



William F. Hartwig

Senior Advisor

Bill Hartwig has more than three decades experience in the complex fields of federal land acquisition and management issues.

As a former Chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bill has an extensive understanding of federal policies relating to wetlands, development, federal land acquisition, natural resource management and administration.

Bill is also experienced in Endangered Species Act listings and delistings, Section 7 permits and Habitat Conservation Plans. He was the lead official in the delisting of the bald eagle and the grey wolf in the Midwest.

For nearly a decade, Bill served as Director of the Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region. With a \$250 million operating budget, Bill led Interior negotiation teams involved with federal, state, and Indian tribal land issues. He was Interior's lead staff person for the largest land exchange in Interior history: the "Collier Exchange" involving the federal government's acquisition of 150,000 acres throughout Florida

Education

BS, West Virginia University
MS, George Washington University

Memberships and citations

ESA, Migratory Bird, National Wildlife Refuge
President, Friends of Wye Mill
Board Member, Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp

Major practice areas

Sustainable land use
Natural resources
Energy

Contact

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Other Experience

- Had a key role in negotiating the Potlatch Exchange involving more than 60,000 acres in Arkansas and led the Interior Department's negotiation team involved in the Fox River (WI) Superfund clean-up site, one of the most expensive superfund sites in the U.S.
- Served for several years as Deputy Assistant Director and Assistant Director for Refuges and Wildlife at the Fish and Wildlife Service
- Led the largest Habitat Conservation Plan in the country covering the entire State of Wisconsin for the Karner Blue Butterfly
- Active duty U.S. Army Field Artillery Officer in Vietnam and Ranger Advisor to the South Vietnamese Army.