

PREAPPLICATION ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDANCE

Due with preapplication on August 27, 2026

This guidance document guides you through the EPA NEPA Assist Report and the ESA Section 7 USFWS iPAC species list referenced on "Checklist 1 - Required Items" in Appendix A of the LWCF 2026 DCR Application Manual

NEPA Assist

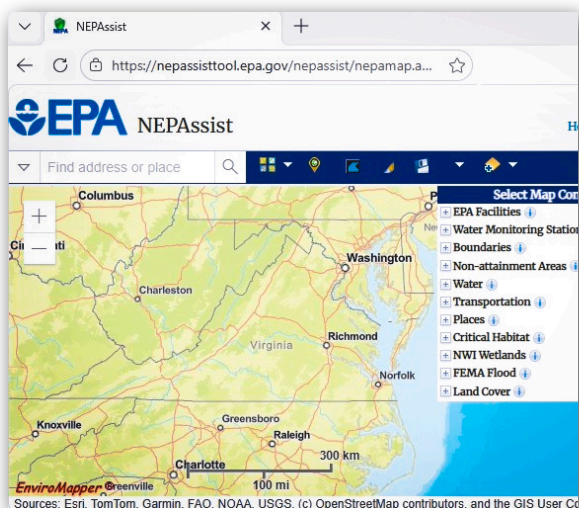
GET STARTED



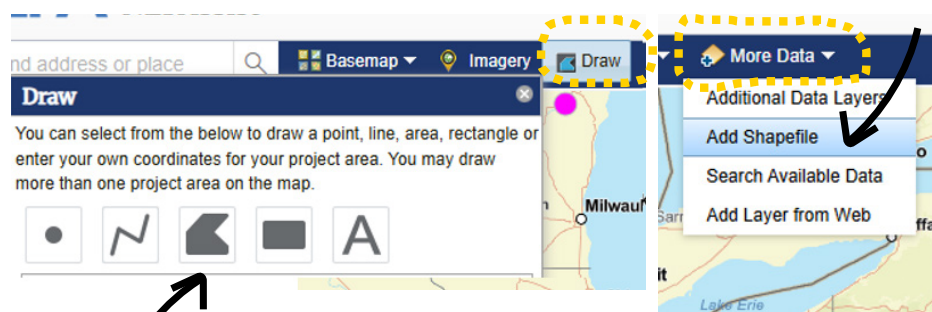
NEPA Assist is a tool that facilitates the environmental review process and project planning in relation to environmental considerations. These features contribute to a streamlined review process that potentially raises important environmental issues at the earliest stages of project development. **To begin either click on Get Started or go to the NEPA Assist main page ([link here](#)) and click on 'Launch the NEPA Assist Tool'.**

Follow along below to screen your project area and generate a NEPA Assist Report

Step 1 - The NEPA Assist tool is a Mapper. Open the map to begin.



Step 2 - Define your project area. Either draw the area manually using the **Draw** tool, or upload your polygon via the 'Add Shapefile' option in the **More Data** dropdown menu.



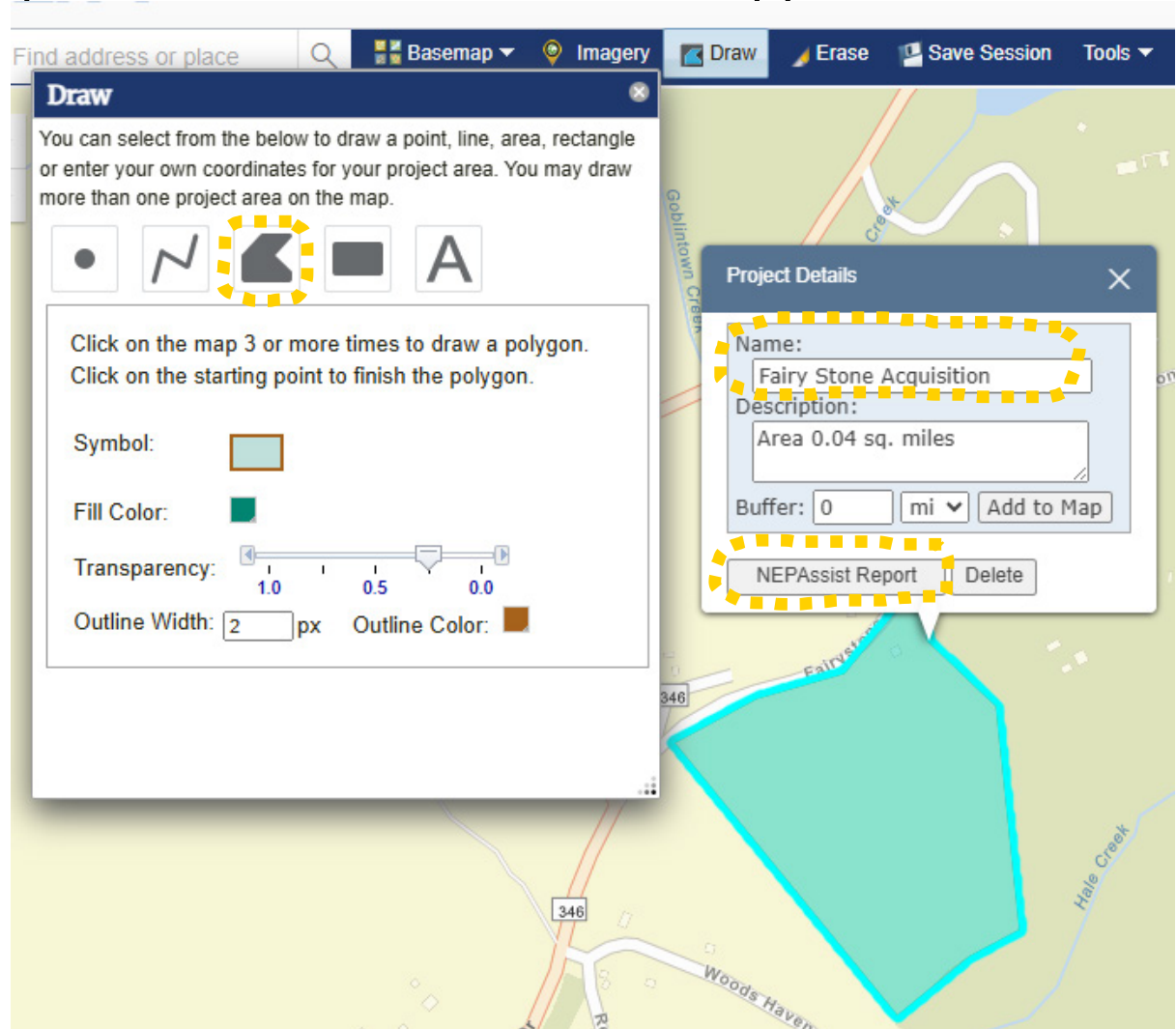
Environmental screening tools are also available through the Virginia Outdoors Plan:
<https://vop-vdcr.hub.arcgis.com/pages/navigating-federal-and-state-requirements>

The Project Area: If you have chosen to draw your project area then draw the approximate boundary area of your project site, and **include the entire parcel area of the property.** Refer to your Tax Map boundary if you are unsure of the defined parcel area. Boundaries are approximate.

Step 2 - use the draw polygon tool to manually draw your shape. The result will appear as a bright teal blue shape referred to as a polygon.

Step 3 - a Project Details box will automatically appear. Enter a name for the project.

Step 4 - generate the NEPAssist Report by clicking on the button in the Project Details box.



Note: You are not required to add any buffer distance around your polygon, or enter details in the Description window to generate this report. Except for the project Name you enter, the information in Project Details box in this example are auto-populated and do not need to be deleted or changed.

NEPAssist ANALYSIS AND REPORT

NEPAssist Analysis

https://nepassisttool.epa.gov/nepas...

EPA NEPAssist

Fairy Stone Acquisition

Map

A new tab will open in your browser that shows the results

June 10, 2008

Fairy Stone Acquisition

Geographic coordinates:

POLYGON
(38.789508,-80.119802,38.788838,-80.118722,38.788535,-80.118421,38.788280,-80.118085,38.788642,-80.120009,38.788480,-80.122885,38.788924,-80.121812,38.789182,-80.120898,38.790178,-80.119888,38.789508,-80.119802)
with buffer 0 miles

Note: The information in the following reports is based on publicly available databases and web services. The National Report uses nationally available datasets and the State Reports use datasets available through the EPA Regions. Click on the hyperlinked question to view the data source and associated metadata.

National Report

Project Area	0.04 ug ml
Within an Closure 1-yr (1979 standard) Non-Attainment/Maintenance Area?	NO
Within an Closure 5-yr (1997 standard) Non-Attainment/Maintenance Area?	NO
Within an Closure 5-yr (2008 standard) Non-Attainment/Maintenance Area?	NO
Within an Closure 5-yr (2015 standard) Non-Attainment/Maintenance Area?	NO
Within a Lead (2008 standard) Non-Attainment/Maintenance Area?	NO
Within a SO2 1-yr (2010 standard) Non-Attainment/Maintenance Area?	NO
Within a PM2.5 24hr (2008 standard) Non-Attainment/Maintenance Area?	NO
Within a PM2.5 Annual (1997 standard) Non-Attainment/Maintenance Area?	NO
Within a PM2.5 Annual (2012 standard) Non-Attainment/Maintenance Area?	NO
Within a PM10 (1987 standard) Non-Attainment/Maintenance Area?	NO
Within a CO Annual (1971 standard) Non-Attainment/Maintenance Area?	NO
Within a NO2 Annual (1971 standard) Non-Attainment/Maintenance Area?	NO
Within a Federal Land?	NO
Within an impaired stream?	NO
Within an impaired waterbody?	NO
Within a waterbody?	NO
Within a stream?	NO
Within an NWI wetland?	click here May take several minutes
Within a Brownfields site?	NO
Within a Superfund site?	NO
Within a Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) site?	NO
Within a water discharge (NIDSS)?	NO
Within a hazardous waste (HCPA) facility?	NO
Within an air emission facility?	NO
Within a school?	NO
Within an airport?	NO
Within a hospital?	NO
Within a designated sole source aquifer?	NO
Within a historic property on the National Register of Historic Places?	NO
Within a Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) site?	NO
Within a Land Use/Design Boundary?	NO
Within a tribal area (lower 48 states)?	NO

Step 5 - after you generate the NWI wetlands result in the table (see below), scroll to the bottom of the page and click on **Save as PDF** to download your NEPAssist Report. Follow the naming convention in the Checklist;

'Fairystone Acquisition - NEPAssist Report'.pdf

Within a Bureau of Land Management Area?

Within an ESA-designated Critical Habitat?

Within an ESA-designated Critical Habitat?

Save to Excel Save as PDF

The NWI wetlands result must be manually generated. Select '**click here**'. The response will automatically load into the table.

[click here](#)
May take several minutes

Step 6 - scroll to the bottom of your NEPAAssist Report and expand the USFWS IPaC Report by clicking on the small plus sign box. Click on **IPaC Report**. A new tab will open in your browser.

Within a Public Property Boundary of the Formerly Used Defense Sites?
Within a Munitions Response Site?
Within an Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)?
Within a Habitat Area of Particular Concern (HAPC)?
Within an EFH Area Protected from Fishing (EFHA)?
Within a Bureau of Land Management Area of Critical Environmental Concern?
Within an ESA-designated Critical Habitat Area per U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service?
Within an ESA-designated Critical Habitat river, stream or water feature per U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service?

[Save to Excel](#) [Save as PDF](#)

Virginia Report ⓘ

USFWS IPaC Report ⓘ

This report is from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Information, Planning and Conservation System (IPaC) tool and resources for which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has trust or regulatory responsibility. For more information,

[IPaC Report](#) [EXIT NEPAAssist](#)

Since this is a preapplication, you will only print the IPaC resource list and will not take further steps to Define Project and submit for more detailed review under Section 7.

Proceed to next page for final steps.

Step 7 - select **Print Resource List** from the left column options on the IPaC Report page.

Resources

ENDANGERED SPECIES	2
BALD & GOLDEN EAGLES	1
MIGRATORY BIRDS	8
FACILITIES	
WETLANDS	
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Step 8 - a popup window will appear. Disregard the option to obtain official correspondence from USFWS under Section 7. This step will occur later during the Compliance Review Phase for selected LWCF projects.

Select the button, **"I'M PRINTING THIS PAGE FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**. You will have the option to save the species list report as a PDF. Follow the naming convention in the Checklist.

Before you proceed

Print

8 pages

Destination

 Save as PDF

When saving as a PDF, select the option to **Save as PDF**. Selecting Microsoft Print To PDF will result in a significantly larger file size.

Do you need official correspondence from USFWS in the form of a species list for consultation purposes under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act?

If so, click **Cancel**, and then click **Define Project** (requires an IPaC login). Follow the prompts to the project home page and click **Request species list**.

A printed resource list from the IPaC Explore Location page is not considered official USFWS correspondence for ESA consultation purposes.

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CANCEL

"Fairystone Acquisition - IPaC Species List.pdf"