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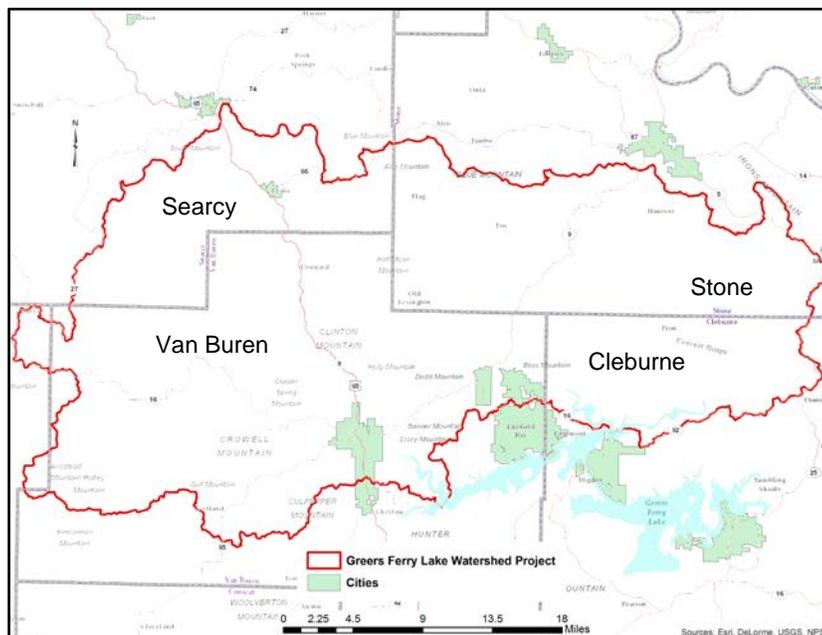
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2016 Regional Conservation Partnership Program
Greers Ferry Lake Watershed Project

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

Project Overview

The Greers Ferry Lake Watershed RCPP Project is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers for addressing water quality concerns on any perennial or named stream within the Upper Little Red River Watershed including Greers Ferry Lake and four forks of the Little Red River - South Fork, Archey Fork, Middle Fork and Beech Fork in portions of Cleburne, Searcy, Stone and Van Buren counties.



Resource Concerns Addressed by the Project

- Water Quality (primary)
Inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife (secondary)

Project Goals

- Enroll 6,000 acres over the life of the project
Implement two stream improvement projects
Hold at least two landowner field days to highlight finished on-the-ground work for producers
Access Roads (formally covered under RCPP as practice 560) - TNC will implement innovative best management practices on a maximum of eight unpaved roads, providing 100% contribution. This is the only practice implemented without EQIP funds.

Conservation Practice Funding

Funding will be available to eligible landowners through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). NRCS will provide financial assistance for a systems approach using approved conservation practices for the purpose of addressing resource concerns. Land and producer eligibility, adjusted gross income, and all other program criteria for participation must be met to participate in this initiative. Agricultural lands are eligible for enrollment in the initiative.

Approved Conservation Practices

- 201-Edge-of-Field Monitoring
202-Edge-of-Field Monitoring
313-Waste Storage Facility
338-Prescribed burn
342-Critical Area Planting
362-Diversion



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- 378-Pond
- 382-Fence
- 390-Riparian Herbaceous Cover
- 391-Riparian Forest Buffer
- 490-Tree and Shrub Site Preparation
- 512-Forage and Biomass Planting
- 516-Pipeline
- 528-Prescribed Grazing
- 533-Pumping Plant
- 561-Heavy Use Area Protection
- 574-Spring Development
- 578-Stream Crossing
- 580-Stream Bank and Shoreline Protection
- 590-Nutrient Management
- 612-Tree and Shrub Establishment
- 614-Watering Facility
- 642-Water Well

Partners

Lead Partner

- The Nature Conservancy

Collaborating Partners

- Cleburne County Conservation District
- Searcy County Conservation District
- Stone County Conservation District
- Van Buren County Conservation District
- Farm Service Agency
- Arkansas Forestry Commission
- County Assessor's Office
- Community Water System
- Arkansas State University
- University of Arkansas Extension Service

How to Apply for RCPP

NRCS and associated conservation partners will deliver this program collaboratively. Applications may be obtained and filed with NRCS at your nearest USDA Field Service Center (FSC):

<p><i>Cleburne County</i> Heber Springs FSC 110B Tulaka Boulevard Heber Springs, AR 72543 (501) 362-2628, ext. 3</p>	<p><i>Searcy County</i> Marshall FSC 201 Factory Road Marshall, AR 72650 (870) 448-3184, ext. 3</p>
<p><i>Stone County</i> Mountain View FSC 207 Martin Street Mountain View, AR 72560 (870) 269-3726, ext. 3</p>	<p><i>Van Buren County</i> Clinton FSC 100 Success Drive, Suite 24 Clinton, AR 72031 (501) 745-5161, ext. 3</p>

For More Information

If you need more information about RCPP, please contact one of the above offices or visit the NRCS Arkansas Web site at: www.ar.nrcs.usda.gov