Sunny with a chance of nutria modeling invasive species habitat with data from an eradication program

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Where can nutria live?



Researchers fit a logistic regression using a **Generalized Additive Model** restricted maximum cell was modeled as a function of percent wetland cover, elevation, distance to nearest water, and the interactions of those three







Modeling Tean A few lessons we've learned from using eradication data for habitat modeling:

Communication is key! We're building trust as well as models and maps.

There is a steep learning curve to working with data that someone else collected for a different purpose than yours.

We need to think through the sampling frame and use fewer negative cells to train the next generation of habitat models.

