

# Pennsylvania Aquatic Community Classification

## Priority Conservation Areas

Both biological and abiological data were used to select watersheds and river reaches that are of greatest conservation priority in the region. Although data were used from the entire study area, this analysis concentrates mostly on Pennsylvania's rivers and streams.

Quality community locations and biological metric scores were used to determine sections of streams and watersheds with high quality biological habitat. These data were combined with abiological data which related information about landscape alterations existing in each watershed. By examining both biological and abiological information, we were able to determine which watersheds held high quality habitats, high levels of biological diversity and low levels of human disturbance. See text for description of data used and calculation methodology. The shapefiles holding these data are available on the ACC companion CD.






## Legend



### Conservation Priority HUC12 Watersheds



-  Tier 1
-  Tier 2

### Conservation Priority River Reaches

-  French Creek
-  Large River Tier 1 Segments
-  Large River 'Non-Priority' Segments

-  French Creek Watershed (See French Creek Map)

-  ACC Study Area

-  Pennsylvania & Counties
-  Bordering States

