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# *NC Wildlife Action Plan*

## *Interim Updates and 10-year Comprehensive Review and Revision*

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# State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program – A Refresher

- Program is managed by USFWS
  - States & Territories program
  - Tribal Nations program (EBCI)
- Funded ***annually*** by Congressional appropriations
  - Formula: land area (static) + population (variable by Census)
  - Variable: \$1.8M (2002) → \$1.3M (2019) = \$25.1M total over 20 years
- Disbursed to WRC Through Matching Grants
  - *Federal* share 75% = planning, plus SWG-C Competitive subprogram
  - *Federal* share 65% = implementation (research, surveys, monitoring, management, partnerships)
  - *State* share = cash, in-kind hours, waived overhead costs, other non-federal match
- Excludes use of funds for plant SGCN
- New legislation on the horizon
- Requires State Wildlife Action Plan
  - Reviewed/revised every 10-years
  - Next revision due in 2025



# Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA)

## ➤ US House of Representative (HR.2773) and Senate (S.2372)

- Federal Legislation to secure ***dedicated funds*** to fully implement state WAPs
- Revises Pittman-Robertson Act to make funds available ***annually*** without need for budget negotiations
- Provides significant ***permanent*** funding, likely more than \$20 Million each year for NC

## ➤ Benefits of RAWA Passage – New Opportunities for SWG Program Spending

- Conservation Education and related Recreation funding in historically underserved areas (15% spending cap over 5 years)
- Law Enforcement directly related to protection of SGCN and their habitats
- Invasive species management
- **Adds Plant SGCN funding (extra 5% added)**

<https://www.ncwildlife.org/Conserving/Programs/Recovering-Americas-Wildlife-Act>



# 2015 NC Wildlife Action Plan – Interim Updates

## 2020 Minor Revision – Addendum 1

- Chapter updates
  - Add Case Study: CAC aquatic species propagation
  - SGCN re-evaluation
  - Add COA and TRA online Tool
- Appendix updates
  - Appx G – SGCN evaluation results
  - Appx H – SGCN & habitat associations
  - Appx P – List of all SGCN by taxa group

## 2022 Major Revision – Addendum 2

- *In process*, add Plants to SGCN list
- Chapter updates
  - Adds new natural community description for Piedmont & Coastal Plain Oak Forest
- Appendix updates
  - Adds new Appendix H for plant SGCN & habitat associations





# 2025 NC Wildlife Action Plan: 10-Year Cycle



## Comprehensive Review & Revision

- Early Planning
  - April 2021 Notification Letter to USFWS
  - December 2021 Technical Team convened
  - Summer 2022 SGCN Evaluation Work Group convened
  - Fall 2022 Taxa Teams convened



# 2025 NC Wildlife Action Plan: Timeline



## Comprehensive Review & Revision

### ➤ Next Efforts

- 2022/2023 Taxa Team Evaluations
- 2022 – 2025 Partner and stakeholder input
- 2022–2025 Public review and comments
- Fall 2025 Submit Plan to USFWS Regional Review Team







QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? CONCERNS?







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