

Science Advisory Committee Meeting at Center for Urban Ecology

Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Resources Workgroup

Notes from 4-9-02

Participants: Ellen Gray (NPS – NCR), Kent Schwarzkopf (NPS – APPA), Brent Steury (NPS – NACE, Doug Samson (TNC – MD), Marcus Koenen (NPS – NCR, Diane Pavek (NPS – NCR), Dianne Ingram (NPS – CHOH),

Overview and Introduction

Welcome and administrative details were discussed by Diane Pavek

Purpose Statement

To prioritize ranked species (state, federal, and global) and identify specific threats to these species in such a way that allows us to meet the short and long-term goals to sustain biodiversity within NCR.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Generate a list of species ranked by regional importance of rarity.
2. Generate a list of threats (stressors, sources) specific to these ranked species.
3. Generate a list of rare plant communities ranked by regional importance for rarity.
4. Generate a list of threats specific to these rare or significant plant communities.
5. Evaluate and identify gaps in the ranking process [what are we missing? What's falling through the cracks?]
6. Identify short- and long-term goals for monitoring RTE populations that can be evaluated for success.
7. Generate a list of RTE experts to include in scoping.

Discussion:

The group reviewed existing schemes to prioritize rare species at Harpers Ferry and the Appalachian Trail. After weighing pros and cons, the group decided on a prioritization for NCR as follows.

Highest priority:

1. Species present in park with legally mandated protection: Federally listed Threatened and Endangered Species. Also animals listed as Threatened or Endangered by Maryland.
2. Species present in park ranked as G1-G2 by Heritage.
3. Species present in park ranked as G3 and have S1-S3 in state where they occur.

The group identified 16 people who should be invited to the NCR Monitoring Workshop. They include (disregard spelling here): Greg Gough, Don Forrester, Andy Baldwin, Alan Belden, Kathy McCarthy, David Brinker, Jason Harrison, Rodney Bartkis, John Glazer, Rita Villella, Andy Moser, David Sutherland, Ted Suman, Dick Smith, Paul Bushman, and Ed Gates.

Action Items:

Before the next meeting, MK will review Species of Concern list and highlight species that meet the criteria above.