

**LA/MS Conservation Delivery Network
Strategic Planning Project List
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Categories	Proj Code	Project List by Spatial Category	Public	Private	GIS	Summary Lead	Comments
Bistate - Landscape Level Projects							
Terrestrial Restoration	BLTR1	Consider private easement purchase program (similar to WRP/WRE)		X		?	Strategy would allow partners to target potential landowners that don't qualify for traditional WRP(WRE); requires prvt funding
	BLTR2	Linking wildlife habitat benefits of working Ag lands through water quality, quantity and wildlife habitat enhancement practices to existing habitat protection provided by new WRE and/or existing WRP easements-	X	X		?	Planning to address proj is underway via TCCC supported WG Tri-state RCPP; one proj proposal alternative submitted to NRCS 10/2014; tri-state RCPP project not funded - delete (updated 5/7/15)
Hydrology Restoration	BLHR1	Big river islands, channels, and private levees >MR River mainstem secondary channel connections and notched weirs (e.g.,Davis Island, Yucatan) >Private levees degradation leading to easement opportunities (e.g., Potential breach opportunities)		X		LA TNC/Ulmer	Further develop specific list of potential project opportunities
	BLHR2	Pilot project incorporating conservation planning (e.g.,NRCS ENG) and wildl professionals work together with landowner to integrate wildl and water conservation practices to meet landowner objectives gaining diverse conservation benefits		X		LA NRCS/ Edwards	Efforts at addressing this opportunity ay be made in porposed Tri-state RCPP project (above)
Habitat Management	BLHM1	Explore opportunities to establish model farm practices on NWR's with significant cooperative farming program	X	X		FWS/ Austin	
	BLHM2	Enhancement of shallow water areas on WRP (e.g., MBHI)		X		WG Chair	See comment re WRP Management WG below
	BLHM3	Evaluate forest management on WRP and CRP (both private lands implementation and potential research project)		X		WG Chair	CDN WG formed via TCCC re WRP Mngmt needs in LA, MS & AR; further plng may be necessary wrt CRP for. mngmt
	BLHM4	Conservation funding for practices on REACH project sites in the MAV		X		MS TNC/ Lemmons	
	BLHM5	Increase capacity to delivery CDN objectives (e.g., Farm Bill Biologists)	X	X		?	
	BLHM6	Assess/quantify winter water availability	X	X		DU/JV D James	Analysis last completed 2005; DU is currently finalizing revision
	BLHM7	Winter Water initiative – working ag lands		X		MDWFP/ Gruchy	
Habitat Protection	BLHP1	Purchasing permanent easements on expiring CRP lands		X		LDWF/ Cedatol	
	BLHP2	Easement acquisition between key public lands	X	X		?	
	BLHP3	Non-native and native invasive spp. control – research/projects	X	X		?	
	BLHP4	Asian carp control (Delta Wildlife)	X	X		Delta Wildlife	
	BLHP5	Compile acquisition priorities dataset	X			LA TNC/ Bergan	
	BLHP5	Hog control targeted areas in the MAV (landscape-level projects)	X	X		?	
LA - Landscape Level Projects							
Terrestrial Restoration	LLTR1	Louisiana Black Bear corridor planning & development	X	X		BBCC/ Davidson	BB WG established to assess and Identify corridor priorities; accomplished (updated 5/7/15)
	LLTR2	Develop protocol to trigger when WRP plantation thinning is appropriate to issue CUA		X		LDWF/ Breithaupt	
Hydrology Restoration	LLHR1	Saline/Larto complex link to Red River		X		LA TNC/Ulmer	
	LLHR2	Reconnections to old section of Bayou Cocodrie	X	X		FWS/ Norwood	Instead of dredge canal to remove water faster, use excess water for wildlife habitat imprv
	LLHR3	Boeff River hydrology restoration (Richland Parish) Lafourche Bayou connection with weir		X		DU/Smith	Very challenging project with regard to CoE agreement and cost

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	LLHR4	Siltation issues in major Tensas drainages	X	X		Refuges/ Purkey	
	LLHR5	Water quality study around Tensas NWR	X	X		Refuges/ Purkey	
Habitat Management	LLHM1	Develop MBHI like program to supplement (i.e., pay for) shallow water mngmt (e.g., disturbance) on WRP tracts		X		LDWF/ Breithaupt	
Habitat Protection							
MS - Landscape Level Projects							
Terrestrial Restoration							
Hydrology Restoration	MLHR1	Hold winter water on mixed soils for groundwater recharge with incentive payment to landowner, build infrastructure to hold natural water (no pumping)		X		Delta Wildlife	
Habitat Management	MLHM1	Landscape scale project establishing late summer and fall water for migratory shorebirds		X		Delta Wind Birds	
	MLHM7	Winter Water initiative — working ag lands		X		MDWFP/ Gruchy	Proj being Implemented (12/4/14 update); funding awarded, proj accomplished (updated 5/7/15)
	MLHM2	CREP project in South Delta		X		MS/TNC: Lemmons	Final required signature of MS Governor pending; project will be implemented early 2015 (12/4/14 update); project is underway, successful - already pursuing addt funding/ acres (updated 5/7/15)
Habitat Protection	MLHP1	Easement acquisition between Delta NF and Panther Swamp NWR	X	X		?	
LA - Site Specific Projects							
Terrestrial Restoration							
Hydrology Restoration	LSHR1	Turkey Creek drainage project	?			LDAF/ Schooler	Portion of project being accomplished; won't be accomplished per Schooler, delete (Updated 5/7/15)
	LSHR1	Upper Ouachita NWR: hydrology restoration of Barns and Glauson → Molliey	X			FWS/ Renfrow	Project is in current WRP funding and will be completed by end of 2015 (12/4/14 update); will be left as is, removed from list per Bergan (updated 5/7/15)
Habitat Management	LSHM1	Upper Ouachita NWR: ac wetland enhancement, tree planting, moist soil → Molliey 1600	X			FWS/ Renfrow	400 (of 1600 ac) coop Ag acres are currently being planted (12/4/14 update); 1600 acres are planted, remaining acres managed as moist-soil; complete (updated 5/7/15)
Habitat Protection	LSHP1	LA Interstate-20 Bear crossing project			X	Dolan	
MS - Site Specific Projects							
Terrestrial Restoration	MSTR1	School section lands (MFC) – GTR in Leflore County, reforestation help on other tracts	X			MFC/?	
	MSTR2	St Catherine Creek NWR - Loess hills erosion issues	X			FWS/ Norwood	
Hydrology Restoration	MSHR1	Mahannah WMA – hydrology restoration project	X			MDWFP/ Gruchy	412 acres trees have been planted (updated 5/7/15)
	MSHR2	McIntyre Scatters project to put weir in Muddy Bayou		X		MS TNC/ Lemmons	NAWCA Grant proposal under development (as of 4/2014)
	MSHR3	Tallahatchie NWR - Tippo Bayou oil erosion from farms silting wetlands	X			FWS/Gard	
	MSHR4	St Catherine Creek NWR - Cloverdale Unit wetland rehabilitation	X			FWS/ Norwood	NAWCA funding obtained to partially complete (5/2014)
	MSHR4	St Catherine Creek NWR - Explore opportunities to establish easements above Cloverdale Unit	X			FWS/ Norwood	
	MSHM1	Bottomland hardwood and hydrology restoration on 16 th section lands	X			MS For Comm	

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Habitat Management	MSHM2	Mahannah WMA (reforestation/impoundment work) – NAWCA proposal submitted	X			MDWFP/ Havens	
	MSHM3	Indianola WMA – wetland restoration project (partial funding)	X			MDWFP/ Havens	NAWCA funding obtained to partially complete; addt NAWCA pending (5/2014); last phase funding secured, will be completed in 2015 (updated 5/7/15)
Habitat Protection							
Outreach & Training							
	OT1	Promote and implement DFC forest management in NE LA		X		LDWF/ Breithaupt	
	OT2	Facilitate conservation delivery in NE delta, farm by farm outreach, model farm approach		X		LDWF/ Breithaupt	
	OT3	Big Lake and Tensas private land project outreach to landowners		X		FWS/ Renfrow	Explore opportunities & track interest
	OT4	BHW Workshops for Prog Delivery Staff (PLB's & Public Lnd Mgrs) & Prvt landowners -Schedule & plan hardwood management field day 2014	X	X	No	?	
	OT5	Outreach and training around working ag lands -Schedule & plan working Ag land field day 2014	X	X	No	?	
	OT5	Engage and support MS River Landowner Alliance		X	Yes	?	
	OT6	Wetland management workshops		X	No	?	
Special Requests to JV Management Board for Decision Support Information							

Note:

The GIS Column is intended to be used to mark (Yes/No) if a project can effectively be identified spatially using GIS