

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #44</b> <b>Latodami Environmental Education Center</b></p>
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**COUNTY(IES)** Allegheny

**APPROX. SIZE** 250 acres

**OWNERSHIP** Public

**REASON FOR SELECTION**

- Site is a natural area associated with an established educational program that interprets natural history of resident mammals

**DESCRIPTION**

Latodami Environmental Education Center located in North Park, in western Pennsylvania, hosts approximately 5000 visitors per year in the environmental programs and another 5000 visitors who walk the trails and visit the center. The mission is to educate the general public about the environment and wildlife found in Western Pennsylvania. The area consists of a newly-dredged pond, a historic old barn originally part of the dairy farm, many forest and field habitats, as well as a few stream and wetlands. There are currently twelve nature trails that wander the nature center's 250 acres of the fields and forests of the immediate area.

**MAMMAL NOTES**

This nature center hosts a large number of visitors, school groups, scout and 4H groups, and offers programs and exhibits that are important in public education about mammals. The area consists of a newly-dredged pond, a historic old barn originally part of the dairy farm, many forest and field habitats, as well as a few stream and wetlands. This variety of habitats leads to a diverse mammalian fauna.

**CONSERVATION NOTES**

The original 1914 bank barn (with its authentic tile silo) still stands as an important relic from the dairy farm that Latodami once was. Today the barn is where we hold meetings and programs for the public. The barn is open to nature, so many species of birds and bats roost in the upper peaks and rafters. Barn swallows and little brown bats are commonly found.

