

Streamline Your Environmental Reviews

Environmental Review Tool

The **Environmental Review Tool** (ERT) empowers state agencies to automate and streamline the environmental review process through online project submission and coordinated agency reviews. The tool allows users to:

- Increase the efficiency of environmental review determinations
- Promote early project planning to avoid and minimize environmental impacts
- Reduce cumulative impacts on regulated resources

Tool Spotlight: Pennsylvania

The state of Pennsylvania uses the Pennsylvania Conservation Explorer, built by NatureServe, to conduct online environmental review clearances among four agencies with jurisdiction for regulating natural resources.

- More than 28,000 projects reviewed annually
- Over 70% of project screenings return no conflicts or recommend voluntary avoidance measures
- Proceeding without agency consultation saves both applicants and regulators time and money

Visit <http://bit.ly/natureERT> to view the Story Map and learn about building an ERT for your state.

Test-drive State Environmental Review Tools

Arizona Online Environmental Review Tool
azhgis2.esri.com

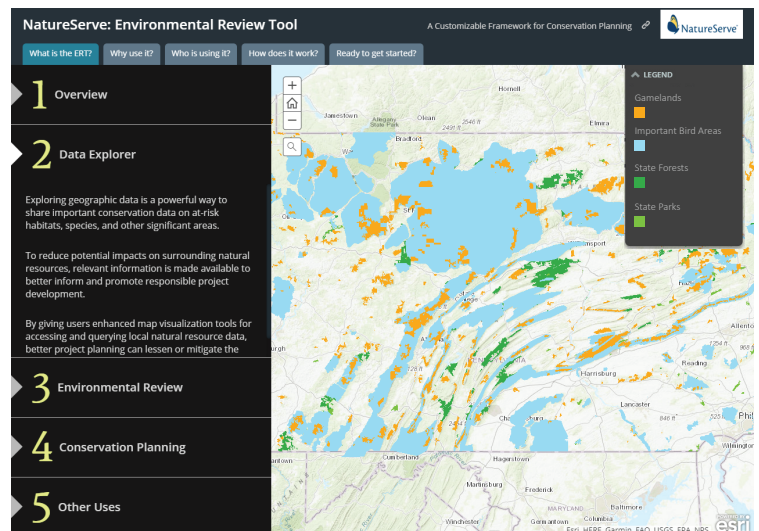
Missouri Natural Heritage Review
naturalheritagereview.mdc.mo.gov

Nebraska Conservation and Environmental Review Tool
cert.outdoornebraska.gov

North Carolina Natural Heritage Data Explorer
ncnhde.natureserve.org

Pennsylvania Conservation Explorer
conservationexplorer.dcnr.pa.gov

Virginia Natural Heritage Data Explorer
vanhde.org



“For the first time, using NatureServe’s Environmental Review Tool, species habitat information will be available online, and applicants can submit projects electronically, replacing a cumbersome process that required paper submissions to four different agencies.”

— Cindy Dunn, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

