

# URBAN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

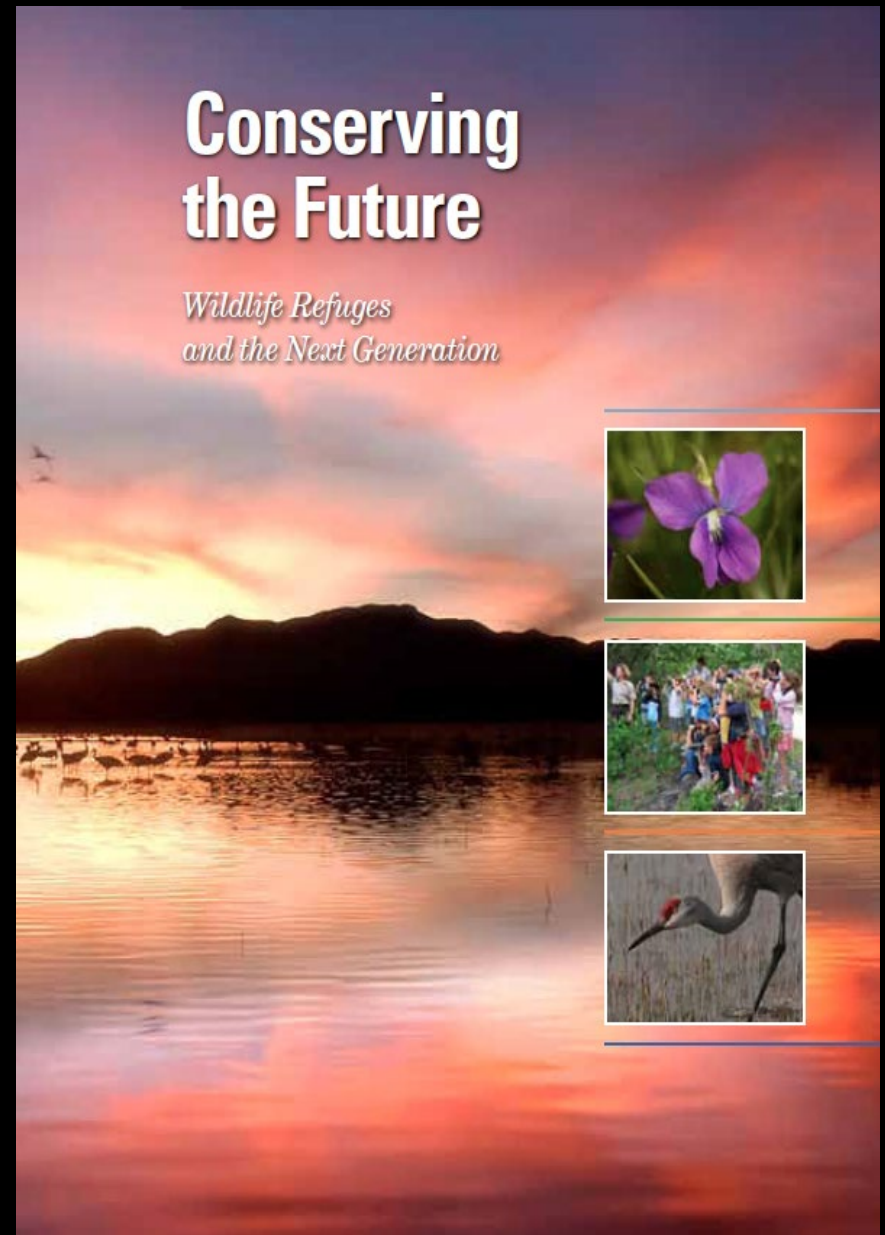


National Wildlife Refuge System





- Landscape-scale conservation and science-based decisions
- Developing our conservation leaders of today and tomorrow
- Creating a connected conservation constituency





# Our Current Advocates and Conservationists



# Our Future Advocates and Conservationists







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# Why the urban focus?



[Video](#)

# Standards of Excellence

- Know and Relate to the Community
- Connect Urban People with Nature via Stepping Stones of Engagement
- Build Partnerships
- Be a Community Asset
- Ensure Adequate Long-Term Resources
- Provide Equitable Access
- Ensure Visitors Feel Safe and Welcome
- Model Sustainability



# Where We Are Not: Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnerships

## Goals:

- Engage communities where we aren't present
- Nurture appreciation for wildlife conservation
- Other Programs Key Leads

## Where:

- We don't currently have an urban refuge
- Significant population center
- Opportunities to leverage other efforts











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### USFWS Expands Urban Wildlife Conservation Program

*\$2.35 million for innovative partnerships to engage local communities, advance wildlife conservation, reach the next generation of conservation leaders »*

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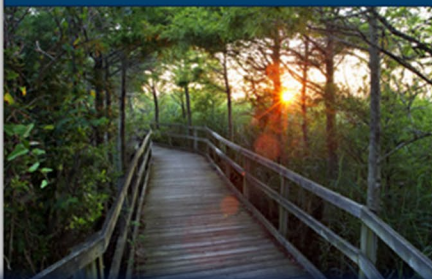
*Goal: To create a connected conservation community*

To garner broad support for conservation, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service must provide a reason, and opportunities, for urban residents to find, appreciate, and care for nature in their cities and beyond. Therefore, engaging our urban neighbors, and fostering a sense of stewardship, reflects the heart of the Urban Wildlife Conservation Program.

### STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE



### WHERE WE ARE



### KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY





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