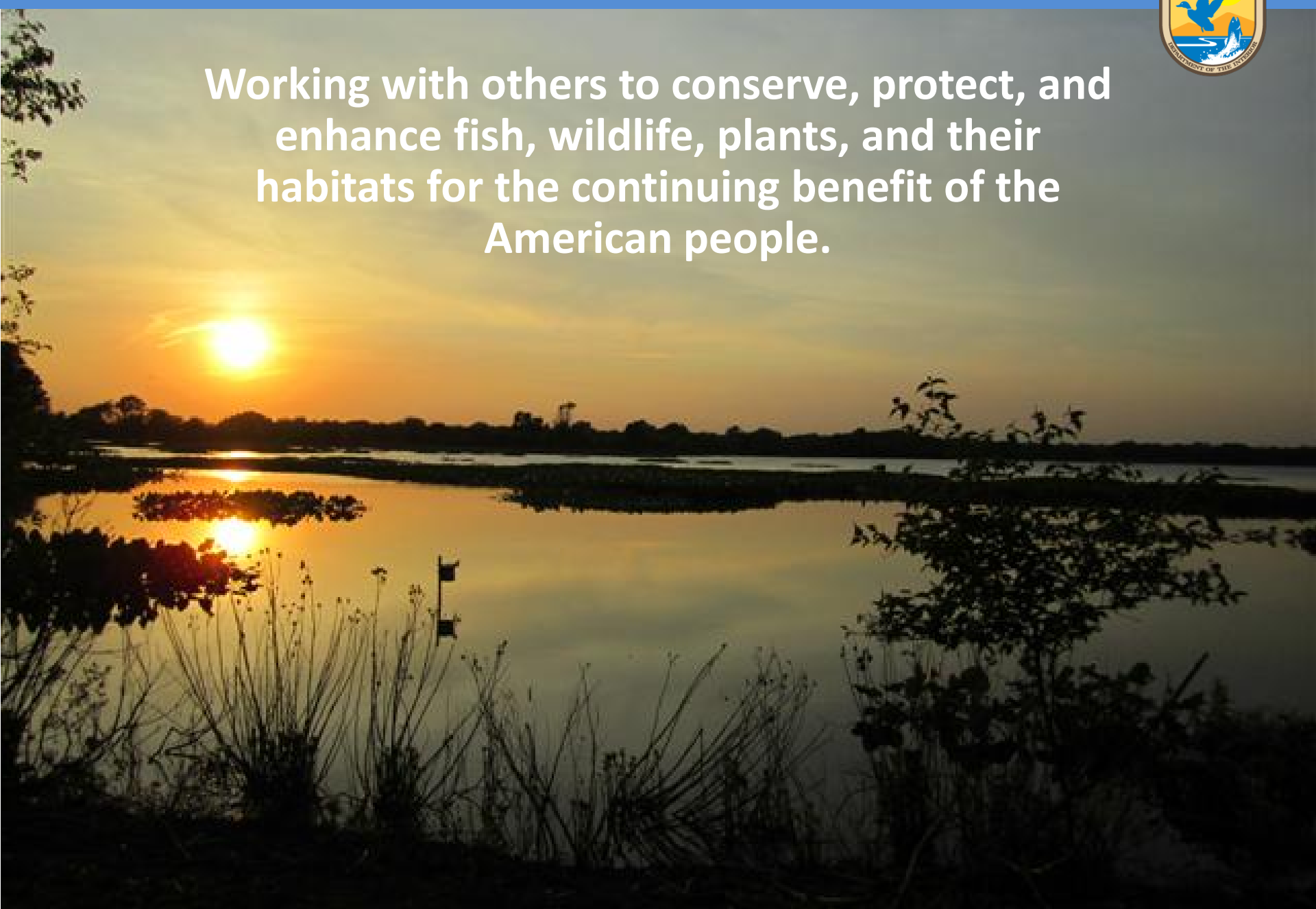




**Working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.**



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## STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR URBAN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

The goal of the Urban Wildlife Refuge Initiative is to engage urban communities in wildlife conservation in partnership with the Service.

1. KNOW AND RELATE TO THE COMMUNITY
2. CONNECT URBAN PEOPLE WITH NATURE VIA STEPPING STONES OF ENGAGEMENT
3. BUILD PARTNERSHIPS
4. BE A COMMUNITY ASSET
5. ENSURE ADEQUATE LONG-TERM RESOURCES
6. PROVIDE EQUITABLE ACCESS
7. ENSURE VISITORS FEEL SAFE AND WELCOME
8. MODEL SUSTAINABILITY

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- *Educate and Engage Youth* to nurture an appreciation of nature and develop an environmental ethic through playing, learning, serving and working outside.
- *Engage Eastwick and other communities* adjacent to the Refuge to promote environmental, economic, and socially sustainable communities.
- *Create Corridors to Nature* by improving infrastructure and programs to provide safe access and a welcoming atmosphere to the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge and other natural areas.
- *Bring nature into the city* by working with communities and partners to build neighborhood “pocket parks,” developing exhibits and natural areas at sites throughout Philadelphia, telling our story through strategic communications, and contributing to regional environmental and sustainability initiatives.



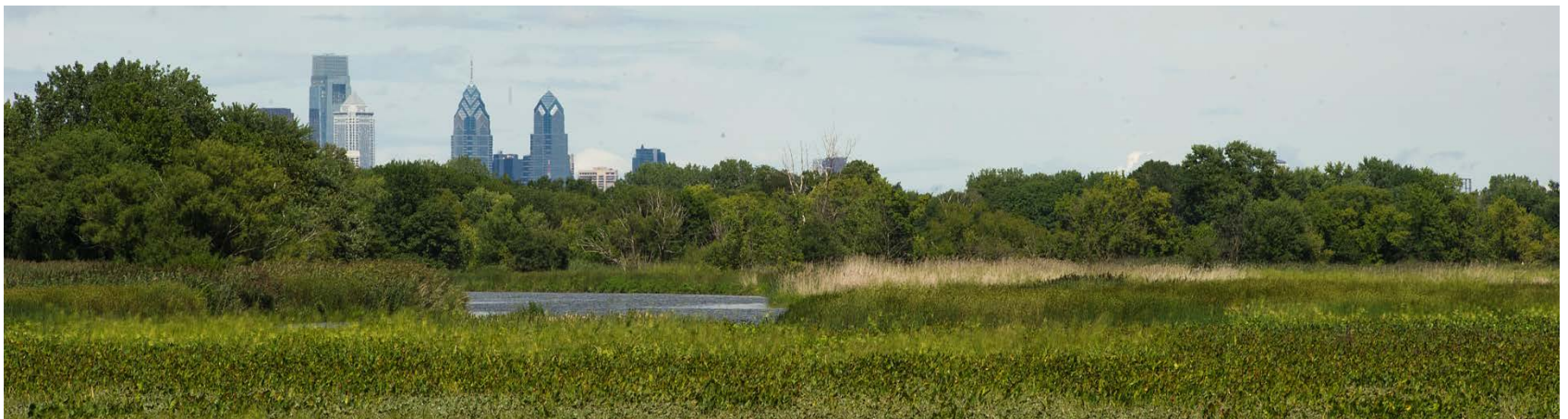
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# *Philadelphia Urban Bird Treaty*



- In 2009, Philadelphia became the third American city to be designated as an Urban Bird Treaty City. The service provided funds for the city to make Philadelphia more bird friendly.





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# *Urban Refuge Partnership*



- In 2014, Philadelphia became one of 14 urban refuge partnerships in the country. Urban partnership designations support and recognize collaborations in cities that work to broaden support for the work that we do and engage urban communities as partners in conservation.
- John Heinz Refuge at Tinicum and the National Audubon Society will expand a program that engages Philadelphia residents in conservation through hands-on programming in schools, in neighborhoods and at the refuge. The program includes a native plant propagation program at Fairmount Park and citizen science activities at the refuge. FedEx is a partner in the project.

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## *Youth Engagement and Employment*



- Since 2009, the service and The Student Conservation Association have employed local youth and host conservation crews at the refuge. Each summer, about 60 students from various communities in Philadelphia work on conservation projects at the refuge and throughout the city; participants also learn about and explore conservation careers.

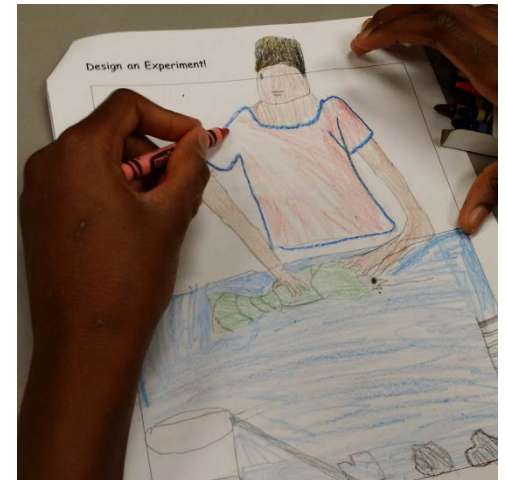
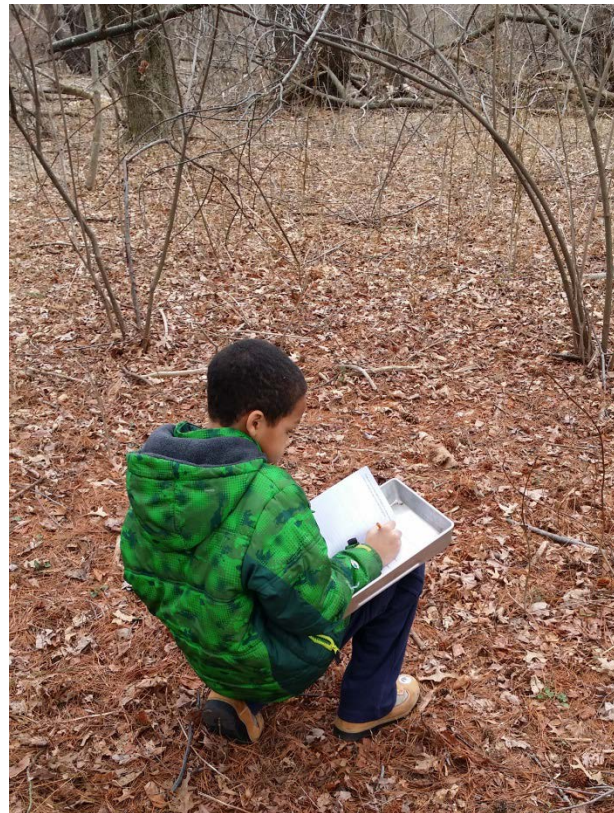




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