

DRAFT Goals for 2019

The bullet points will be used to make objectives under each goal.

Under each goal focus on objectives that address:

1. Education;
2. Maintenance/protection; and
3. Restoration.

Goal 1: Protect native species, habitats, and landscapes from invasive species.

- Prevent and control aquatic invasive species
- Prevent and control terrestrial invasive species
- Identify and protect sensitive or at-risk habitats

Goal 2: Protect and enhance wetlands and surface water quality.

- Maintain or increase shoreland buffers
 - Protect shoreland habitats from land development
 - Create pollinator habitat along shorelands
 - Increase diversity of native plants
- Reduce lawn fertilizer application near water bodies
- Control non-point water pollution from mining sites
- Promote wetland retention
- Reduce sediment and erosional issues in relationship to forestry road building, stream crossings, and recreational trails.
- Promote forestry BMP's to control sediment erosion and protect habitat cover types
- Trout stream crossings
- Fish passages
- Restore, conserve, or enhance wetlands for watershed health and wildlife habitat
- Identify and protect sensitive or at-risk habitats
- Maintain or enhance habitat connectivity

Goal 3: Protect groundwater quality.

- Properly maintain septic systems
- Properly maintain wells
- Promote wetland retention
- Promote nutrient management planning

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Goal 4: Protect, enhance, and restore soil resources

- Preserve productive farmland (addresses land fragmentation, CAFOs, FPP).
- Priority farm strategy.
- Improve soil health.
- Manage croplands and pastures (Reduce wildlife conflicts would be an activity).
- Promote pollinator habitat.
- Reduce illegal garbage dumping.
- Priority farm strategy.
- Reclaim abandoned mining sites
- Identify and protect sensitive or at-risk habitats
- Maintain or enhance habitat connectivity

Goal 5: Increase our community's level of natural resource knowledge and inspire stewardship.

- Provide news and updates on current issues and emerging trends.
- Promote involvement in citizen science
- Provide youth education
- Forestry outreach