



Cumberland HCP Fact Sheet

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Affordable land, low property taxes, a relaxed way of life, and abundant natural amenities draw many people to the Cumberland Plateau. However, these same natural amenities, such as rare plant and animal species, can be negatively impacted by development. Two communities on the Cumberland Plateau, the City of

Crossville and Cumberland County, TN are pursuing a **Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)** as a way to encourage continued economic development that conserves the very natural features that initially draw residents to the area. Through the HCP, the applicants (City of Crossville and Cumberland

County) will implement scientifically based best management practices that protect the long-term viability of rare terrestrial and aquatic species. The HCP will carry forward the strong legacy of conservation on the Plateau as the region continues to grow and develop.

Why Develop an HCP?

The Plateau is home to rich cultural and natural resources and supports numerous resource uses including forestry, agriculture, coal mining, oil and gas production, and water supply. The area is being increasingly recognized for its scenic beauty, tourism potential, and rich and unique conservation values. Demands on natural resources of the region will continue to grow, especially as people from around the country and globe continue to discover the area's scenic beauty and rich and diverse

resources. As population is growing on the Cumberlands, so is pressure on its natural resources. Through a combination of thoughtful development practices and conservation measures implemented through the HCP, the long-term viability of these species will be maintained in balance with continued economic growth. We have a unique opportunity to work together and search for innovative means to both use and conserve the areas natural resources.

Benefits to Communities and Conservationists

One of the primary benefits of the HCP is the development and implementation of activities to conserve endangered and/or threatened species in local communities where people live and work.

Conservation Planning the focus is to work toward multiple community values in a collaborative process rather than becoming stuck in adversarial conflict.. The HCP process ensures that landowners and/or other private interests are able to proceed with agreed upon resource uses, as long as conservation measures to mitigate and minimize resource use impacts on endangered species, and/or their habitats, are simultaneously undertaken.

Habitat Conservation Planning involves working with multiple and diverse interests found in communities in a proactive way that integrates the use and conservation of natural resources associated with endangered and threatened species. In Habitat

Federally Protected Species in the HCP:

Spotfin Chub
Erimonax monachus

Gray Bat
Myotis grisescens

Indiana Bat
Myotis sodalis

Purple Bean
Villosa perpurpurea

Cumberland Rosemary
Conradina verticillata

Virginia Spiraea
Spiraea virginiana

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