

# Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Investing in South Carolina



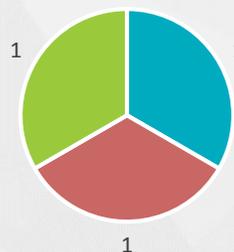
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Created by the 2014 Farm Bill, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a partner-driven, locally-led approach to conservation. It offers new opportunities for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to harness innovation, welcome new partners to the conservation mission, and demonstrates the value and efficacy of voluntary, private lands conservation.

In 2017, NRCS is investing up to \$225 million in 88 projects that impact nearly every state in the nation. Since 2014, NRCS has invested more than \$825 million in 286 high-impact projects, bringing together more than 2,000 conservation partners who have invested an additional \$1.4 billion. By 2018, NRCS and partners will have invested at least \$2.4 billion. These projects are leading to cleaner and more abundant water, better soil and air quality, enhance wildlife habitat, more resilient and productive agricultural lands and stronger rural economies.

### South Carolina Projects to Date

#### Projects by Resource Concern



- Degraded Plant Condition
- Energy
- Wildlife Habitat

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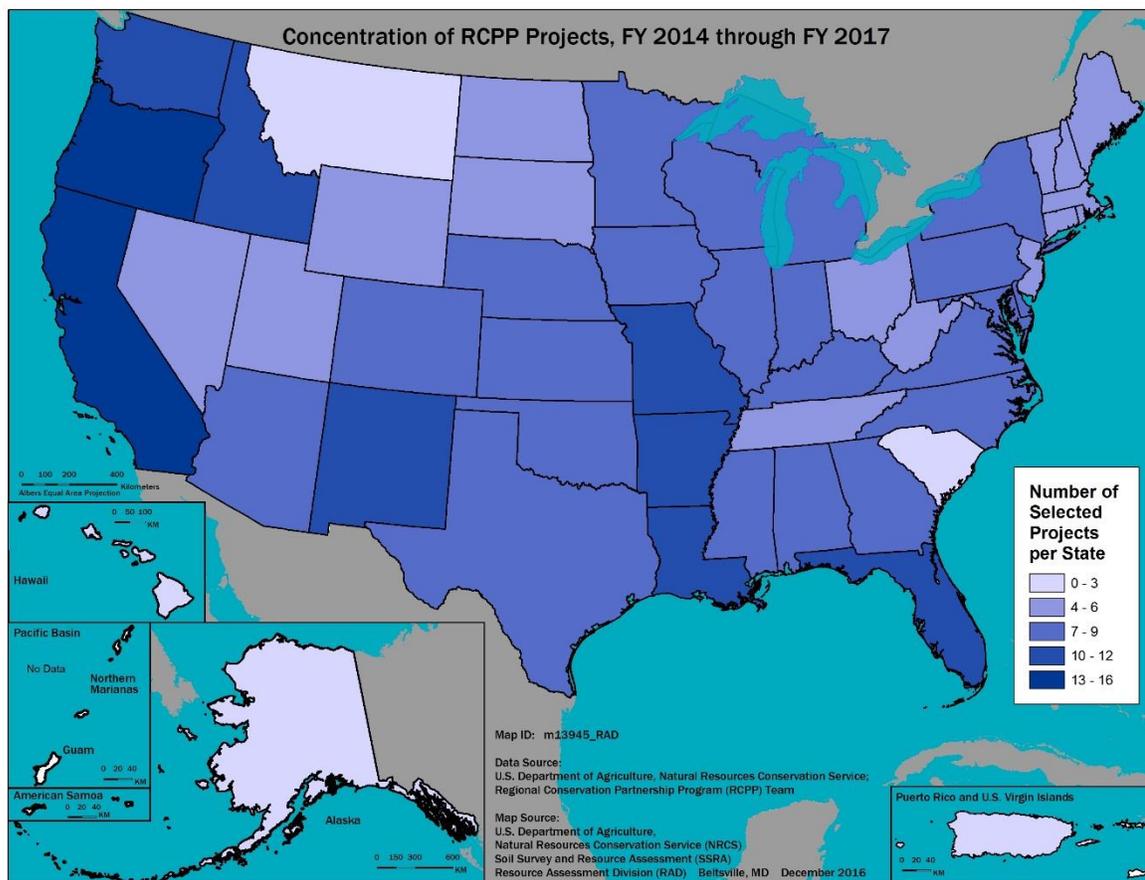
Projects

**\$14.8 million**

NRCS Investment

**24**

Partners



## Existing RCPP Projects

Year	Title	Funding Pool	Lead Partner	Number of Partners	NRCS Investment
2016	African American Forest Restoration and Retention	CCA	U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities	6	\$1.6 million
2014/2015	Securing Private Working Forests to Benefit Longleaf Pine, Threatened and Endangered Species, and Military Readiness	CCA	U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities	16	\$12 million
2014/2015	Improving Energy Efficiency in South Carolina Animal Facilities and Greenhouses: A Partnership for Education, Outreach, and Technology Adoption	State	Clemson University	2	\$1.2 million

