



North American Amphibian Monitoring Program: Hudson Valley

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North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP)

- 2000 – National Amphibian Research and Monitoring Initiative (USGS) funds and develops NAAMP to:
 - **Provide the first nationwide assessment of the current distribution and status of amphibian populations**
 - **Understand the scope and severity of amphibian declines throughout the U.S.**
 - **Determine the causes for declines**
 - **Provide essential scientific information to support effective management actions to arrest or reverse declines.**



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- Citizen science effort to conduct roadside surveys for calling frogs and toads
 - Volunteers are trained to identify calls and collect data
- National protocols, regionally coordinated
- Data will be used to identify sensitive species in the region, prioritize conservation efforts, and track population status over time



Wood Frog

*Photo: Michael Barnhart
– Volunteer 2009*



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- 2008 – Pilot effort:
 - 11 routes
 - 8 volunteers
- 2009 – Used Estuary Program outreach contacts to advertise volunteer opportunity:
 - 31 routes
 - 120 volunteers across 10 counties!!
 - 6 citizen science training workshops

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