

Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture

Tri-state Conservation Coordination Committee



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Purpose: The Tri-state Conservation Coordination Committee (hereafter “TCCC”) will serve as a forum for coordination among the Natural Resources Conservation Service (“NRCS”) and partner organizations in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, to address coordination and support opportunities associated with Farm Bill Program delivery.

The TCCC is Empowered to:

- 1) Work cooperatively to identify specific Farm Bill Program delivery elements for which the NRCS could benefit from added support and coordination with conservation partners.
- 2) With support of partner organizations and the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture’s (“LMVJV”), Mississippi Alluvial Valley (“MAV”), Partnership Coordinator, formulate and pursue specific strategies to address priority Farm Bill programs and /or their elements that may benefit from added support and coordination, recognizing that strengthening support of NRCS program delivery will serve to further advance the conservation objectives of the LMVJV partnership.
- 3) Draft a Memorandum of Understanding between the NRCS and LMVJV partnership to formalize, clarify, and further facilitate the cooperation, communication, and collaboration of the TCCC.
- 4) Develop TCCC sub-committees and working groups to facilitate the accomplishment of specifically-identified NRCS support opportunities through direct, but not exclusive, engagement of LMVJV sponsored Conservation Delivery Networks.

Membership: TCCC core leadership (“core leadership team”) will be comprised of the NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, NRCS Wetland Reserve Easement Coordinators, Conservation Delivery Network Chairs, The Nature Conservancy’s - Lower Mississippi River Program Director, and the LMVJV’s MAV Partnership Coordinator. The committee is empowered and encouraged to enlist other such members as deemed appropriate to the creation and operation of ad hoc subcommittees and working groups.

Process:

The TCCC will operate as a voluntary, independent body through oversight of the core leadership team, assuring that its purpose and objectives are being appropriately addressed through established sub-committees and working groups. The TCCC should operate in a manner consistent with the purpose of the LMVJV, the broad goals and objectives of national and international bird conservation plans, and the missions, authorities, and responsibilities of the LMVJV's member agencies and organizations. The committee should meet a minimum of once annually to identify priorities, assess progress and establish specific objectives.

Reporting

Responsibilities

And Relationships:

The TCCC will report annually, at the Spring/Summer LMVJV Management Board meeting, through either an appointed committee representative, the LMVJV Coordinator, or MAV Partnership Coordinator. Report topics should include progress and activities associated with the current year's priorities, issues, findings, and/or recommendations.