

Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture Conservation Delivery Network



Geography & Initiation Standards

Geography

The proposed geographic distribution of Conservation Delivery Networks (CDNs) is intended to guide their initial establishment. It is understood that future adjustments to CDN boundaries may occur as partners recognize the need and/or advantages of such changes. The boundaries depicted below are the result of much discussion among CDN Steering Committee members regarding optimization of two predominant factors: (1) logistical considerations relative to geographic area, which impact both number of members and travel time/expense to participate in meetings, and (2) landscapes with somewhat similar ecological characteristics, such that each CDN has the maximum opportunity of forming and functioning to achieve its priority objectives, as defined in the Charter.

Initiation Standards

The following list is provided to facilitate the effective initiation of Conservation Delivery Networks. It is based on the assumption that certain minimum commitments and conditions are necessary to effectively initiate and maintain a CDN.

- LMJV Management Board partner accepts responsibility to lead a CDN initiation
- Other key LMJV partners agree to support and participate
- Lead partner agrees to formally commit a minimum of 5-10% of a staff lead's time to serve as CDN Chair for two years
- CDN Chair works with Partnership Coordinator to assemble core Planning Team and organize the first meeting
- Planning Team identifies venue, agenda, objectives and appropriate invitees (especially non-JV Management Board partners) for initial meeting

