

Standards and Criteria for State Resource Areas (SRAs)

In accordance with the Land Protection Act, 7 *Del. C.*, Ch. 75, to be considered for inclusion in a map/listing of SRAs, land and/or water areas must exhibit one or more of the following:

- Property that contains endangered, threatened, or ecologically significant species, Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) as defined in the Delaware Wildlife Action Plan, or natural ecosystems;
- Property with a significant potential to support endangered, threatened, or ecologically significant species, SGCN, or natural systems;
- Property that is important because of its historical or cultural value or its proximity to an historically significant area;
- Property that includes or enhances important wildlife habitat or migration corridors, as well as potential wildlife habitat or migration corridors;
- Property with forest resources that are significant;
- Property with wetlands, flood plains, or other lands necessary for the protection of water resources;
- Property that contains significant or unique ecosystems, natural features, or geological features;
- Property which is an inholding or contiguous to or nearby lands already preserved by federal, state, local, or other conservation agencies;
- Property that will provide public outdoor recreation;
- Property that will allow natural systems or plants and animals to accommodate or adapt to climate change or other large-scale changes in ecosystem processes; or
- Property that would otherwise further or satisfy any of the purposes of the Act.