

Introduction

This Conservation Planning Report compiles names, descriptions, maps, locations, measurements, links and references for Natural Heritage Areas (core and supporting habitats), Important Bird Areas, State Lands, and agency designated water resources that are coincident with an area of interest defined by the user of the Pennsylvania Conservation Explorer tool. For an overview and additional details, please be sure to visit the website at www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us and download the applicable County Natural Heritage Inventory report(s).

Site Area: 1,795.70 acres

County(s): Chester

Township/Municipality(s): ELK; FRANKLIN; NEW LONDON

Quadrangle Name(s): BAY VIEW; NEWARK WEST

Watersheds HUC 8: Brandywine-Christina; Chester-Sassafras

Watersheds HUC 12: Big Elk Creek; Upper Christina River

Decimal Degrees: 39.731787 N, -75.850892 W

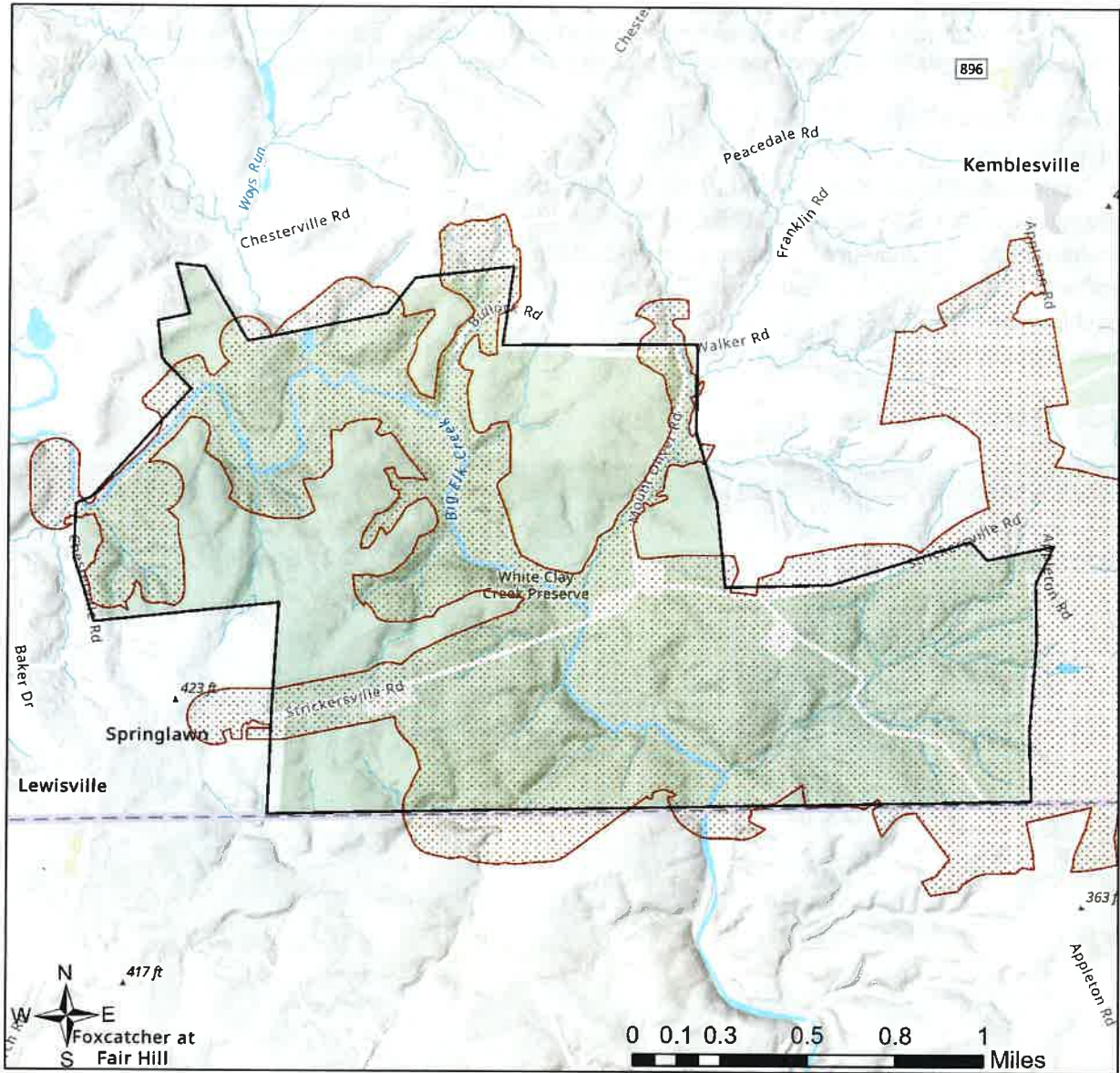
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
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SEARCH RESULT SUMMARY

Conservation Planning Category	Detected Area Summary
Natural Heritage Areas	1 site
Protected Lands	7 tracts; 1,732.21 acres

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-  Core Habitats
-  Area of Interest



Sources: Esri, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap and the GIS user community

Natural Heritage Areas

Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) are sites that have been identified as critical habitat for species or natural communities of concern. This dataset is designed to identify, map and discuss areas that support species of concern, exemplary natural communities, and broad expanses of intact natural ecosystems that support components of Pennsylvania's native species biodiversity. These areas are prioritized based upon their ecological qualities and provided with recommendations regarding their management and protection. Most of the existing NHAs have been developed through PNHPs County Natural Heritage Inventories -- systematic studies of the critical biological resources of a county.

Natural Heritage Site Name	Description	Reference
Big Elk Creek	A diversity of habitats supports 11 species of concern and 3 sensitive species of concern.	Link

State Lands

These include lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DCNR) Bureau of Forestry (BOF) for long-term forest health and native plant conservation; Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) for hunting, trapping and fishing; and DCNR Bureau of State Parks (BSP) for healthful outdoor recreation and environmental education.

Name	Wild Area Type	Wild Area Name	Manager	Total Acres
White Clay Creek State Park	None	NA	BSP	1752.21

Protected Lands

Protected lands or conservation areas are locations which receive protection, through legal or other means, because of their recognized natural, ecological and/or cultural values.

Name	Description	Owner	Website	Total Acres
Chester County Agricultural Easement #388		Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art	Link	94.00
Chester County Agricultural Easement #282		Chester County	Link	42.00
Chester County Agricultural Easement #402		Chester County	Link	116.00
Chester County Agricultural Easement #495		Chester County	Link	104.00
Peacedale Preserve	Keystone Fund	Natural Lands	Link	217.00

For additional information about the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program, visit the website at www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us or you can email your questions and comments to RA-HeritageReview@pa.gov.