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## Acronyms

Acronym	Definitions
AMD	Abandoned Mine Drainage
AML	Abandoned Mine Lands
BAMR	Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation
BDA	Biological Diversity Area
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act
CFW	Cold Water Fishery
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon Dioxide
DA	Dedicated Area
DCNR	Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
DEP	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
DNR	Maryland Department of Natural Resources
DOE	Department of Energy
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EV	Exceptional Value
FACT	Fayette Area Coordinated Transit
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FERC	Federal Emergency Regulatory Commission
GAP <sub>1</sub>	Gap Analysis Project
GAP <sub>2</sub>	Great Allegheny Passage
GIS	Geographic Information System
HQCWF	High-Quality Cold-Water Fishery
IBA	Important Bird Area
IBI	Index of Biological Integrity
LCA	Landscape Conservation Area
LTC	Level, Temperature, Conductivity
MALPF	Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation
MRLC	Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NHA	National Heritage Areas
NHI	Natural Heritage Inventory
NPDES	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
OHV	Off Highway Vehicle
PFBC	Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

PPM	Parts Per Million
RCP	River Conservation Plan
RCRA	Resource Conservation Recovery Act
SGCN	Species of Greatest Conservation Need
SGL	State Game Lands
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
TSF	Trout Stocked Fishery
TSS	Total Suspended Solids
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
US	United States
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
WIP	Watershed Implementation Plan
WMA	Wildlife Management Area
WV	West Virginia
WVDEP	West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
WWF	Warm Water Fishery