

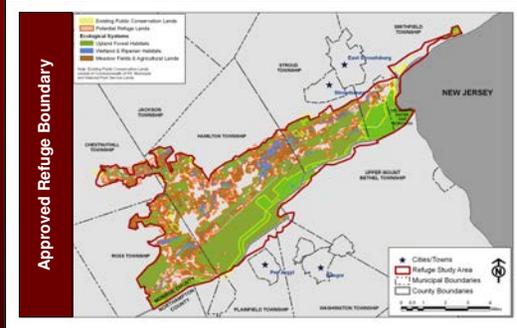
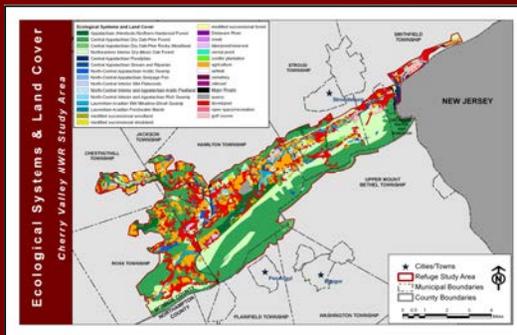
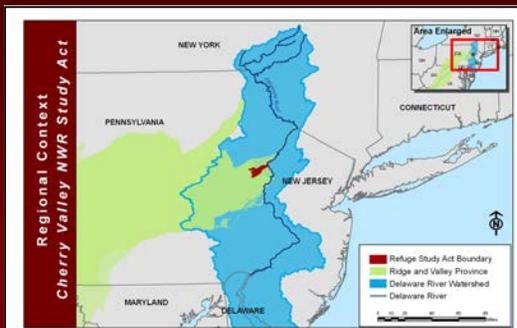


# U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is, working with others, to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

## Cherry Valley: A New National Wildlife Refuge in Pennsylvania

For generations local landowners and conservationists safeguarded the Cherry Valley's clean waters and important natural communities. Recognizing growing problems with habitat degradation and fragmentation, the community took action to protect Cherry Valley as part of the National Wildlife Refuge System.



In December 2008, H. Dale Hall, then Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Marvin Moriarty, Northeast Regional Director, approved the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, the third such refuge in the state. John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum is near Philadelphia and Erie National Wildlife Refuge is north of Pittsburgh.



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The valley is a diverse mosaic of habitats that support a great biodiversity of fish, wildlife, and plants, including several federal threatened and endangered as well as numerous Pennsylvania listed species. Habitat values were studied and protection strategies were developed in cooperation with many conservation partners.

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Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

The approval was a result of broad support from area residents, conservation agencies, non-profit environmental groups and political representatives. It established a boundary for the refuge, encompassing up to 20,466 acres, in which the Service may negotiate with willing sellers for purchase of habitat-rich lands or conservation easements.

### Goals of the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Protect and enhance habitats for federal trust species and species of management concern, emphasizing migratory birds and species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, along with protection of wetlands and Kitatinny Ridge habitats.

Create opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation, while promoting activities that complement the purposes of the refuge and other protected lands in the region.

Promote science, education, and research through partnerships to inform land management decisions and encourage continued responsible stewardship of the natural resources of Cherry Valley.