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Economic Impacts of Biodiversity

Biodiversity has a major impact on the economy of Pennsylvania in the form of revenue and jobs created in the state.

- The forest products industry in Pennsylvania provides 90,000 jobs in 2,500 firms and contributes more than \$4.5 billion to the economy. As an added benefit, wood products are made from renewable resources that are recyclable and biodegradable.
- In 1996, activities associated with watching, feeding, or photographing wildlife generated \$1.8 billion to Pennsylvania's economy, including more than \$236 million contributed by visitors to the state.
- Nearly 20 percent of Pennsylvanians hunt, trap, or fish, spending more than \$1 billion annually in pursuit of these outdoor sports.
- Thousands of Pennsylvanians and visitors to our state spend many hours enjoying our natural wonders through hiking, biking, crosscountry skiing, and other outdoor recreation.

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