

Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy

Eight Required Elements

Through the State Wildlife Grants Program legislation, Congress has identified eight required elements for each state's Strategy. Strategies must identify and provide for:

- (1) Information on the distribution and abundance of species of wildlife, including low and declining populations as the state fish and wildlife agency deems appropriate, that are indicative of the diversity and health of Florida's wildlife;
- (2) Descriptions of locations and relative condition of key habitats and community types essential to conservation of species identified in (1);
- (3) Descriptions of problems which may adversely affect species identified in (1) or their habitats, and priority research and survey efforts needed to identify factors which may assist in restoration and improved conservation of these species and habitats;
- (4) Descriptions of conservation actions proposed to conserve the identified species and habitats and priorities for implementing such actions;
- (5) Proposed strategies for monitoring species identified in (1) and their habitats, for monitoring the effectiveness of the conservation actions proposed in (4), and for adapting these conservation actions to respond appropriately to new information or changing conditions;
- (6) Descriptions of procedures to review the State Strategy at intervals not to exceed 10 years;
- (7) Strategies for coordinating the development, implementation, review and revision of the State Strategy with Federal, state, and local agencies and Indian tribes that manage significant land and water areas within the state or administer programs that significantly affect the conservation of identified species and habitats; and
- (8) Provisions to ensure public participation in the development, revision and implementation of projects and programs.