Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Putting Partners in the 'Driver's Seat'

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a partner-driven, locally-led approach to conservation. USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) funds projects that address a variety of critical resource concerns across the nation. The RCPP program brings together partners and producers to find innovative ways to tackle issues like protecting soil health, mitigating water quality/quantity concerns, and protecting wildlife habitat.
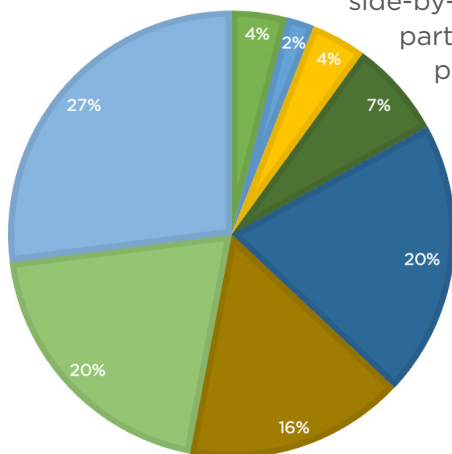
Addressing Local Resource Challenges

Partners develop projects that deliver solutions to natural resource challenges with technical and financial help from NRCS. RCPP empowers local organizations and communities to pitch their own projects. Each year, NRCS receives hundreds of proposals, and of those, the agency selects the best for funding. To date, NRCS has funded 375 high-impact partner projects that cover all 50 states and Puerto Rico. NRCS works side-by-side with conservation partners and agricultural producers to conserve natural resources, leading to cleaner and more abundant water, healthier soil, enhanced wildlife habitat and many other benefits.

Project Focus Areas

- Air Quality
- Climate Change
- Energy
- Degraded Plant Condition
- Soil Health
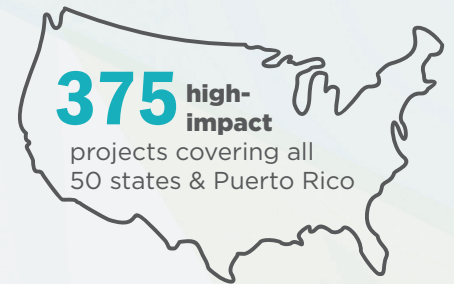- Water Quality
- Water Quantity
- Wildlife Habitat

Pie chart values: 4%, 2%, 4%, 7%, 20%, 16%, 20%, 27%

RCPP'S TOTAL IMPACT
Since 2014

Nearly **2000**
Partners working with NRCS

375 **high-impact** projects covering all 50 states & Puerto Rico

Over **$1 BILLION** **invested** by NRCS

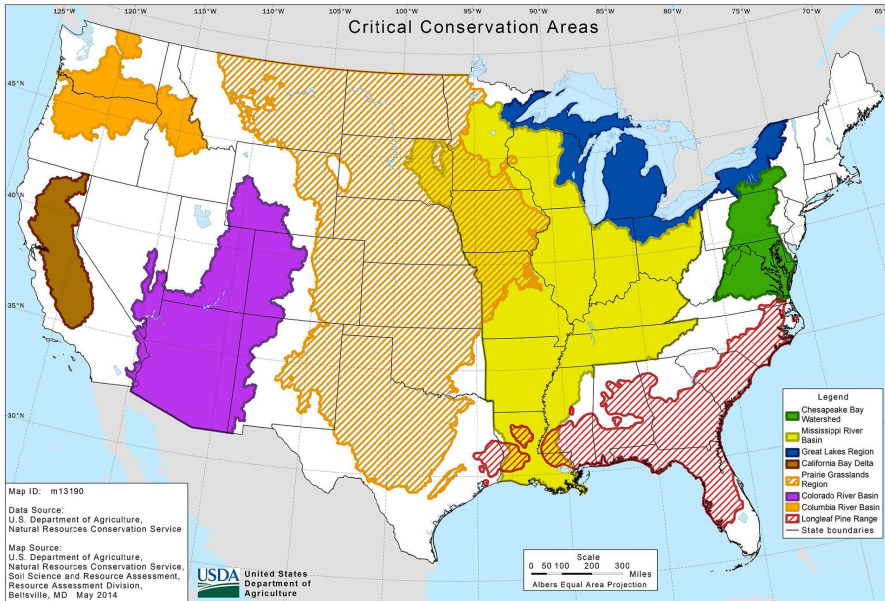An estimated **$2 BILLION** **contributed** by partners

Representing a **combined investment** of **$3 BILLION** for conservation

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Targeting Priority Landscapes

Critical Conservation Areas are landscapes of national importance, and RCPP enables stakeholders to address common natural resource goals at the regional level.

Critical Conservation Areas

Legend
- Chesapeake Bay Watershed
- Mississippi River Basin
- Great Lakes Region
- California Bay Delta
- Prairie Grasslands Region
- Colorado River Basin
- Columbia River Basin
- Longleaf Pine Range
- State boundaries

Types of Projects

Up to $300 million is available for new RCPP projects each year. This funding is equally split between two funding pools, the Critical Conservation Areas and State/Multi-State projects.

Projects Near You

RCPP gives local organizations opportunities to design and deliver solutions that benefit natural resources where they live and work. See how many projects are in your area.

Concentration of RCPP Projects, FY 2014 through FY 2018

Number of Selected Projects per State
- 1 - 5
- 6 - 10
- 11 - 15
- 16 - 20
- 21 - 27

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