



THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION'S
COOPERATIVE FOREST GAME PROGRAM

Good forest management practices and wildlife conservation go hand-in-hand.

In an effort to give more protection to the properties of owners of large forested tracts and to make more lands available for public hunting, the Pennsylvania Game Commission has developed the Cooperative Forest Game Program to accommodate those landowners who own property blocks approaching 1,000 acres in size in areas where birds and mammals native to forest areas thrive.

This program benefits the landowner by providing needed protection to his property. Game Commission signs are provided for establishing safety zones around occupied dwellings. Roads and trails that may be damaged or misused during certain periods of the year are closed by Commission resolution when posted with official signs provided by the Commission. Protection through the posting of other official signs, patrolling and enforcement of the Game and Wildlife Code by Game Commission personnel is also provided, especially when areas are being hunted. The Pennsylvania Landowner Liability Act encourages owners of land to make their property available to the public for recreational purposes such as hunting and trapping by limiting their liability toward persons entering thereon for such purposes. We currently enroll 90 cooperators in this program with over 694,000 acres of land open to public hunting.

It is hoped that this cooperative program will continue to improve hunter-landowner relationships in many forested areas of the state as the Cooperative Farm-Game Program has done in the agricultural sections of the Commonwealth.