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Regional Conservation Partnership Program Fact Sheet

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The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a comprehensive, flexible program that uses partnerships to stretch and multiply conservation investments, reaching conservation goals on a regional scale.

### **Project Overview**

The AR-LA Conservation Delivery Network Open Pine Landscape **Restoration Partnership RCPP** Project will address wildlife habitat, fire management, and water quality concerns in Arkansas and Louisiana. By implementing open pine forest management practices across private lands in Arkansas and Louisiana, this project will advance the recovery of species of conservation concern. Partnerships with the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff and other entities will help to ensure that historically underserved farmers and landowners participate meaningfully in the project.

#### **Primary Resource Concerns**

Primary resource conserns include worsening of degraded plant condition; significant decrease in fire management; deterioration of terrestrial forest habitat, mainly due to changing land uses.

This loss of forest structure and plant diversity has caused declines in wildlife like Northern Bobwhite, Henslow's and LeConte's Sparrows,



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Louisiana Pine Snake, Red-cockaded Woodpecker and many other species.

#### **Project Goals**

Improve open forest conditions. Reduce hazardous fuel and the threat of wildfire and improve watershed condition.

#### **Conservation Practice Funding**

Funding will be available to eligible landowners through RCPP. NRCS will provide financial assistance for a systems approach using approved conservation practices to address resource concerns. Land and producer eligibility and all other program criteria for participation must be met to participate in this initiative. Agricultural lands are eligible for enrollment in the initiative.

Note: Additional financial assistance may be available through the partnership for certain areas and conservation management practices. **Approved Conservation Practices** 

□ 338 — Prescribed Burning

□ 394 — Firebreak

□ 643 — Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities

□ 645 — Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

G666 — Forest Stand Improvement



#### How to Apply for RCPP

NRCS and associated conservation partners will deliver this program collaboratively.

□ In Arkansas: Applications may be obtained and filed at the following Arkansas NRCS county offices:

Ashley – (870) 853-2630 310 N Cherry St Hamburg, AR 71646-3002

**Bradley** – (870) 226-6751 100 1st St Warren, AR 71671-2739

**Calhoun** – Serviced in Warren (870) 226-6751 100 1st St Warren, AR 71671-2739

Clark – (870) 246-9816 640 S 6th St Arkadelphia, AR 71923-6231

**Drew** – (870) 367-8400 419 W Gaines St Monticello, AR 71655-4723

Lincoln – (870) 628-4542 303 North Lincoln Avenue Star City, AR 71667

Nevada – Serviced in Hope (870) 777-8800 300 West Commerce Blvd Hope, AR 7180

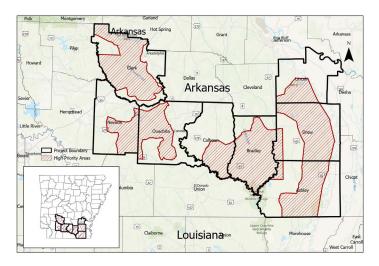
**Ouachita** – (870) 836-2089 151 South Adams Avenue Camden, AR 71701

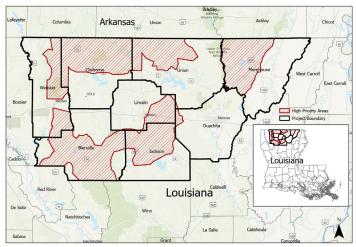
□ In Louisiana: Applications may be obtained and filed at the following Louisiana NRCS Parish offices:

**Bienville** – (318) 377-3950, ext. 3 216B Broadway St Minden, LA 71055-3301

Claiborne – (318) 377-3950, ext. 3 216B Broadway St Minden, LA 71055-3301

**Jackson** – (318) 649-2651 ext. 1 7128 Highway 165, Suite 2 Columbia, LA 71418-3302





Lincoln – (318) 255-3136, ext. 3 1412 Celebrity Drive Ruston, LA 71270

**Morehouse** – (318) 281-1561, ext. 3 9600 Marlatt St Bastrop, LA 71220-9758

**Ouachita** – (318) 343-4467, ext. 3 2410 Old Sterlington Rd Ste A Monroe, LA 71203-2668

Union – (318) 368-8021 501 Glory Road Farmerville, LA 71241

Webster – (318) 377-3950, ext. 3 216B Broadway St Minden, LA 71055-3301

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