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If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need additional information, please contact Director, Regulatory Management Division (RMD), CIS, Department of Homeland Security, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529.

Dated: October 26, 2005.

**Richard A. Sloan,**

*Director, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigrant Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4971-N-56]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Qualification/Requalification CDBG Urban Counties Grants/New York Towns**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is

soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

This is a request for an extension of the approval to collect the information under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* December 1, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2506-0170) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail *Wayne\_Eddins@HUD.gov*; or Lillian Deitzer at *Lillian\_L\_Deitzer@HUD.gov* or telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins or Ms. Deitzer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality,

utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Qualification/Requalification CDBG Urban Counties Grants/New York Towns.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2506-0170.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Description of the Need For the Information and its Proposed Use:*

Based on statutory provisions, counties seeking qualification or requalification as urban counties under the CDBG program must provide information to HUD every three years identifying the units of general local governments (UGLGs) within the county participating as a part of the county for purposes of receiving CDBG funds. The population of UGLGs for each eligible urban county and New York town are used in HUD's allocation of CDBG funds for all entitlement and State CDBG grantees. New York towns must undertake a similar process every three years because under New York State law, New York towns that contain incorporated UGLGs within their boundaries cannot qualify as metropolitan cities unless they execute cooperation agreements with all such incorporated units. The New York town qualification process must be completed prior to the qualification or urban counties so that any town that does not qualify as a metropolitan city will still have an opportunity to participate as part of an urban county.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
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*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 3,798.

*Affected Members of the Public:* Urban counties and New York towns that are eligible as entitlement grantees of the CDBG program.

*Status:* Extension of an existing collection.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: October 25, 2005.

**Wayne Eddins,**

*Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is preparing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary for preparing the CCP and EA pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service planning policy, to (1) advise other Federal and State agencies and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on this refuge; and, (2) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental document.

The Service will involve the public through open houses, informational and technical meetings, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and announcements will provide information about opportunities for public involvement in the planning process.

**DATES:** We are now planning public scoping meetings for December 2005 in Warsaw, Port Royal and Richmond, Virginia. We will announce their locations, dates and times at least 2 weeks in advance, in special mailings and newspaper notices and through personal contacts.

**ADDRESSES:** Rappahannock River Valley NWR, 336 Wilna Road, P.O. Box 1030, Warsaw, Virginia 22572-1030, at 804-333-1470 (telephone); 804-333-3396 (FAX), Web site <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/va/rap.htm>.

*To Obtain Further Information, Ask Questions, or Comment Contact:* Nancy McGarigal, Refuge Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035; 413-253-8562 (telephone); 413-253-8468 (FAX); [northeastplanning@fws.gov](mailto:northeastplanning@fws.gov) (electronic mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), the Service is to manage all lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System in accordance with an approved comprehensive conservation plan. The plan guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes over a 15-year period.

The planning process will cover many elements, including wildlife and habitat management, visitor and recreational activities, cultural resource protection, and facilities and infrastructure. Compatibility determinations will be completed for all applicable refuge uses. We will also conduct a wilderness review and a wild and scenic rivers evaluation to determine whether any areas on the refuge qualify for those Federal designations.

Public input into the planning process is essential. The comments we receive will help identify key issues and develop refuge goals and objectives for managing refuge resources and visitors. Additional opportunities for public participation will arise throughout the planning process, which we expect to complete in 2007. Data collection has already begun to compile up-to-date information on refuge resources and serve as a foundation for science-based resource decisions. We will prepare the environmental assessment in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370d).

The 7,379-acre Rappahannock River Valley NWR was established in 1996 to conserve and protect fish and wildlife resources, including endangered and threatened species and wetlands. Its approved acquisition boundary includes parts of Lancaster, Middlesex, Richmond, Essex, Caroline, Westmoreland, and King George counties in Virginia. The Rappahannock River, a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay, bisects that boundary. Refuge habitats include freshwater tidal marsh, forested swamp, upland deciduous forest, mixed pine forest, and managed grassland.

Refuge visitors engage in wildlife observation and photography, environmental education, hunting, and fishing. The refuge headquarters is located in Warsaw, Virginia.

Dated: October 5, 2005.

**Richard O. Bennett,**

*Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

**DATES:** Written data or comments must be received on or before December 1, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written data or comments to the Regional Director (Attention: Peter Fasbender), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Peter Fasbender, (612) 713-5343.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Permit Number:* TE113009.

*Applicant:* Steven Ahlstedt, Norris, Tennessee.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take the white catspaw (*Epioblasma obliquata perobliqua*) and purple catspaw (*E. o. obliquata*) throughout Indiana and Ohio. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Dated: October 12, 2005.

**Wendi Weber,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability, Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, on behalf of the Department of the Interior, and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, as Natural Resource Trustees, announces the release for public review of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Massachusetts Housatonic River Watershed Restoration Program. The Draft PEA presents a restoration program featuring a mix of restoration approaches, including aquatic restoration, wildlife/terrestrial restoration, enhancement of recreational opportunities, and education/outreach