



State Wildlife Action Plans: A Resource for Conservationists

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“...the preservation of wildlife,
both flora and fauna...”

- *from the will of Doris Duke*

Mission: To preserve wildlife, both flora and fauna, in the United States by accelerating the protection of essential habitat

How to fulfill this mission?

DDCF Strategy: Accelerate habitat conservation for imperiled flora and fauna by **identifying critical lands** to maintain the nation's biodiversity and by **directing existing and new funds** toward the protection of those lands

Our Vision

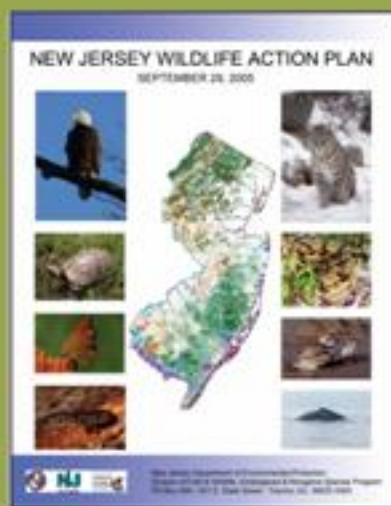
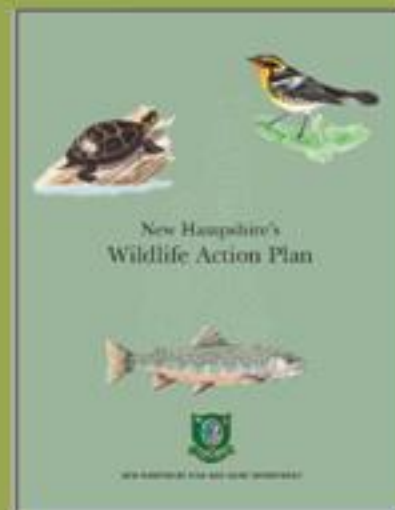
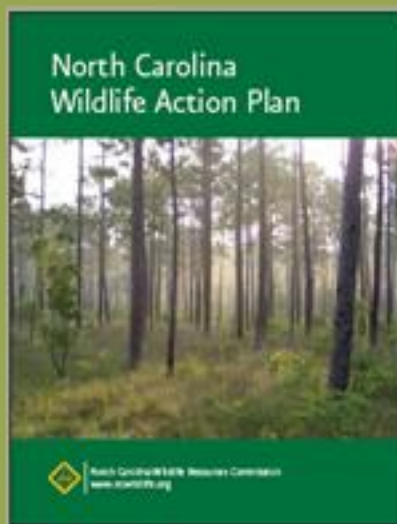
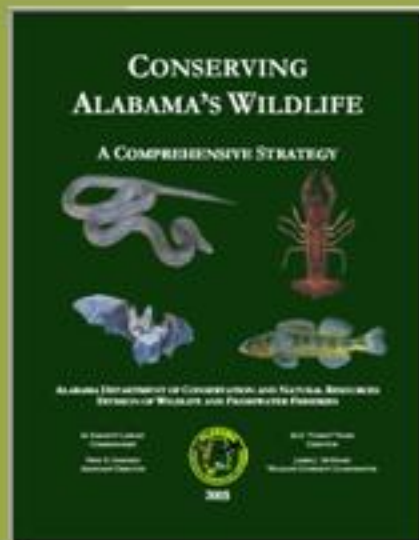
- Over the next three decades, the country should commit itself to creating a national wildlife conservation system.
- The system would incorporate lands and waters with a formal commitment to conserving native species and habitats.
- Completing a national wildlife conservation system would take about the same time it took to build the Interstate Highway System and for about one-third of the annual cost of maintaining the entire federal highway system.

National Wildlife Conservation System

A quilt of many different fabrics and colors:

- Federal government (USFWS, NPS, BLM, NFS, etc.)
- State government (parks, WMAs, etc.)
- Local government
- National, regional, and local land trust holdings
- Conservation easements
- Private lands (working lands, FSC lands, etc.)
- Rentals (CRP, WRP)

Next Steps: From Vision to Reality



Why Focus on State Action Plans?

- **Proactive** – Address species loss before crisis
- **State-based** – official status at right level of government in age of devolvment
- **Incentive-driven** – collaborative, not regulatory approach
- **Spatially explicit** – process enables maps to direct protection efforts
- **Leverage public and private funds** – can bring many partners to table

DDCF Role To Date

- Encourage Development of Excellent Plans
- Support Outreach and Education about Plans
- Encourage Use of Plans by Non-Wildlife Agencies
- Stimulate New Conservation Finance
- Fund Training, Education and Research

Next Steps for Using Action Plans

- Use Plans to Steer DDCF Land Investments
- Provide Resources to Capture Momentum in the Community
- Encourage Better Targeting of Existing Programs through Plans
- Expand State, Local and Private Funding Linked to Strategies
- Provide Federal Matching Grants Linked to Plans

Land Protection Initiative



Goals of Initiative

- Protect key habitats
- Stimulate implementation
- Engage other funders
- Spillover effect

Features of Initiative

- Multi-state
- Multi-year
- Capital for land
- Implementation Activities

Land Protection Initiative – Initial Grant in June 2006



Future DDCF Land Investments

- Over the next two years, DDCF will provide capital and operating funds to three additional regional clusters of states
- Grants most likely to be equal or greater than \$7.5 million Southeast grant
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