

## TVA Biodiversity Policy

**TVA continues to recognize the importance of biodiversity to the quality of life of the region's residents, and we work to proactively protect biodiversity through stewardship of public lands, management of the Tennessee River system, local and regional partnerships, and integration of species and habitat conservation in project planning.**

TVA builds on a long history of environmental stewardship that reflects the critical role of natural systems in achieving our mission of improving the quality of life in the region. The TVA service area is home to a vast array of plant and animal species, some of which occur nowhere else in the world. Natural diversity in ecosystems provides essential benefits and services to human society, including a stable food supply, clean water, and new medicines, as well as ecological, recreational, cultural, and aesthetic value. Protecting biodiversity is integral to continued sustainable development of the Tennessee Valley.

TVA seeks to make life better for the people we serve through the integrated management of our region's resources. TVA achieves this by focusing on Energy, Environment, and Economic Development. This holistic approach, combined with the large TVA service area, positions TVA as a regional leader in biodiversity conservation in an increasingly developed world.

We commit to the following practices:

- Establish and maintain a Biodiversity Action Team, including representation from across TVA, to highlight ongoing biodiversity conservation efforts and identify and prioritize future opportunities.
- Minimize the adverse impact of TVA operations on biodiversity and ecosystems, including by protecting endangered species.
- Leverage TVA's biological expertise to nest biodiversity conservation measures within projects.
- Seek opportunities to review and improve current operational practices to minimize impacts, reduce costs and enhance biodiversity.
- Partner with local, state, federal, and non-profit organizations to enhance and protect habitat for at-risk species that occur in areas that intersect TVA operations and lands.
- Engage local power companies on issues and opportunities involving biodiversity and operations.
- Communicate, both internally and externally, the full suite of ongoing biodiversity conservation work at TVA, to build an understanding of the value and significance of this work.



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Signed by CEO Jeff Lyash: October 22, 2021

Approved by TVA Board of Directors: November 10, 2021