

Annual Report

General Section

Overview: Partner Responsibility

1. Provide a brief narrative describing project progress over the past year. What project milestones were achieved?

The Open Pine 2319 RCPP project was initiated in earnest upon execution of the Supplemental Agreement 12/15/2021. Between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022, the Arkansas-Louisiana (AR-LA) Conservation Delivery Network (CDN) Partnership convened approximately 32 meetings (both in-person and virtual) of the CDN Steering Committee, ITA and ETA Teams, and Contributors (totaling 261 contacts), and the Social Communications and Outreach Teams (134 contacts), with outreach done by all to connect with Private Landowners (241 contacts). These Working Groups were successful in their outreach and communication within the RCPP area, for a grand total of 636 landowner/producer contacts in 2022. This outreach resulted in a substantial number (10-12%) of HU landowners encouraged to participate in the Open Pine RCPP. The CDN also continued their development of other partner working groups – a formal Implementation Delivery Team (ITA or Technical Advisory), and Social and Communications Teams (ETA) – that will consistently evaluate progress and improving performance.

2. What project implementation challenges, if any, were encountered over the past year?

• With COVID-19, collaboration in a traditional sense was challenging, but with virtual platforms available, and strategic planning early and consistently, our partners and their agencies/organizations managed this difficulty through virtual forums and public platforms like agency commission meetings and webinars. Familiarization with the new portal items kept ABC busy for the Proposal, PPA, and SA at various steps. • NRCS 2022 Project timeline (2/10/22 NRCS Bulletin) – The jump from an executed Supplemental Agreement (SA) on December 15, 2021, to the RCPP sign-up closing on February 18, 2022, was a challenge that we handled, albeit at the cost of changes in holiday plans. Some November refinements to the Fact Sheet map were also a challenge, but using best boundaries to connect priority areas allowed us to proceed. • Navigating the Portal requires training and continual use for proficiency; small organizations and partnerships struggle with access and understanding due to its complexity. • NRCS procedures – (a) Consistency between states (practice specifications, interpretations, and payment rates) caused some issues with initial contracts. This discussion has continued during preparation for 2023 sign-up; (b) Confidentiality – primary partners cannot share information outside of ABC, and not with the 17 contributing partners. • A full understanding of the intent of this RCPP, and the responsibility of the 19 contributing partners in this effort, may not be completely understood by agency personnel (NRCS and partners). We must strive to ensure NRCS and partner ITA delivery team members fully grasp the focus of this RCPP. Because staff changes and new personnel are a constant, we know that continuous communication and coordination is needed. Regular communication can easily and preemptively deal with personnel clarity. Key elements of the PPA and SA should be reviewed to achieve this clarity – in most cases, ITA/ETA partners work well with NRCS field staff, and consistent communication will ensure all parties are on the same page.

3. Briefly describe the project outlook for the coming year, including anticipated major milestones

2022 – Project outlook continues to be very optimistic. Coordination among ABC, NRCS, and the other 17 partners is open and honest; we have found ways to forge ahead and shore up any questions or issues that arise. Initial sign-up exceeded expectations; our HU contacts (about 25% in both states) and contracts (47% HU) were exceptional. We were concerned about bias in selection due to ranking of larger landowners (receiving higher scores), reducing opportunity for smaller land ownerships. Through the assistance of NRCS staff, our ranking process proved quite successful. Some of the highest- ranked projects contracted had the smallest acreage, and most of the HU applicants were awarded contracts. Another high point - Our contributions continue to be at a high level, with over half of our contributions completed by Year #2. Our ability to communicate, coordinate, and adapt has proven invaluable. This project will utilize adaptive management throughout the life of the project.

Historically Underserved Community Outreach (Cumulative): Partner Responsibility

4. Number of Beginning Farmer/Rancher Participants at partner-led outreach events

43

5. Number of Veteran Farmer/Rancher Participants at partner-led outreach events

3

6. Number of Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher Participants at partner-led outreach events

3

7. Number of Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher Participants at partner-led outreach events

17

8. Number of New Clients that Have Never Worked with NRCS at partner-led outreach events

43

Producer Contracts (Cumulative): NRCS Responsibility

9. Number of Land Management/Rental Contract Applications
39
10. Number of Land Management/Rental Contracts Implemented
15
11. Number of US-Held Easement Applications
0
12. Number of US-Held Easements Implemented
0
13. Number of Entity-Held Easement Applications
0
14. Number of Entity-Held Easements Implemented
0
15. Number of Watershed Project Applications
0
16. Number of Watershed Projects Implemented
0
17. Number of Beginning Farmer/Ranchers Participants enrolled in producer contracts/easements
6
18. Number of Veteran Farmer/Ranger Participants enrolled in producer contracts/easements
0
19. Number of Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher Participants enrolled in producer contracts/easements
0
20. Number of Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher Participants enrolled in producer contracts/easements
1

Deliverables

FA Deliverables

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8	2025	LA	Land Management	Producer Contracts	These activities are planned to enhance existing pine – pine/hardwood timber stands to achieve the Desired Forest Condition (DFC) and to restore rare or declining habitats within the project area: 338 Prescribed Burning; 394 Firebreaks; 643 Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities Monitoring and Management; 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management Habitat Monitoring and Management; 666 Forest Stand Improvement Timber Stand Improvement. These practices may be implemented singularly or in conjunction with each other to achieve the best possible outcome for DFCs. Other similar forest stand practices may be included as appropriate through site specific recommendations.* A consistent focus on these core practices will be used through a process of strategic planning, implementation and outcome-based monitoring to achieve the Desired Forest Condition; efforts may also include forest management planning practices. Recommended actions will be based on site-specific considerations; for example, we expect all projects to require site evaluation and custom recommendations.	\$516,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
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5	2022	LA	Land Management	Producer Contracts	These activities are planned to enhance existing pine – pine/hardwood timber stands to achieve the Desired Forest Condition (DFC) and to restore rare or declining habitats within the project area: 338 Prescribed Burning; 394 Firebreaks; 643 Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities Monitoring and Management; 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management Habitat Monitoring and Management; 666 Forest Stand Improvement Timber Stand Improvement. These practices may be implemented singularly or in conjunction with each other to achieve the best possible outcome for DFCs. Other similar forest stand practices may be included as appropriate through site specific recommendations.* A consistent focus on these core practices will be used through a process of strategic planning, implementation and outcome-based monitoring to achieve the Desired Forest Condition; efforts may also include forest management planning practices. Recommended actions will be based on site-specific considerations; for example, we expect all projects to require site evaluation and custom recommendations.	\$309,750.00	\$0.00	\$294,705.00	\$294,705.00	Challenges – Of 62 applications that were formally evaluated, ranked, and scored, funds were available for only 15 contracts. This issue challenges us to keep those initial contacts open to future project involvement, but we anticipate landowner disappointment and a lack of interest towards submitting new applications. Continual communication among partners, NRCS staff, and landowners must be stressed. Apply to both AR and LA.

TA Deliverables

Item #	Calendar Year	State	Activity Type	Contract Type	Typical Activity	Budget	Completed Year 1	Completed Year 2	Total	Summary of Successes and Challenges
2	2026	AR	NRCS Implementation TA	NRCS use	TA-I to support NRCS Project Management and Inherently Governmental Functions	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
28	2026	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Conservation Innovation	\$30,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
25	2026	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Outreach and Education	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
22	2026	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Outcome Assessment	\$21,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
19	2026	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Communication and Coordination	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
16	2026	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Project Management	\$19,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
13	2026	AR	Partner Implementation TA	Supplemental Agreements	TA-I to support Land Management Activities	\$184,360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
8	2026	LA	NRCS Implementation TA	NRCS use	TA-I to support NRCS Project Management and Inherently Governmental Functions	\$18,437.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4	2025	AR	NRCS Implementation TA	NRCS use	TA-I to support NRCS Project Management and Inherently Governmental Functions	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	2025	AR	Partner Implementation TA	Supplemental Agreements	TA-I to support Land Management Activities	\$188,360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
7	2025	LA	NRCS Implementation TA	NRCS use	TA-I to support NRCS Project Management and Inherently Governmental Functions	\$18,437.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
3	2024	AR	NRCS Implementation TA	NRCS use	TA-I to support NRCS Project Management and Inherently Governmental Functions	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
27	2024	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Conservation Innovation	\$77,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
24	2024	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Outreach and Education	\$18,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
21	2024	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Outcome Assessment	\$54,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
18	2024	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Communication and Coordination	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
15	2024	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Project Management	\$47,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	2024	AR	Partner Implementation TA	Supplemental Agreements	TA-I to support Land Management Activities	\$231,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
6	2024	LA	NRCS Implementation TA	NRCS use	TA-I to support NRCS Project Management and Inherently Governmental Functions	\$36,875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1	2023	AR	NRCS Implementation TA	NRCS use	TA-I to support NRCS Project Management and Inherently Governmental Functions	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

10	2023	AR	Partner Implementation TA	Supplemental Agreements	TA-I to support Land Management Activities	\$193,440.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
5	2023	LA	NRCS Implementation TA	NRCS use	TA-I to support NRCS Project Management and Inherently Governmental Functions	\$36,875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
9	2022	AR	Partner Implementation TA	Supplemental Agreements	TA-I to support Land Management Activities	\$152,040.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Agreements and Administration – Lead Partner ABC, Primary Partnership Agreement 2913/2021. Supplemental Agreement 12/15/2021; initial sign-up period closed 2/18/2022, resulting in approximately 109 interested applicants. However, only 62 of those applications were formally evaluated, ranked, and scored. Of those 62, funds were available for only 15 contracts. This challenges us to keep those initial contacts open to future project involvement, but we expect there could be disappointment. Our ITA team will be encouraging applicants to persevere. No request for payment submitted to date, intend to submit request in March or April. Work has been performed according to schedule.
14	2022	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Project Management	\$28,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Discussion among LA staff regarding the ranking tool, and how projects were considered, in or out of the priority area, was different than in AR. For instance, LA did not have missing applicants; all 41 sign-ups can be traced to ranking, status, and outcome. This was not the case in AR, where the ranking process was different, but discussion with LA and AR will reconcile those differences. Going forward, what worked best will be incorporated. Some projects in AR were in the priority area, but were not credited as such; was this due to other farm and tract number conflicts? Further evaluation is needed. No request for payment submitted to date, intend to submit request in March or April. Work has been performed according to schedule.
17	2022	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Communication and Coordination	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Numerous outreach meetings, advertisements in local media, field days, one-one contacts, mailings, local news advertisements, and PSAs, allowed us to connect with many landowners in all 16 counties and parishes. AR and LA partner meetings, NRCS, and Collaborators (KIITF) meetings were also used to evaluate sign-up and initial outreach for the Open Pine 2319 RCPP. No request for payment submitted to date, intend to submit request in March or April. Work has been performed according to schedule.

20	2022	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Outcome Assessment	\$32,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Outcome assessment “Monitoring” was initiated during June and July partner meetings to evaluate and communicate contract-project outcome efforts. Coordination involved NRCS staff (County/Parish Districts) to ensure coordination during and after sign-up to articulate both the 645 and the ET I partner-based monitoring, rapid assessment, and avian data collection. What and how to communicate with landowners “at the DC offices” is critical and must include a partner collaboration and open communication line. Training sessions were held and protocols were clearly explained to all partners and landowner/producers with contracts. No request for payment submitted to date, intend to submit request in March or April. Work has been performed according to schedule.
23	2022	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Outreach and Education	\$11,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	A major avenue initiated in 2022 is the RCPP-dedicated website (see link below); this was used to share meeting and project information with both partners and landowners. A “Communications Team” was formed with partners and NRCS staff in both states. Several pre- and post-sign-up public awareness documents were sent to local news outlets; paid and PSA ads were produced, and all were also disseminated via partner news media. The web page includes significant education as to the conservation value and benefits to people and natural resources. https://www.lmvjv.org/ar-la-rcpp No request for payment submitted to date, intend to submit request in March or April. Work has been performed according to schedule.
26	2022	AR	Enhancement TA	Supplemental Agreements	Conservation Innovation	\$46,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Science-based social engagement and human dimensions’ (HD) evaluation of contacts and applicants are a very important HD outcome. In 2022, we extended our engagement with communications educators at University of Arkansas Monticello (Dr. Elena Rubino and A. Priest), and with University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff (Historically Black University) and their Arkansas Program “Keeping It In The Family.” These university connections expanded our connections with non-traditional landowners, and offered a greater insight to Historically Underserved. No request for payment submitted to date, intend to submit

										request in March or April. Work has been performed according to schedule.
29	2022	AR	NRCS Implementation TA	NRCS use	TA-I to support NRCS Project Management and Inherently Governmental Functions	\$40,000.00	\$34,921.42	\$0.00	\$34,921.42	first year of TA used in 2022, \$34,921
30	2022	LA	NRCS Implementation TA	NRCS use	TA-I to support NRCS Project Management and Inherently Governmental Functions	\$36,875.00	\$5,613.00	\$0.00	\$5,613.00	first year of TA used in 2022, \$5,613

Partner Contributions

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23	2026	AR	FA: "Other" FA per APF		State or Partner Program Expenditures on Eligible Activites	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,062.00	\$22,062.00	AFD manages almost 24,000 acres of "open pine" habitat through the implementation of sustainable forestry practices on state-owned lands, and other public and WMA lands. Management of these areas included the contribution of over 300 hours of in-kind staff time; based on 2022 efforts, AFD provided \$33,071 of in-kind staff support.
22	2026	AR	TA: "Implementation" TA per APF		Technical assistance to producers for planning directly related to installation or management of eligible conservation activities (C,I)	\$205,000.00	\$2,786.29	\$11,009.00	\$13,795.29	As an Active Partner, AR Forestry Division (AFD) worked closely with the lead partner to plan project implementation and management. Collaborated with partners during working meetings and participated in communications for implementing RCPP activities with field staff. Assisted with HU outreach through Evette Browning's contacts with "Keeping it in the Family" and UAPB.
21	2026	LA	FA: "Other" FA per APF		Federal Partner Program Expenditures on Eligible Activites	\$50,000.00	\$1,168.00	\$5,080.80	\$6,248.80	PFW-LA was an Active Partner in 2021 and 2022. They engaged in planning and preparation for 2022 land management in Bienville Parish, connecting with private landowners in high priority areas to promote conservation practices on those private lands and complement the RCPP.
20	2026	AR	FA: "Other" FA per APF		Federal Partner Program Expenditures on Eligible Activites	\$50,000.00	\$764.40	\$1,300.00	\$2,064.40	AR Partners for Fish and Wildlife field staff (PFW) was an Active Partner in 2021, and throughout 2022. PFW-AR engaged in planning and preparation for 2022 land management on priority areas to compliment NRCS contracts. They also connected with private landowners in the RCPP area to promote conservation practices on private lands in the project area to complement the RCPP.
19	2026	AR	FA: "Other" FA per APF		Private Sector Expenditures on Eligible Activites	\$750,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00	As one of our Private Sector Partners, South Central Electric Cooperative of AR is a major Contributing Partner. Using Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) practices on existing rights-of-way, expenditures for Land Management were accomplished, promoting native herbaceous grasses and forbs for priority species by connecting over 974 miles, or 4,676 acres of habitat corridors, within the open pine landscape. In 2022, the work was similar to the previous year.
										The Louisiana Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is active and engaged as a Contributing Partner.

18	2026	LA	FA: "Other" FA per APF		NGO Expenditures on Eligible Activites	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	NWTF continued their assistance for outreach, communication, and planning in 2022. Their cash contributions in Years #1 and #2 (\$10,000 annually) have been accepted by the lead partner, and these funds support our ability to establish supplemental incentive FA.
17	2026	AR	FA: "Other" FA per APF		NGO Expenditures on Eligible Activites	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	Partner has already met contribution goal. The Arkansas Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is active and engaged in the RCPP. As a Contributing Partner, their \$50,000 Cash Contributions for supplemental land management FA was foundational; these funds will be used to establish incentives above and beyond the RCPP funds. NWTF continues to provide assistance in outreach, communication, and planning, and their support of communications during 2022 was invaluable.
16	2026	LA	TA: "Implementation" TA per APF		Technical assistance to producers for planning directly related to installation or management of eligible conservation activities (C,I)	\$140,000.00	\$20,002.00	\$30,000.00	\$50,002.00	As a primary Active Partner, LDWF worked closely with the lead partner to plan project implementation and management. LDWF led the Louisiana collaboration with partners hosting working meetings and participated in communications for implementing RCPP activities with field staff. In 2022, staff assisted with major outreach through several hosted meetings at LDWF Regional Offices in Bastrop and Minden.
15	2026	LA	FA: "Other" FA per APF		State or Partner Program Expenditures on Eligible Activites	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$45,000.00	Partner has already exceeded contribution goal. As a primary Active Partner in 2022, LDWF worked closely with the lead partner to plan project implementation and management. LDWF collaborated with partners during meetings and participated in communications to implement RCPP activities. LDWF has been a long-term partner of the LMVJV and our CDN and provided valuable outreach to its many private landowner connections in north Louisiana. Funding from LDWF goes directly to USFWS - LMVJV funds and is used as cash available for the RCPP supplemental incentive payments.
14	2026	AR	TA: "Implementation" TA per APF		Technical assistance to producers for planning directly related to installation or management of eligible conservation activities (C,I)	\$120,000.00	\$19,418.98	\$26,325.00	\$45,743.98	As Lead Partner, ABC planned all aspects of project implementation, management, and reporting, and also convened working group meetings for inventory, data gathering, and evaluations. Disseminated information prior to and during sign-up and participated in project ranking. ABC communicated how TA to producers would be managed, and how partner strategy would be coordinated and

										supervised before, during, and after sign-up. Special emphasis was on administration of agreements, communications, and reporting to partners.
13	2026	AR	FA: "Other" FA per APF		Private Sector Expenditures on Eligible Activities	\$575,000.00	\$127,500.00	\$120,000.00	\$247,500.00	PotlatchDeltic is another private sector partner operating in AR; this partner has committed to restore habitat for the Red-cockaded Woodpecker on over 17,000 acres managed as a wildlife and conservation area, in conjunction with other partners, including ANHC, AFD, QF and AGFC. As a Contributing Partner, performing land management practices that benefit native plant communities, PotlatchDeltic is setting a real-world example for local landowners on how to make both conservation and "good business sense" go hand-in-hand.
12	2026	AR	FA: "Other" FA per APF		Private Sector Expenditures on Eligible Activities	\$1,387,180.00	\$125,573.00	\$1,843,152.00	\$1,968,725.00	Partner has already exceeded contribution goal. Ouachita Electric Cooperative of AR is a major Contributing Partner as one of our Private Sector Partners. Expenditures for Land Management were accomplished by using Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) practices on existing Rights-of-Way to promote native herbaceous grasses and forbs for priority species by connecting over 2,700 miles, or 6,757 acres of habitat corridors, within the open pine landscape.
11	2026	AR	TA: "Implementation" TA per APF		Technical assistance to producers for planning directly related to installation or management of eligible conservation activities (C,I)	\$97,910.00	\$3,978.75	\$10,228.00	\$14,206.75	The LMVJV is the umbrella organization-partnership of the AR-LA CDN. The science and strategic habitat planning for this project is founded on work by the JV. As an active partner, they have supported the science arm of the project, and provided essential material for the Lead Partner's operation in the RCPP area. The JV and ABC staff have been working hand-in-hand for project supervision: contracting and administration of third-party support service agreements, communications, and reporting, and essentially being engaged in all aspects of implementing RCPP-related activities.
10	2026	AR	TA: "Implementation" TA per APF		Technical assistance to producers for planning directly related to installation or management of eligible conservation activities (C,I)	\$120,000.00	\$27,501.00	\$20,250.00	\$47,751.00	QF is an Active Partner, working closely with lead partner ABC to engage in all aspects of project implementation and management. In 2022, their extensive planning and dissemination of information to partners, especially to NRCS for project ranking, was vital for the development of the Fact Sheet and scoring effort of future projects. Field Staff developed communications to

									landowners and laid the groundwork for sign-up efforts in all 16 Parishes and Counties.
9	2026	LA	FA: "Other" FA per APF	NGO Expenditures on Eligible Activities	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$5,750.00	\$35,750.00	Louisiana TNC provided important support to the LA Natural Heritage Sites, and to the landowners who manage those sites. They are a leader in open pine management and outreach, working closely with lead partner to support project planning. In 2022, TNC coordinated use of their easements as demonstration sites that provided hands-on field training for implementing and evaluating RCPP Open Pine practices.
8	2026	AR	TA: "Implementation" TA per APF	Technical assistance to producers for planning directly related to installation or management of eligible conservation activities (C,I)	\$300,000.00	\$87,182.10	\$147,325.00	\$234,507.10	In 2022, Arkansas TNC again set the bar by providing leadership in open pine management, especially through prescribed fire treatments in the project area. AR TNC has worked closely with lead partner to engage in project planning, and is already working with other partners to be essentially engaged in field-level aspects of implementing and evaluating RCPP activities. Their accomplishment of 1,705 acres was outstanding in 2022, with a value of over \$147,325.
7	2026	AR	FA: "Other" FA per APF	Private Sector Expenditures on Eligible Activities	\$1,900,000.00	\$502,560.00	\$1,105,044.00	\$1,607,604.00	Entergy is another major private sector partner, operating in both AR and LA, that has committed to provide \$1,900,000 value of conservation land management through IVM practices during the five-year span of this project. This focus on native herbaceous grasses and forbs supports a host of priority species, with these "In-Kind" efforts connecting over 1,100 miles, or 14,750 acres, of habitat corridors within our planned open pine landscape project. The 2022 Report found errors in under-reporting in 2021, and the adjustment has been added to the 2022 report numbers. The 2022 Report (adjusted for error-deficient Report 2021) includes: \$865,555 + \$239,489 = \$1,105,044; 631 mi. reported + 667 mi. (2021) = 1,298 mi; and 9,364 ac. reported + 4,801 ac. = 14,165 ac..
									Partner has already exceeded contribution goal. Enable-Midstream was the company that originally committed to our partnership as a contributor for the RCPP during the project proposal phase. During 2021, Enable-Midstream was purchased by Energy Transfer, Inc.; Energy Transfer continues their original commitment to contribute, and successfully followed

6	2026	AR	FA: "Other" FA per APF	Private Sector Expenditures on Eligible Activites	\$300,550.00	\$100,239.00	\$424,883.00	\$525,122.00	through to make a significant (over \$424,883) contribution of "In-Kind" work by the end of 2022. Energy Transfer's contributed expenditures for Land Management were accomplished by using IVM practices on existing Rights-of-Way to promote native herbaceous grasses and forbs for priority species and connecting over 300 miles of managed ROW corridors.
5	2026	AR	FA: "Other" FA per APF	State or Partner Program Expenditures on Eligible Activites	\$150,000.00	\$33,766.00	\$59,625.00	\$93,391.00	Using sustainable forestry practices on three public WMAs (100,00 ac), AGFC developed "open pine" habitat on Big Timber, Poison Springs, and DeGray Lake, using prescribed fire, commercial timber harvest, and timber stand improvement (chemical and mechanical), in concert with ITA and FA on private land contracts in the area. In 2022, 655 acres were treated (\$91/ acre), totaling \$59,625 of in-kind contributions. In addition, the implementation of these treatments included the contribution of in-kind staff time of forester staff (Habitat Biologist, Area Biologist, Area Manager) and HQ staff to plan and develop outreach efforts.
4	2026	LA	FA: "Other" FA per APF	Private Sector Expenditures on Eligible Activites	\$1,389,270.00	\$312,372.00	\$250,748.74	\$563,120.74	One of our Private Sector Partners, Claiborne Electric Cooperative of LA, is a major Contributing Partner. Their contributed expenditures for Land Management were accomplished by using Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) practices on existing Rights-of-Way to promote native herbaceous grasses and forbs for priority species, connecting over 700 miles or 8,500 acres of habitat, for a value of \$1,389,268 of conservation land management during the five-year span of this project.
3	2026	AR	FA: "Other" FA per APF	State or Partner Program Expenditures on Eligible Activites	\$100,000.00	\$7,234.89	\$20,762.50	\$27,997.39	Contributing Partner, ANHC, participated in planning meetings and provided in-kind accomplished habitat work on a number of natural area "open pine" habitats. ANHC planned conservation, oversight, and implementation of sustainable forestry practices on these natural areas to connect high value landscapes with private lands across the project area; in 2022, this included \$20,763 and 385 acres of habitat work.
									In 2022, AGFC worked closely with the lead partner to plan project implementation and management, collaborated with partners during working meetings, and participated in

2	2026	AR	TA: "Implementation" TA per APF	Technical assistance to producers for planning directly related to installation or management of eligible conservation activities (C,I)	\$192,000.00	\$14,295.00	\$53,545.15	\$67,840.15	communications to implement RCPP activities with field staff. AGFC provided major outreach through hosted meetings at AGFC Headquarters, regional offices, and through state-wide platforming of Commission Meeting announcements. The significant ITA for landowners through Private Lands Biologists was valued at \$53,546.
1	2026	AR	FA: "Other" FA per APF	State or Partner Program Expenditures on Eligible Activities	\$100,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	As a primary Active Partner, AGFC worked closely with the lead partner to plan project implementation and management. Collaborated with partners during working meetings and participated in communications for implementing RCPP activities with field staff. In addition to their close collaboration, AGFC provided \$20k in cash during 2022 as a contribution to bolster future incentives for future landowner projects in the region.

Outcomes

Conservation Outcomes

Outcome Title	Resource Concern	Treatment	Measurement Type	Reference/Source	Project Outcomes Year 1	Project Outcomes Year 2	Total	Summary of Work on Project Outcomes
Restoration and Enhancement of Open Forest landscapes in AR and LA	Terrestrial habitat				0.00%	22.70%	23%	Produce over 30,000 acres of open forest habitat on public and other partner lands: Habitat restoration and enhancement of open forest habitat completed by partners accounted for 6,806 acres on public lands in AR and LA; additional acreage was provided through IVM efforts by industry partners but will be reported in year #3. Activities toward project outcomes are ongoing.
Restoration and Enhancement of Open Forest landscapes in AR and LA	Terrestrial habitat				0.00%	8.00%	8%	Monitoring: Habitat restoration and enhancement monitoring performed on initial contract sites included 951 acres in LA and 1,505 acres in AR; these baseline assessments of habitat conditions (rapid assessment) and species presence (Northern Bobwhite) in areas prior to development of open forest were monitored by partners and landowners in year #2; this amounted to a total of 2,456 acres assessed and monitored in AR and LA. Activities toward project outcomes are ongoing.
Restoration and Enhancement of Open Forest landscapes in AR and LA	Terrestrial habitat				0.00%	8.00%	8%	Produce over 30,000 acres of open forest habitat on private lands: Habitat restoration and enhancement contracts were obligated but not yet completed for private land open forest habitat of 2,456 acres. Activities toward project outcomes are ongoing.

Economic Outcomes

Outcome Title	Treatment	Measurement Type	Reference/Source	Description	Project Outcomes Year 1	Project Outcomes Year 2	Total	Summary of Work on Project Outcomes
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Social Outcomes

Outcome Title	Treatment	Measurement Type	Reference/Source	Project Outcomes Year 1	Project Outcomes Year 2	Total	Summary of Work on Project Outcomes
Targeting Historically Underserved (HU) landowners				0.00%	47.00%	47%	<p>47% or 7 or 15 contracts in Year #2 were obligated to HU. Considerable effort was put into outreach within both states resulting in applications in LA with 23% and AR with 28% HU. Though initial outreach and communication efforts did not request HU profile or category during initial meetings and outreach events, the effort was strategically placed in local media and through meetings which provided a platform for dialogue. Our strategy for the Open Pine RCPP in Year #1 was to begin conservatively, evaluate the process, and refine community outreach to promote first-time signups and socially disadvantaged landowners. Our strategy is to continue to refine outreach and engage partners with better connections to specific areas of the region. These developing landowner connections will improve outreach efforts for HU landowners.</p>

