



## 2018 Upper Delaware BioBlitz Site Selection Nominations

The Upper Delaware BioBlitz Steering Committee is considering staging another event in 2018. The site for the 2018 Upper Delaware BioBlitz will be chosen by the BioBlitz Steering Committee based on sites nominated according to the attached process and criteria. Note that preference will be given in 2018 to sites in Pennsylvania but NY sites will be considered. The date of the event has not been set but will likely be late June.

Please submit the following completed application for each site to [info@upperdelawarebioblitz.com](mailto:info@upperdelawarebioblitz.com). Provide as much information as you can. You do not have to be the site owner to nominate a site.

The deadline for applications is December 8, 2017.

More information on the Upper Delaware BioBlitz is available at [www.upperdelawarebioblitz.com](http://www.upperdelawarebioblitz.com)

Site Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to the Site \_\_\_\_\_

Site Size (acres) \_\_\_\_\_

Brief summary of topography, vegetation, fauna and distinguishing characteristics

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Site Nominator Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Email \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Site Owner (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Contact Info \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a site map and any other information you might think is useful for the Site Selection Committee

## Site Selection Process

- The BioBlitz Steering committee is seeking site nominations starting November 1 and ending November 30 from a variety of individuals, organizations and land owners.
- To nominate the site the nominator must provide a site address, site map, directions to the site, ownership information and site characteristics including size in acres and a brief summary of topography, vegetation, fauna and distinguishing characteristics.
- During the month of December a site selection subcommittee of the Steering Committee will evaluate the nominated sites and arrange to make preliminary site visits.
- By December 31, the subcommittee will make recommendations to the full Steering committee of the top three sites by order of preference.
- If required, other members of the Steering Committee will be able to make site visits to the top three sites during the month of December.
- The Steering Committee will choose the site by consensus by the end of December, 2017.

## Site Selection Criteria

### *Must Haves*

- Upper Delaware River Watershed location, preference in 2018 for a site in Pennsylvania
- The site must be at least 50 acres in area and no more than 200 acres. A site may be a demarcated portion of a larger property.
- Uplands, lowlands, flowing water with small streams as well as large watercourses, impoundments, wetlands, forested and open pastures or meadows.
- Forested areas should include mature mixed deciduous hardwoods and evergreens as well as transitional early successional forest
- Good access and egress from commonly traveled roads convenient to the Upper Delaware community
- Meadows for tents, camping and other infrastructure
- Onsite areas for parking or convenient shuttle parking

### *Nice-to-haves*

- Adjacent to or near Delaware River and in NPS UDSRR corridor
- Onsite electricity, internet access, bathrooms and running water
- Onsite structures for programs and the base camp collection area
- Conservation strategy planned or in place
- Some agricultural or forest industry use
- Site contains special natural, environmental, cultural or historical attributes
- Other compatible public events onsite or nearby at the same time as the BioBlitz to leverage public attendance