have significant or controversial adverse impacts on the human environment.

The EA addressing this action is on file and interested parties may obtain a copy from: Mr. Jeff Gardner, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington Navy Yard, Building 212, 1314 Harwood Street Southeast, Washington, DC, 20374, or by email to: jeffrey.a.gardner2@navy.mil.

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