

Collaborative Conservation “Southern Style”

Working at scale,

To put conservation on-the-ground,

Through partnership & fellowship

Shared Goal

- A strong partnership, working in support of Farm Bill conservation programs

Targeted Outcomes

- Wetland conservation
- Bottomland hardwood restoration
- Working lands - wildlife habitat, water quality & quantity

Comprehensive Conservation Approach

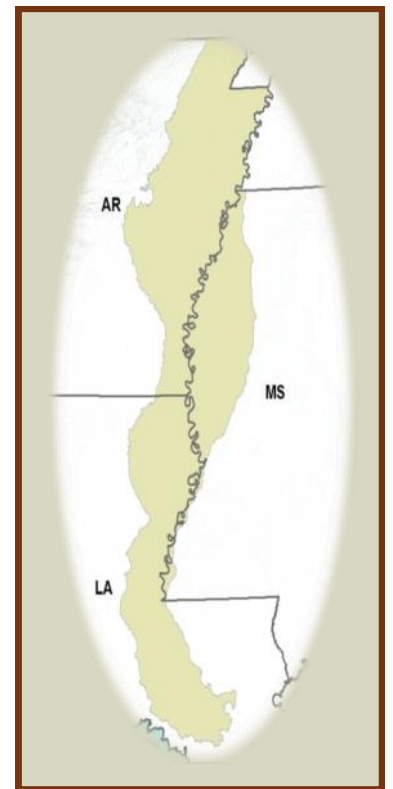
- Champions - advocating LMRV conservation
- Programs - enhancing administration & delivery
- Policy - supporting implementation
- Opportunities - identifying and capitalizing

Drivers of Success

- Strong NRCS Leadership
- Broad Partner Participation & Support
- Complimentary Conservation Partnerships
- Dedicated Capacity

Broad Geographic Influence

- Working in AR, LA and MS
- LMRV-wide impact
- National influence



Tri-C Partnership

Lower Mississippi River Valley

Demonstrated Accomplishments

Tri-C Chartered by LMVJV Partnership

Formal Declaration of Partnership

WRP Ranking Criteria

- Tri-state harmonization

WRP Contract Closure Support

- fostered by Tri-state collaboration

Integration of Easement & Working Lands Programs

- innovative RCPP tri-state proposal

CSP Wildlife Enhancements

- four approved, seven pending

WREP Planning

- multi-state development of 4 proposals

Supported LMRV Critical Conservation Area Designation

Recommendations in support of ACEP Rulemaking Process

Supported 4w Soil Exemption in 2014 Farm Bill

WRP Tour for Key Decision-makers



Engaged Partners

Tri-state Representation
focused on common objectives

Strong Diversity
organizations, expertise, perspectives

Participation
rallying around shared interests



Priorities - What's Ahead

LA Conservation Planning Project
multi-discipline team approach

WRP Easement Management
•develop forest management recommendations
•address shallow water management

WRE Outreach
advancing program knowledge & awareness

WRP 700,000 Acre Celebration
heralding a major conservation success

Champion Wetland Conservation in next Farm Bill

Tri-C...a powerful example of effective regional partnership