

Multi-State (AR/LA/MS) Conjunctive Water Use Protects Mid-South Aquifers

Regional Conservation Partnership Program Fact Sheet

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

This multi-state project will address the coordinated use of ground and surface water resources in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

Resource Concerns and Goals

By helping farmers implement practices and systems that increase the availability of surface water resources for irrigation, this project will increase irrigation efficiency with the aim of reducing dependency on dwindling Mid-South aquifers.

Partnerships

The lead partner on this project is Ducks Unlimited, Inc. Partners will offer additional technical and financial assistance to participating producers.



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.

Approved Conservation Practices

- 342 – Critical Area Planting
- 356 – Dike and Levee
- 410 – Grade Stabilization Structure
- 430 – Irrigation Pipeline *
- 449 – Irrigation Water Management
- 484 – Mulching
- 533 – Pumping Plant
- 587 – Structure for Water Control

*Practice 430 – Irrigation Pipeline has a cap of \$75,000 and a Historically Underserved cap of \$90,000.

Eligibility

Owners and operators engaged in agricultural production may be eligible for the program. Eligible land includes cropland.

Rice and rice rotation lands are a priority.

Eligibility requires the intended use of surface water measures to reduce groundwater pumping. Irrigation history for 2 of the last 5 years is required.

Eligible Parishes

Northeast LA: Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, and West Carroll

Central LA: Avoyelles, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, Rapides, St Landry, and St Martin

Southwest LA: Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, and Vermilion



Important Dates and How to Apply for RCPP

NRCS and associated conservation partners will deliver this program collaboratively.

NRCS has a continuous application process.

To be considered for the current round of funding, applications must be received by

May 19, 2023

Applications may be obtained and filed at the following Louisiana NRCS parish offices:

Acadia

Acadia Parish Service Center
(337) 783-2061 Ext. 3
2501 Rice Capital Parkway
Crowley, LA 70526
Contact: Andrea Bridgewater,
andrea.bridgewater@usda.gov

Allen

Oberlin Service Center
(337) 639-2385 Ext. 3
309 N 1St St
Oberlin, LA 70655
Contact: Kris Davis (Acting)
kris.davis@usda.gov

Avoyelles

Marksville Service Center
(318) 253-9235 Ext. 3
629 Tunica Dr W
Marksville, LA 71351
Contact: Dana Shuff
dana.shuff@usda.gov

Beauregard

Deridder Service Center
(337) 463-8555 Ext. 3
460 Mahlon St.
De Ridder, LA 70634
Contact: Kris Davis (Acting)
kris.davis@usda.gov

Calcasieu

Lake Charles Service Center
(337) 474-1583 Ext. 3
5417 Gerstner Memorial Dr
Lake Charles, LA 70607
Contact: Andrea Bridgewater
andrea.bridgewater@usda.gov

Cameron

Lake Charles Service Center
(337) 474-1583 Ext. 3
5417 Gerstner Memorial Dr
Lake Charles, LA 70607
Contact: Andrea Bridgewater
andrea.bridgewater@usda.gov

Catahoula

Jonesville Service Center
(318) 339-4239 Ext. 3
3545 Fourth St & Hwy 84
Jonesville, LA 71343-2404
Contact: Dana Shuff
dana.shuff@usda.gov

Concordia

Ferriday Service Center
(318) 757-4870 Ext. 3
8331 Highway 84
Ferriday, LA 71334-4342
Contact: Jason Hardie
jason.hardie@usda.gov

East Carroll

Lake Providence Service Center
(318) 559-2604 Ext. 3
406 Lake St
Lake Providence, LA 71254-2657
Contact: Anthony Bridgewater,
anthony.bridgewater@usda.gov

Evangeline

Ville Platte Service Center
(337) 363-6602 Ext. 3
205 Court St
Ville Platte, LA 70586-4443
Contact: Josh Soileau
josh.soileau@usda.gov

Franklin

Winnsboro Service Center
(318) 435-9424 Ext. 3
616 Riser Rd
Winnsboro, LA 71295-5737
Contact: Jason Hardie
jason.hardie@usda.gov

Iberia

New Iberia Service Center
(337) 369-3234 Ext. 3
600 Rue De Brille
New Iberia, LA 70563-2122
Contact: Mike Perry
mike.perry@usda.gov

Jefferson Davis

Jennings Service Center
(337) 824-0968 Ext. 3
401 Virginia St
Jennings, LA 70546
Contact: Andrea Bridgewater
erin.hamilton@usda.gov

Lafayette

Lafayette Service Center
(337) 262-6601 Ext. 3
905 Jefferson St Ste 300
Lafayette, LA 70501-7913
Contact: Andrea Bridgewater
andrea.bridgewater@usda.gov

Madison

Tallulah Service Center
(318) 574-4158 Ext. 3
1900 Crothers Dr
Tallulah, LA 71282-5549
Contact: Anthony Bridgewater
anthony.bridgewater@usda.gov

Morehouse

Bastrop Service Center
(318) 281-1561 Ext. 3
9600 Marlatt St
Bastrop, LA 71220-9758
Contact: Scott Breedlove
scott.breedlove@usda.gov

Ouachita

Monroe Service Center
(318) 343-4467 Ext. 3
2410 Old Sterlington Rd Ste A
Monroe, LA 71203-2668
Contact: Brant Bradley
brant.bradley@usda.gov

Rapides

Alexandria Service Center
(318) 473-7967 Ext. 3
3730 Government St
Alexandria, LA 71302-3326
Contact: Dana Shuff
dana.shuff@usda.gov

Richland

Rayville Service Center
(318) 728-2081 Ext. 8110
141 Industrial Loop
Rayville, LA 71269-7347
Contact: Scott Breedlove
scott.breedlove@usda.gov

St Landry

Opelousas Service Center
(337) 942-2530 Ext. 3
5832 I 49 N Service Rd
Opelousas, LA 70570
Contact: Josh Soileau
josh.soileau@usda.gov

St Martin

Lafayette Service Center
(337) 262-6601 Ext. 3
905 Jefferson St Ste 300
Lafayette, LA 70501-7913
Contact: Andrea Bridgewater
andrea.bridgewater@usda.gov

Tensas

St Joseph Service Center
(318) 766-3502 Ext. 3
1223 Plank Rd
St Joseph, LA 71366
Contact: Jason Hardie
jason.hardie@usda.gov

Vermilion

Abbeville Service Center
(337) 893-5664 Ext. 3
3221 Veterans Memorial Dr Ste H
Abbeville, LA 70510
Contact: Mike Perry
mike.perry@usda.gov

West Carroll

Oak Grove Service Center
(318) 428-9303 Ext. 3
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Oak Grove, LA 71263-7657
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