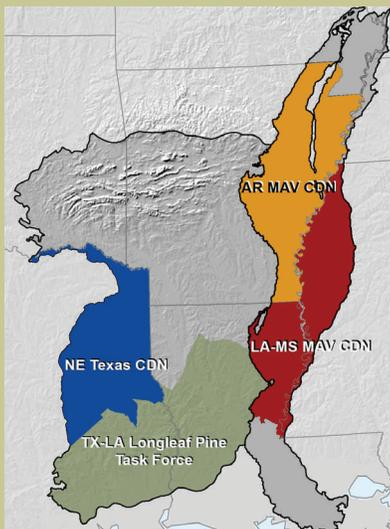


LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY JOINT VENTURE

Conservation Delivery Network - Update -

The Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture is a self-directed, non-regulatory private, state, federal conservation partnership that exists for the purpose of sustaining bird populations and their habitats within the Lower Mississippi Valley region through implementing and communicating the goals and objectives of relevant national and international bird conservation plans.



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Conservation Delivery Networks (CDNs) are forums whereby members of the Joint Venture and other interested conservation organizations coordinate on-the-ground delivery of their otherwise independent efforts.

Fully organized CDNs are now in place in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley of Arkansas (**AR MAV CDN**) and Louisiana/Mississippi (**LA-MS MAV CDN**). The AR MAV CDN is working to formulate a comprehensive list of project needs and opportunities to assist the Network in identifying both short and long-term priorities. In addition, the AR MAV CDN has adopted geographic delivery priorities informed by existing conservation decision support models. Relevant geographic information on these focal areas has been assembled in a Field Atlas, now available to partners via the LMJV web site at http://www.lmvjv.org/pages/CDNs/AR-MAV_CDN.htm. The LA-MS MAV CDN is in the process of finalizing a similar delivery priorities map and list of top project needs and opportunities.

LMJV staff and partners remain involved in the Texas-Louisiana Longleaf Pine Task Force, which works in support of the goals and objectives of America's Longleaf Restoration Initiative. The Task Force serves many of the intended functions of LMJV CDNs in the historic range of longleaf pine.

The newest CDN to come on line is the **NE Texas CDN**. Chaired by Texas Parks & Wildlife Department staff, and supported by USFWS, U.S.D.A. NRCS, Texas A&M Forest Service, Caddo Lake Institute, and the National Wild Turkey Federation, the first meeting of the full network was held in Tyler on 16 May.

Partnership Coordinators Steve Brock (MAV) and Doyle Shook (WGCPD) continue to facilitate the growth and maturation of existing CDNs, while working with partners to develop networks throughout the remainder of the LMJV region.

