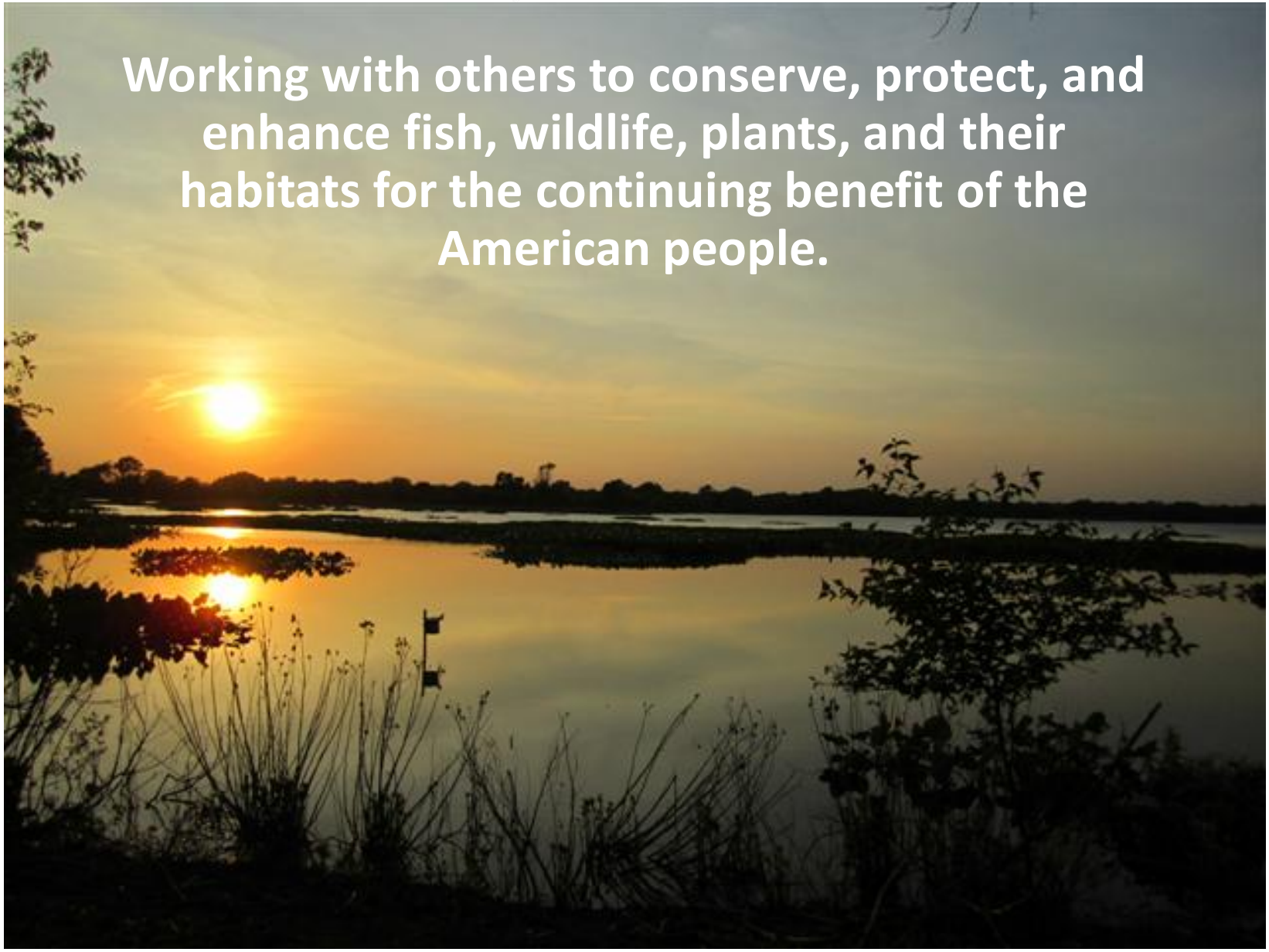
Working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

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STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR URBAN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

The goal of the Urban Wildlife Refuge Initiative is to engage urban communities in wildlife conservation in partnership with the Service.

1. Connect urban people with nature via stepping stones of engagement
2. Build partnerships
3. Be a community asset
4. Ensure adequate long-term resources
5. Provide equitable access
6. Ensure that visitors feel safe and welcome
7. Walk the sustainability walk

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Creating Refuge Naturally in Philly

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has an exciting opportunity to submit a proposal for $1 million of federal funding, which would be added to our annual budget of John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge as part of the Service's Urban Refuge Initiative. We are developing a proposal that, together with partners, would:

- *Educate and Engage Youth* to nurture an appreciation of nature and develop an environmental ethic through playing, learning, serving and working outside.
- *Engage Eastwick and other communities* adjacent to the Refuge to promote environmental, economic, and socially sustainable communities.

- *Create Corridors to Nature* by improving infrastructure and programs to provide safe access and a welcoming atmosphere to the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge and other natural areas.
- *Bring nature into the city* by working with communities and partners to build neighborhood “pocket parks,” developing exhibits and natural areas at sites throughout Philadelphia, telling our story through strategic communications, and contributing to regional environmental and sustainability initiatives.