

WILDLIFE HABITAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

In August 2014, The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) restructured its Private Lands Technical Assistance Program. This resulted in a reduction in staff from 15 district wildlife biologists to eight. With this limited staff, the DFW will not be able to continue to provide on-site habitat related technical assistance to everyone and to every county. Each district wildlife biologist will be focusing his or her work in priority counties. These priority counties are the only counties in which district wildlife biologists will be providing on-site wildlife habitat related technical assistance.

Whether you are in a priority county or not, the DFW still encourages landowners to contact their district wildlife biologist. If you are in a non-priority county, the biologist will be able to assist you by providing verbal wildlife management technical assistance as well as referring you to specific materials on the DFW website. The DFW website (<http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3025.htm>) provides landowners a wide array of fact sheets on wildlife and habitat management to assist in developing and managing for specific wildlife habitat needs. District wildlife biologists can also provide a list of consultant foresters or recommend other wildlife habitat establishment consultants for landowners who need further on-site assistance.

Wildlife biologists will continue to provide nuisance wildlife assistance and wildlife health monitoring in all counties.

Priority Counties (District Biologist): These are the priority counties as of December 2014. The list is subject to change. Don't hesitate to call your biologist even if your county is not listed. A map of districts and biologist contact information is at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2716.htm>.

Bartholomew (SW); Benton (DZ); Blackford (NY); Cass (KH); Crawford—north of State Road 64 (MB); Daviess (MB); Decatur (CG); DeKalb (JW); Franklin (CG); Grant—eastern half (NY); Greene—west of S.R. 231 (MB); Henry (NY); Jackson (SW); Jasper (DZ); Jay (NY); Kosciusko—north of S.R. 30 (JW); LaGrange—east of S.R. 9 (JW); Lawrence (MB); Miami (KH); Newton (DZ); Noble (JW); Orange (MB); Parke (DZ); Pike (JT); Pulaski (KH); Ripley (CG); Scott (SW); Spencer (JT); Steuben (JW); Sullivan (JT); Switzerland (CG); Warrick (JT); Washington (SW); Wayne (NY); White (KH).

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