Integrated Science Agenda

Gulf Coastal Plains & Ozarks

Landscape Conservation Cooperative

BACKGROUND

The mission of the Gulf Coastal Plains & Ozarks Landscape Conservation Cooperative (GCPOLCC) is to define, design, and deliver landscapes capable of sustaining natural and cultural resources at desired levels now and into the future.

To achieve this mission, the GCPOLCC has adopted Strategic Habitat Conservation (SHC) as an overarching conservation framework and identified two specific roles – integrating priorities across resource perspectives and incorporating future change into current conservation planning. To serve these roles and make SHC operational in the Gulf Coastal Plains & Ozarks (GCPO) region, the Steering Committee established the Adaptation Science Management Team (ASMT).

That group met in Starkville, MS in September 2012 to outline the technical approach for meeting the GCPOLCC's mission. This document is a product of that meeting and subsequent discussions.

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Because the Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) enterprise encompasses multiple disciplines, scales, and resource interests, many regard LCC science as a similarly broad enterprise – one that can encompass nearly any question of interest to anyone anywhere. However, to be effective, the GCPOLCC recognizes that it must focus its investments on a specific subset of science needs most relevant to achievement of its mission. Using SHC as a guiding principle, the science needs identified by the GCPOLCC through its ASMT seek to integrate science across disciplines, scales, and resources as well as the different aspects of conservation – planning, delivery, monitoring, and research. The purpose of this document is to articulate the initial subset of science needs that are the specific priorities of the GCPOLCC and the logic behind their identification. By identifying, justifying, and communicating the needs and knowledge gaps explicitly, the GCPOLCC seeks to provide a more tangible definition of the functions of the LCC to the broader conservation community (i.e., THIS is what the LCC does). In addition, the GCPOLCC seeks to share its planning framework, enable partners to see and understand how their needs fit and are met within the LCC (and how they can influence, support and/or derive benefit from a partnership with this type of science as its goal), and finally, to guide investment of its assets in accordance with the direction outlined by the Steering Committee in the GCPOLCC Strategic Plan.

GCPOLCC partners should recognize that neither conservation nor science is a linear process – by necessity and value it operates on multiple fronts simultaneously. However, this reality may also make a

collection of research projects appear to be unrelated efforts, when in fact, there is a thread connecting them. This document seeks to outline and further elucidate that thread.

STRATEGIC HABITAT CONSERVATION FRAMEWORK

Biological Planning and Conservation Design-Initial Priorities

Most conservation is mediated through habitat management, and most habitat management decisions are place-based reflections of fairly sophisticated (though often unstated) logic about a location's current state and its ability to produce desired outcomes through management actions. Whether it is an acquisition, easement, prescription, or restoration, almost every conservation decision can be attributed to a specific action for a specific target at a specific location and a given point in time. Spatially depicting where to apply specific decisions (actions) to maximize their effectiveness on achievement of desired outcomes is the cornerstone of conservation design.

Biological planning is a necessary first step towards conservation design that establishes a common geographic and ecological frame of reference for conservation. Early on, the GCPOLCC Geomatics Working Group established 5 subgeographies that collectively comprise the Gulf Coastal Plains & Ozarks: the East Gulf Coastal Plain, the Interior Highlands, the Mississippi Alluvial Valley, the West Gulf Coastal Plain, and the Gulf Coast (Maps available at: http://tinyurl.com/GCPOregion). Within this geographic framework, the GCPOLCC has adopted the "Broadly Defined Habitats" developed by NatureServe and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a habitat framework (M. Pyne and C. Hunter, personal communication; Table 1; available at: http://tinyurl.com/GCPOhabitats). This habitat type delineation was adopted because it is broadly applicable geographically for both terrestrial and aquatic systems, has a limited subset of habitat types that are universally recognizable, and these habitat types are readily mappable to many existing classification systems.

Biological planning also entails establishment of specific and measurable outcomes. For each of the broadly defined habitat types, there are multiple outcomes or endpoints that reflect desired states for these systems. These endpoints are arranged hierarchically from broad ecological processes (e.g., disturbance interval) to landscape/stand attributes (e.g., forest patch size or stand structure) to community characteristics (e.g., abundance of open pine species) to individual species responses (e.g., gopher tortoise occurrence). **Defining desired states for each priority habitat type in terms of specific endpoints is a top priority of the GCPOLCC.** Desired states for terrestrial habitat types reflect 3 primary landscape attributes: amount, configuration, and condition. These, in turn, can be further refined:

Amount - area

Configuration (landscape) – patch size, connectivity, and other landscape metrics

Condition (stand) – structure (e.g., basal area) and composition (e.g., woody species)

For aquatic systems, desired states reflect similar attributes:

Amount - length or area

Configuration (length) – patch size, connectivity, composition, and other landscape metrics

Condition (reach) – water quantity (e.g., flow), water quality (e.g., pH), structure (e.g., substrate)

In addition to these spatial attributes, temporal aspects of these systems are also important. For terrestrial systems (particularly forests), an appropriate distribution of successional stages is an important consideration. For aquatic systems, the timing, frequency, and rate of change are key attributes of flow. Appendix 1 contains general descriptions of these desired states for priority systems.

Moving from these general descriptions to specific, quantifiable targets for desired states (e.g., exactly how large a patch size? exactly how much flow?) requires careful consideration of the ecological limits these attributes impose on ecosystem processes, community characteristics, and individual species responses. One means of doing this is defining desired states for these systems in terms of species' limiting factors. In this case, landscape attributes and the species themselves can serve as indicators of the amount, configuration, and/or condition desired. Ideally, a suite of species - where each is limited by one of the factors defining the desired state of the system - can be identified. The process of identifying these species starts with a representative pool of species (see Appendix 2 for a list of species for each subgeography and priority habitat type derived from Species of Greatest Conservation Need identified in State Wildlife Action Plains) and identifies a subset of these species that are limited by habitat conditions reflective of desired landscape endpoints (Appendix 3). This process continues iteratively until the fewest species possible effectively "bound" the niche space for most of the desired species in the system.

Clearly documented species-habitat models that quantify relationships between indicator species and limiting factors reflecting desired states for each habitat type are needed.

As valuable as these indicators would be for guiding conservation design, they would only reflect potential wildlife conservation values for these habitat types – which is only one type of ecosystem good that is derived from the amount, configuration, and condition of terrestrial and aquatic habitat types on the landscape. Other goods include food, fuel, and fiber; other services include filtration, transportation, flood control, and recreation. Just as species serve as ecological indicators of desirable states for habitat types, these other goods and services act as indicators of desirable states for these same habitat types from an economic perspective. Similarly, aesthetics, recreation, identity, and historical record are goods and services that can offer a cultural perspective of desired states for these habitat types. Identification of goods and services that can serve as indicators of desired economic and cultural states for each habitat type is also needed.

If managers are expected to make informed decisions that are both ecologically beneficial and socially acceptable across multiple resources in a dynamic landscape, the ability to characterize and reconcile the full suite of goods and services that may be derived from alternative landscapes that differ with

regards to amounts, configurations, and conditions of different habitat types is also needed.

Alternative uses of the landscape result in different amounts of habitat types in differing condition and landscape configuration. The current state of each habitat type (and the goods and services it provides) is a product of the decisions regarding past and present land use. Informed management begins with a knowledge of what currently exists; thus, a current assessment of the amount, configuration, and condition of priority habitat types (as well as the goods and services they provide) is needed.

Nevertheless, these systems are dynamic and will continue to change. While there is high uncertainty regarding the exact trajectory of many of these changes, effects on the landscape of these changes were they to occur are often highly predictable (if not controllable). Predicting how the landscape will look under different assumptions underlying the drivers of landscape change can inform decisions despite a high level of uncertainty. Identifying the prominent drivers of system change for each subgeography and the specific pathways by which they are likely to "stress" the system (either positively or negatively) is needed to reduce the complexity inherent in the real world to a manageable, comprehensible, and ultimately useful subset that can be explored effectively as alternative futures.

The ASMT began this process at its meeting in Starkville, MS (18-20 September 2012; notes available at: http://tinyurl.com/ASMTnotes) by developing conceptual ecosystem models that documented the drivers and stressors for high priority systems within each of the 5 subgeographies of the GCPOLCC (Appendix 4). Following the meeting, these conceptual models were standardized by using the Conservation Measures Partnership's Taxonomy of Threats (Available at: http://www.conservationmeasures.org/initiatives/threats-actions-taxonomies/threats-taxonomy). Conversion and loss of natural systems was a primary issue in each subgeography; though, the primary driver of that loss (e.g., development, agriculture, energy production) differed among regions. Similarly, across aquatic systems, modifications to natural systems through alterations in water use and management were paramount. Again, the mechanism for this alteration (e.g., dams vs. dredging vs. irrigation) differed by subgeography.

Given ecological, economic, and cultural indicators that reflect desired states for each habitat type and a set of potential alternative futures, a manager still requires methods to objectively evaluate available options to select the best possible decision (and outcome). Numerous quantitative approaches exist to "optimize" decisions, and an entire field of multi-criteria decision analysis is dedicated to such complex problems. However, all approaches to reconcile multiple criteria require explicit knowledge of individual priorities, objectives, and preferences, as well as criteria for evaluating those preferences. Collectively, these pieces of information provide the "decision context" in which trade-offs can be realistically evaluated. To fully take advantage of multi-criteria decision-making, there is a need to better define the contexts for a variety of decisions faced by managers.

SUMMARY OF SCIENCE NEED THEMATIC AREAS

- 1. Defining desired states for each priority habitat type in terms of specific endpoints.
- 2. Clearly documented species-habitat models that quantify relationships between indicator species and limiting factors reflecting desired states for each habitat type are needed.
- 3. Identification of goods and services that can serve as indicators of desired economic and cultural states for each habitat type is also needed.
- 4. The ability to characterize and reconcile the full suite of goods and services that may be derived from alternative landscapes that differ with regards to the amounts, configurations, and conditions of different habitat types is needed.
- 5. A current assessment of the amount, configuration, and condition of priority habitat types (as well as the goods and services they provide) is needed.
- 6. Identifying the prominent drivers of system change for each subgeography and the specific pathways by which they are likely to "stress" the system (either positively or negatively) is needed to reduce the complexity inherent in the real world to a manageable, comprehensible, and ultimately useful subset that can be explored effectively as alternative futures.
- 7. A need to better define the contexts for a variety of decisions faced by managers.

WORKPLAN

Initially, we will pilot our efforts for a high priority terrestrial and aquatic habitat type within each subgeography. These test cases will inform the process for other habitat types that may be of lower priority and/or have less information about them.

EGCP: Grasslands

Open Pine Woodlands and Savannas

Freshwater Aquatic: Medium-low Gradient Streams and Rivers

IH: Upland Hardwoods and Montane Conifers

Freshwater Aquatic: High Gradient Streams and Rivers

MAV: Forested Wetlands

Freshwater Aquatic: Mainstem "Big" Rivers

WGCP: Open Pine Woodlands and Savannas

Grasslands

Freshwater Aquatic: Medium-low Gradient Streams and Rivers

GC: Beaches and Dunes

Estuarine: Tidal Marsh

STEPS AND TIMELINE

ASM1 Conference Call – Review Science Agenda and Work Plan	March /
Refinements to conceptual models for priority habitats	March 15
Definition of desired states for each priority habitat	
Amount, configuration, condition	March 29
ASMT Conference Call – Review desired states; identify knowledge gaps	April 4
Draft RFP out for review	April 15
Identification of initial ecological indicators for each priority habitat	May 1
ASMT Conference Call – Review ecological indicators; Finalize RFP	May 2
RFP Posted	May 6
RFP Closes	May 27
ASMT Conference Call: Proposal Review and project selections	June 12
Assessment of terrestrial habitats – current condition	Ongoing
Assessment of aquatic habitats – current condition	Ongoing
Development of scenarios	October 1
Decision context synthesis	December 1
Prediction of habitats under alternative futures	Ongoing
Development of initial conservation strategy	March 1, 2014

Table 1. Broadly defined habitat types within the Gulf Coastal Plains & Ozarks Landscape Conservation Cooperative region.

Beaches and Dunes
Bogs, Fens, and Seeps
Cave, Karst, and Springs
Estuarine Systems
Forested Wetlands
Freshwater Aquatic
Freshwater Transitional
Grasslands
Marine
Open Pine Woodlands and Savannas
Scrub-Shrub
Upland Hardwoods and Montane Conifers

MISSISSIPPI ALLUVIAL VALLEY

Freshwater Aquatic: Mainstem "Big River" Systems (Source: G. Constant, pers. communication)

<u>General description of desired ecological state</u>: Large river systems and their associated floodplains have water quality and adequate seasonal high and low flows with a frequency and duration sufficient to ensure connectedness across the diversity of habitat types

Amount: Maintain current river miles

Configuration: Maintain a diversity of habitat types and connectivity among them

Main channel

Secondary channels

Off channel deep water refugia that is seasonally persistent

Seasonally-inundated floodplains

Condition: Quality

DO – seasonally appropriate

Temperature - below critical threshold

Quantity

Adequate seasonal high and low flows with frequency and duration sufficient to ensure connectedness across habitat types and ability for priority species to meet life history requirements

Appendix 1. Desired Ecological States for Priority Systems of the GCPOLCC

MISSISSIPPI ALLUVIAL VALLEY

Forested wetlands (Source: LMVJV Forest Resource Conservation Working Group, 2007)

<u>General description of desired ecological state</u>: Local landscapes that are extensively forested with large contiguous patches of forest with a naturally diverse canopy containing a floristic diversity within the midstory and understory.

Amount: 3.7 M acres

Configuration: Local landscapes (≥10,000 ac) extensively (70-100%) forested

Large contiguous patches of forest

13 patches >100,000 ac

36 patches >20,000 ac

52 patches >10,000 ac

Condition: Structure (Mature forest)

Overstory Canopy Cover: 60-70%

Midstory Cover: 25-40%

Understory Cover: 25-40%

Basal Area: 60-70 ft²/ac

Tree Stocking: 60-70%

Large (≥26" dbh) snags: 0.2/ac

Composition

Diverse tree species composition

Occurrence of cane and overstory vines

Water quantity

Flow patterns mimicking natural hydrology

Temporal considerations:

An appropriate distribution of successional stages, with <10% of local landscape in early successional stage at any given time

Open Pine Woodland and Savanna

<u>General description of desired ecological state</u>: Woodlands and savannas that are floristically rich and comprised mostly of site-appropriate pine with low basal area, open canopies, and dense herbaceous understories in large interconnected blocks

Amount: 20 M acres

Configuration: Large, interconnected blocks of open pine woodland and savanna

Forest patch size: >600 ac

Connectivity: <3 km to next nearest patch

<u>Condition</u>: Structure (Mature)

Basal Area (pine): 40 - 70 ft²/acre

DBH: ≥20 ft²/acre of trees ≥14" dbh

Canopy Cover: <50%

Midstory Shrubs: <30% cover

Midstory Hardwoods: <20% cover

Herbaceous Understory: >65%

Temporal considerations:

An appropriate distribution of successional stages

Grassland-Prairie-Savanna

<u>General description of desired ecological state</u>: Relatively large patches of dense, tall, and diverse native warm season grasses and forbs

Amount: 100,000 ac

Configuration: Large patches of prairie (Source: Woodrey 1998)

5 patches >10,000 ac

500 patches >100 ac

Condition: Structure

Vegetation height (grass): 4-6'

Vegetation density: very high – nearing 100%

Bare ground: >5% but <20% (indicative of interspersion among bunch grasses)

Shrub cover: <20%

Tree density: <10/ac

Composition

Dominated by native warm season grasses and forbs

<u>Temporal considerations</u>:

A 5-year return interval on disturbance, with 20% of all grasslands disturbed annually

Freshwater Aquatic: Medium-low gradient streams and rivers

<u>General description of desired ecological state</u>: Medium-sized streams and rivers characterized by intact channel morphologies that support riffles and pools and a complex of physical structure (woody debris, leaf litter, and substrate types). Flows are relatively steady, with infrequent periods of low water quantity and high water temperatures.

Amount: Maintain current river miles

<u>Configuration</u>: Connectedness that ensures accessibility of habitats and resources within a watershed

Lateral connectedness: functional connectivity to floodplain habitats

Linear connectedness: functional connectivity of a stream network

<u>Condition</u>: Quality

Temperature – below critical threshold

Quantity

Adequate magnitude with limited frequency of low flows conditions

Structure

Intact channel morphologies

Natural riffle-pool sequences

Meandering channels with natural sinuosity

High physical structure complexity

High amounts of small woody debris

Adequate amounts of large woody debris

Diversity of substrates, including numerous gravel beds and sandbars

OZARK HIGHLANDS

Upland Hardwoods

<u>General description of desired ecological state</u>: Large blocks of oak forest and woodland in appropriately distributed successional stages in predominantly forested landscapes. Woodlands are characterized by moderate canopy cover and tree densities that allow ample light to reach the ground, supporting a variety of grasses and forbs. Forests are characterized by nearly closed overstory canopy with well-developed subcanopy, shrub, and understory strata comprised of shade-tolerant species.

Amount: 1.9 M acres of woodland; 0.7 M acres of forest

Configuration: Large blocks of oak forest and woodland in predominantly forested landscapes

Forest patch size: ≥5000 ac of interdigitated forest habitat types

Landscape composition (woodland and forest in 10-km radius): >70%

Adequate connectivity

Condition: Structure

Canopy cover: 20 – 80% for woodlands

>80% for forests

Average DBH: ≥14" dbh

Tree density: ~40 trees/ac for woodlands

~80 trees/ac for forests

Snag density: 1 large (≥16" dbh) snag/5 ac

Dead/downed wood: 1 6' log (≥8" dbh)/ac

Midstory density: ≤20%

Composition

Oak and hickory basal area: >90% for woodlands

>70% for forests

Temporal considerations: An appropriate distribution of successional stages; ≤10% of the landscape

Fire return interval: 3 years for woodlands; 10 years for forest

OZARK HIGHLANDS

Freshwater Aquatic: High gradient streams and rivers

<u>General description of desired ecological state</u>: Small springs, runs, and headwaters characterized by clear, clean, and relatively cold water in largely undisturbed forest settings.

Amount: Maintain current river miles

Configuration: Landscape context: watersheds should be >75% forested, with <10% impervious cover

Intact riparian corridors consisting primarily of hardwoods within 30 m buffer of stream

Interconnected stream systems

Condition: Water Quality

High water quality – minimal contaminants and nutrients

Temperatures – low

DO - high

Sediment - minimal

Water Quantity

Natural flow regimes maintained

Groundwater flow regime: low flow variability, low peak flows, low frequency of low flows

Runoff Flow regime: moderate flow variability, moderate peak flows, moderate frequency of low flows

Intermittent flow regime: high flow varaibility high peak flows, high frequency of lows flows

Structure

Abundant leaf litter

Variety of substrates – gravel to boulders

GULF COAST

Beaches and Dunes

<u>General description of desired ecological state</u>: Stable, vegetated dune systems (including primary and secondary dunes) along intact, wide beaches with limited human disturbance.

Amount: 138,500 ac

<u>Configuration</u>: Functional connectivity of beach and dune systems

Disturbance: No unfettered access to dunes

Condition: Structure

Presence of primary, secondary, and tertiary dunes, where appropriate

Vegetative cover: 20-50%

Dune width: 10-20'

Dune Height: Primary: 2'-4'

Secondary: 4'-6'

Tertiary: >6'

Dune Slope: 18-45 degrees

Composition

Presence of sea oats, bitter panicum, and Spartina patens

GULF COAST

Tidal Marsh

<u>General description of desired ecological state</u>: Stable marsh systems comprised of native vegetation and limited open water conditions occurring in large blocks with natural hydrology present.

Amount: Adequate acres to meet needs of tidal wetland wildlife at desired levels; no loss

<u>Configuration</u>: Large blocks of unbroken marsh (>250 ac)

Connectivity of habitat types reflective of interdigitation of marsh types

Moderate amounts of edge within large blocks of marsh

Presence of barrier island in riverine-dominated systems

Condition: Structure

Emergent vegetative cover: >70%

Limited open water: <20%

Submergent vegetative cover: 15-30%

Composition

Dominated by native plants typical of high, mid-, intermediate, and low marsh

Water quality

Salinity – aligned along natural gradient

Water quantity

Adequate freshwater flows and tidal influence

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Freshwater Aquatic: Mainstem "Big River" Systems

Scientific Name	Common Name	Taxon	Big Rivers
Necturus maculosus maculosus	Common Mudpuppy	Amphibians	X
Actinonaias ligamentina	Mucket	Bivalves	X
Amblema plicata	Threeridge Mussel	Bivalves	X
Anodonta suborbiculata	Flat Floater	Bivalves	X
Arcidens confragosus	Rock Pocketbook	Bivalves	X
Ellipsaria lineolata	Butterfly	Bivalves	X
Elliptio crassidens	Elephant-ear	Bivalves	Χ
Fusconaia ebena	Ebonyshell	Bivalves	Χ
Glebula rotundata	Round Pearlshell	Bivalves	Χ
Lampsilis siliquoidea	Fatmucket	Bivalves	Χ
Lampsilis teres	Yellow Sandshell	Bivalves	Χ
Megalonaias nervosa	Washboard	Bivalves	Χ
Plectomerus dombeyanus	Bankclimber	Bivalves	X
Pleurobema rubrum	Pyramid Pigtoe	Bivalves	Χ
Potamilus capax	Fat Pocketbook	Bivalves	X
Potamilus purpuratus	Bleufer	Bivalves	Χ
Quadrula nodulata	Wartyback	Bivalves	Χ
Toxolasma texasensis	Texas Lilliput	Bivalves	Χ
Truncilla donaciformis	Fawnsfoot	Bivalves	Χ
Truncilla truncata	Deertoe	Bivalves	Χ
Uniomerus declivis	Tapered Pondhorn	Bivalves	Χ
Cumberlandia monodonta	Spectaclecase	Bivalves	Χ
Cyclonaias tuberculata	Purple Wartyback	Bivalves	Χ
Fusconaia flava	Wabash pigtoe	Bivalves	X
Lampsilis abrupta	Pink Mucket	Bivalves	Χ
Lampsilis cardium	Plain Pocketbook	Bivalves	X
Lampsilis hydiana	Louisiana Fatmucket	Bivalves	X
Leptodea leptodon	Scaleshell	Bivalves	X
Ligumia recta	Black Sandshell	Bivalves	X
Quadrula apiculata	Southern Mapleleaf	Bivalves	X
Quadrula cylindrica	Rabbitsfoot	Bivalves	Χ
Uniomerus tetralasmus	Pondhorn	Bivalves	X
Acipenser fulvescens	Lake Sturgeon	Fish	X
Ameiurus nebulosus	Brown Bullhead	Fish	Χ
Anguilla rostrata	American Eel	Fish	X
Atractosteus spatula	Alligator Gar	Fish	Χ
Carpiodes velifer	Highfin Carpsucker	Fish	X
Centrarchus macropterus	Flier	Fish	X
Cycleptus elongatus	Blue Sucker	Fish	X
Esox niger	Chain Pickerel	Fish	X
Hiodon alosoides	Goldeye	Fish	X
Hiodon tergisus	Mooneye	Fish	X
Hybognathus hayi	Cypress Minnow	Fish	X
Hybognathus nuchalis	Mississippi Silvery Minnow	Fish	Χ
Ichthyomyzon castaneus	Chestnut Lamprey	Fish	Χ
Ictalurus furcatus	Blue Catfish	Fish	Χ
Ictalurus punctatus	Channel Catfish	Fish	Χ

Appendix 2. Representative Species Pool for Priority Systems of the GCPOLCC

Ictiobus niger	Black Buffalo	Fish	X
Lepisosteus platostomus	Shortnose Gar	Fish	X
Lepomis symmetricus	Bantam Sunfish	Fish	X
Menidia beryllina	Inland Silverside	Fish	X
Notropis buchanani	Ghost Shiner	Fish	X
Notropis texanus	Weed Shiner	Fish	Χ
Pylodictis olivaris	Flathead Catfish	Fish	X
Polyodon spathula	Paddlefish	Fish	Χ
Scaphirhynchus albus	Pallid Sturgeon	Fish	X
Macrochelys temminckii	Alligator Snapping Turtle	Reptiles	X

MISSISSIPPI ALLUVIAL VALLEY

Forested wetlands

Scientific Name	Common Name	Taxon	Forested Wetlands
Acris gryllus	Southern Cricket Frog	Amphibians	Χ
Amphiuma tridactylum	Three-toed Amphiuma	Amphibians	Χ
Desmognathus auriculatus	Southern Dusky Salamander	Amphibians	Χ
Desmognathus conanti	Spotted Dusky Salamander	Amphibians	Χ
Eurycea guttolineata	Three-lined Salamander	Amphibians	Χ
Hyla avivoca	Bird-voiced Treefrog	Amphibians	Χ
Hyla cinerea	Green Treefrog	Amphibians	Χ
Hyla versicolor	Gray Treefrog	Amphibians	Χ
Rana grylio	Pig Frog	Amphibians	Χ
Siren intermedia nettingi	Western Lesser Siren	Amphibians	Χ
Aix sponsa	Wood Duck	Birds	Χ
Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard	Birds	Χ
Anhinga anhinga	Anhinga	Birds	Χ
Ardea alba	Great Egret	Birds	Χ
Buteo lineatus	Red-shouldered Hawk	Birds	Χ
Buteo platypterus platypterus	Broad-winged Hawk	Birds	Χ
Campephilus principalis	lvory-billed Woodpecker	Birds	Χ
Coccyzus americanus	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Birds	Χ
Colaptes auratus auratus	Northern Flicker	Birds	Χ
Contopus virens	Eastern Wood-pewee	Birds	Χ
Dendroica cerulea	Cerulean Warbler	Birds	Χ
Dendroica dominica	Yellow-throated Warbler	Birds	Χ
Dryocopus pileatus	Pileated Woodpecker	Birds	X
Egretta caerulea	Little Blue Heron	Birds	X
Egretta thula	Snowy Egret	Birds	Χ
Elanoides forficatus	Swallow-tailed Kite	Birds	X
Empidonax virescens	Acadian Flycatcher	Birds	Χ
Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle	Birds	X
Hylocichla mustelina	Wood Thrush	Birds	X
Limnothlypis swainsonii	Swainson's Warbler	Birds	Χ
Lophodytes cucullatus	Hooded Merganser	Birds	Χ
Melanerpes erythrocephalus	Red-headed Woodpecker	Birds	X
Meleagris gallopavo	Wild Turkey	Birds	Χ
Myiarchus crinitus	Great Crested Flycatcher	Birds	Χ
Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned Night-heron	Birds	X
Nycticorax violaceus	Yellow-crowned Night-heron	Birds	Χ
Oporornis formosus	Kentucky Warbler	Birds	X
Parula americana	Northern Parula	Birds	Χ
Protonotaria citrea	Prothonotary Warbler	Birds	X
Vireo flavifrons	Yellow-throated Vireo	Birds	X
Vireo gilvus	Warbling Vireo	Birds	Χ
Vireo griseus	White-eyed Vireo	Birds	X
Wilsonia citrina	Hooded Warbler	Birds	Χ
Corynorhinus rafinesquii	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat	Mammals	Χ
Lasiurus borealis	Eastern Red Bat	Mammals	Χ
Lasiurus seminolus	Seminole Bat	Mammals	Χ
Lontra canadensis	River Otter	Mammals	X

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Myotis austroriparius	Southeastern Myotis	Mammals	Χ
Neovison vison	Common Mink	Mammals	Χ
Ochrotomys nuttalli	Golden Mouse	Mammals	Χ
Odocoileus virginianus	White-tailed Deer	Mammals	Х
Sciurus carolinensis	Gray Squirrel	Mammals	Χ
Sciurus niger	Fox Squirrel	Mammals	Χ
Sylvilagus aquaticus	Swamp Rabbit	Mammals	Х
Ursus americanus	Black Bear	Mammals	Х
Agkistrodon contortrix	Copperhead	Reptiles	Χ
Agkistrodon piscivorus leucostoma	Western Cottonmouth	Reptiles	Х
Alligator mississippiensis	American Alligator	Reptiles	Х
Farancia abacura reinwardtii	Western Mudsnake	Reptiles	Х
Kinosternon subrubrum	Eastern Mud Turtle	Reptiles	Χ
Nerodia cyclopion	Green Water Snake	Reptiles	Х
Nerodia erythrogaster	Yellowbelly Water Snake	Reptiles	Х
Nerodia fasciata	Broad-banded Water Snake	Reptiles	Χ
Terrapene carolina	Eastern Box Turtle	Reptiles	Χ

Open Pine Woodland and Savanna

Scientific Name	Common Name	Taxon	Pine
Ambystoma bishopi	Flatwoods Salamander	Amphibians	Х
Ambystoma talpoideum	Mole Salamander	Amphibians	х
Ambystoma tigrinum	Tiger Salamander	Amphibians	Х
Bufo quercicus	Oak Toad	Amphibians	х
Eurycea cf. quadridigitata	Bog Dwarf Salamander	Amphibians	х
Eurycea quadridigitata	Dwarf Salamander	Amphibians	Х
Hyla andersonii	Pine Barrens Treefrog	Amphibians	х
Rana areolata areolata	Southern Crawfish Frog	Amphibians	Х
Rana capito	Gopher Frog	Amphibians	Х
Rana sevosa	Mississippi Gopher Frog	Amphibians	х
Aimophila aestivalis	Bachman's Sparrow	Birds	Х
Ammodramus henslowii	Henslow's Sparrow	Birds	Х
Caprimulgus carolinensis	Chuck-will's-widow	Birds	х
Caprimulgus vociferus	Whip-poor-will	Birds	х
Coccyzus americanus	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Birds	х
Colinus virginianus	Northern Bobwhite	Birds	х
Dendroica discolor	Prairie Warbler	Birds	Х
Dendroica dominica	Yellow-throated Warbler	Birds	Х
Dendroica pinus	Pine Warbler	Birds	х
Dryocopus pileatus	Pileated Woodpecker	Birds	х
Falco sparverius paulus	Southeastern American Kestrel	Birds	Х
Geococcyx californianus	Greater Roadrunner	Birds	Х
Grus canadensis pulla	Mississippi Sandhill Crane	Birds	Х
Melanerpes erythrocephalus	Red-headed Woodpecker	Birds	Х
Meleagris gallopavo	Wild Turkey	Birds	Х
Picoides borealis	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	Birds	Х
Picoides villosus	Hairy Woodpecker	Birds	Х
Pipilo erythrophthalmus	Eastern Towhee	Birds	Х
Sitta pusilla	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Birds	Х
Geomys pinetis	Southeastern Pocket Gopher	Mammals	Х
Sciurus niger niger	Southeastern Fox Squirrel	Mammals	Х
Cemophora coccinea	Scarlet Snake	Reptiles	Х
Crotalus adamanteus	Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake	Reptiles	Х
Drymarchon couperi	Eastern Indigo Snake	Reptiles	Х
Gopherus polyphemus	Gopher Tortoise	Reptiles	Х
Lampropeltis getula	Common Kingsnake	Reptiles	Х
Masticophis flagellum	Eastern Coachwhip	Reptiles	Х
Micrurus fulvius	Coral Snake	Reptiles	Х
Micrurus tener tener	Texas Coral Snake	Reptiles	Х
Pituophis melanoleucus	Northern Pine Snake	Reptiles	Х
Pituophis ruthveni	Louisiana Pine Snake	Reptiles	Х
Sistrurus miliarius	Pygmy Rattlesnake	Reptiles	Х
Tantilla coronata	Southeastern Crowned Snake	Reptiles	х

Grassland-Prairie-Savanna

Scientific Name	Common Name	Taxon	Grassland
Ambystoma tigrinum	Tiger Salamander	Amphibians	Χ
Gastrophryne olivacea	Great Plains Narrowmouth Toad	Amphibians	Х
Pseudacris ornata	Ornate Chorus Frog	Amphibians	Χ
Rana areolata areolata	Southern Crawfish Frog	Amphibians	Х
Spea bombifrons	Plains Spadefoot	Amphibians	Х
Ammodramus leconteii	LeConte's Sparrow	Birds	Х
Ammodramus savannarum	Grasshopper Sparrow	Birds	Х
Chondestes grammacus	Lark Sparrow	Birds	Х
Colinus virginianus	Northern Bobwhite	Birds	Х
Lanius ludovicianus	Loggerhead Shrike	Birds	Х
Passerina ciris	Painted Bunting	Birds	Х
Scolopax minor	American Woodcock	Birds	Х
Spiza americana	Dickcissel	Birds	Х
Spizella pusilla	Field Sparrow	Birds	Х
Sturnella magna	Eastern Meadowlark	Birds	Х
Thryomanes bewickii	Bewick's Wren	Birds	Х
Tyrannus forficatus	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Birds	Х
Tyrannus tyrannus	Eastern Kingbird	Birds	Х
Tyto alba	Common Barn-owl	Birds	Х
Vireo bellii	Bell's Vireo	Birds	Х
Zenaida macroura	Mourning Dove	Birds	Χ
Checkerspot butterflies	Euphydryas spp.	Insect	Х
Blarina carolinensis	Southern Short-tailed Shrew	Mammals	Х
Chaetodipus hispidus	Hispid Pocket Mouse	Mammals	Χ
Geomys pinetis	Southeastern Pocket Gopher	Mammals	Χ
Mephitis mephitis	Striped Skunk	Mammals	Χ
Oryzomys palustris	Rice Rat	Mammals	Χ
Peromyscus gossypinus	Cotton Mouse	Mammals	Χ
Peromyscus polionotus	Oldfield Mouse	Mammals	Χ
Reithrodontomys humulis	Eastern Harvest Mouse	Mammals	Х
Sorex longirostris	Southeastern Shrew	Mammals	Х
Spilogale putorius	Eastern Spotted Skunk	Mammals	Х
Sylvilagus floridanus	Eastern Cottontail Rabbit	Mammals	Х
Carphophis amoenus helenae	Midwest Worm Snake	Reptiles	Х
Carphophis vermis	Western Worm Snake	Reptiles	Х
Cnemidophorus sexlineatus	Six-lined Racerunner	Reptiles	Χ
Elaphe guttata guttata	Corn Snake	Reptiles	Χ
Eumeces obsoletus	Great Plains Skink	Reptiles	Χ
Eumeces septentrionalis	Prairie Skink	Reptiles	Χ
Lampropeltis calligaster	Mole Kingsnake	Reptiles	Χ
Lampropeltis getula	Common Kingsnake	Reptiles	Χ
Masticophis flagellum	Eastern Coachwhip	Reptiles	Χ
Ophisaurus attenuatus	Slender Glass Lizard	Reptiles	Х
Ophisaurus ventralis	Eastern Glass Lizard	Reptiles	X
Phrynosoma cornutum	Texas Horned Lizard	Reptiles	X
Sistrurus miliarius	Pygmy Rattlesnake	Reptiles	X
Terrapene ornata ornata	Ornate Box Turtle	Reptiles	X

Freshwater Aquatic: Medium-low gradient streams and rivers

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Lasmigona alabamensis	Alabama Heelsplitter	Bivalves	X
Medionidus acutissimus	Alabama Moccasinshell	Bivalves	X
Obovaria unicolor	Alabama Hickorynut	Bivalves	Х
Pleurobema curtum	Black Clubshell	Bivalves	Х
Pleurobema decisum	Southern Clubshell	Bivalves	Х
Pleurobema perovatum	Ovate Clubshell	Bivalves	Х
Pleurobema strodeanum	Fuzzy Pigtoe	Bivalves	Х
Pleurobema taitianum	Heavy Pigtoe	Bivalves	Х
Pleurobema troschelianum	Alabama Clubshell	Bivalves	Х
Pleuronaia dolabelloides	Slabside Pearlymussel	Bivalves	Х
Ptychobranchus greenii	Triangular Kidneyshell	Bivalves	Х
Ptychobranchus jonesi	Southern Kidneyshell	Bivalves	Х
Quadrula rumphiana	Ridged Mapleleaf	Bivalves	Х
Quadrula stapes	Stirrupshell	Bivalves	Х
Strophitus connasaugaensis	Alabama Creekmussel	Bivalves	Х
Toxolasma corvunculus	Southern Purple Lilliput	Bivalves	Х
Utterbackia peggyae	Florida Floater	Bivalves	Х
Villosa choctawensis	Choctaw Bean	Bivalves	Х
Villosa iris	Rainbow	Bivalves	Χ
Villosa vibex	Southern Rainbow	Bivalves	Χ
Arkansia wheeleri	Ouachita Rock Pocketbook	Bivalves	Χ
Cyprogenia aberti	Western Fanshell	Bivalves	Χ
Elliptio dilatata	Spike	Bivalves	Х
Fusconaia lananensis	Triangle Pigtoe	Bivalves	Х
Lampsilis cardium	Plain Pocketbook	Bivalves	Х
Lampsilis powellii	Arkansas Fatmucket	Bivalves	Х
Lampsilis rafinesqueana	Neosho Mucket	Bivalves	Х
Lampsilis satura	Sandbank Pocketbook	Bivalves	Х
Lampsilis streckeri	Speckled Pocketbook	Bivalves	Х
Leptodea leptodon	Scaleshell	Bivalves	Х
Margaritifera hembeli	Louisiana Pearlshell	Bivalves	Х
Pleurobema riddellii	Louisiana Pigtoe	Bivalves	Х
Pleurobema sintoxia	Round Pigtoe	Bivalves	Х
Potamilus amphichaenus	Texas Heelsplitter	Bivalves	Х
Ptychobranchus occidentalis	Ouachita Kidneyshell	Bivalves	X
Quadrula metanevra	Monkeyface	Bivalves	X
Quadrula nodulata	Wartyback	Bivalves	X
Strophitus undulatus	Creeper	Bivalves	X
Toxolasma texasensis	Texas Lilliput	Bivalves	X
Alosa alabamae	Alabama Shad	Fish	X
Ambloplites rupestris	Rock Bass	Fish	X
Ammocrypta beani	Naked Sand Darter	Fish	X
Ammocrypta clara	Western Sand Darter	Fish	X
Ammocrypta meridiana	Southern Sand Darter	Fish	X
Ammocrypta vivax	Scaly Sand Darter	Fish	X
Campostoma anomalum	Central Stoneroller	Fish	X
Clinostomus funduloides Cottus carolinae	Rosyside Dace	Fish Fish	X X
	Banded Sculpin	Fish	X
Cottus paulus Crystallaria asprella	Pygmy Sculpin Crystal Darter	Fish	X
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Cycleptus meridionalis	Southeastern Blue Sucker	Fish	X
Cyprinella camura	Bluntface Shiner	Fish	X
Cyprinella galactura	Whitetail Shiner	Fish	X
Cyprinella spiloptera	Spotfin Shiner	Fish	X
Cyprinella venusta	Blacktail Shiner	Fish	Х
Cyprinella whipplei	Steelcolor Shiner	Fish	Х
Dionda argentosa	Manantial Roundnose Minnow	Fish	Χ
Erimonax monachus	Spotfin Chub	Fish	Х
Erimyzon oblongus	Creek Chubsucker	Fish	Х
Erimyzon sucetta	Lake Chubsucker	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma asprigene	Mud Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma blennioides	Greenside Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma caeruleum	Rainbow Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma cervus	Chickasaw Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma chienense	Relict Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma collettei	Creole Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma duryi	Black Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma flabellare	Fantail Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma fusiforme	Swamp Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma histrio	Harlequin Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma kennicotti	Stripetail Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma lachneri	Tombigbee Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma lynceum	Brighteye Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma nigripinne	Blackfin Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma nuchale	Watercress Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma pallididorsum	Paleback Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma parvipinne	Goldstripe Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma proeliare	Cypress Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma pyrrhogaster	Firebelly Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma radiosum	Orangebelly Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma raneyi	Yazoo Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma rubrum	Bayou Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma rupestre	Rock Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma stigmaeum	Speckled Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma swaini	Gulf Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma whipplei	Redfin Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma zonifer	Backwater Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma zonistium	Bandfin Darter	Fish	Χ
Hybognathus nuchalis	Mississippi Silvery Minnow	Fish	Χ
Hybopsis amnis	Pallid Shiner	Fish	Χ
Ichthyomyzon gagei	Southern Brook Lamprey	Fish	Χ
Ictiobus niger	Black Buffalo	Fish	Χ
Lampetra aepyptera	Least Brook Lamprey	Fish	Χ
Lampetra appendix	American Brook Lamprey	Fish	Χ
Lepisosteus platostomus	Shortnose Gar	Fish	Χ
Lepomis marginatus	Dollar Sunfish	Fish	Χ
Lythrurus fasciolaris	Rosefin Shiner	Fish	Χ
Lythrurus snelsoni	Ouachita Shiner	Fish	X
Macrhybopsis aestivalis	Speckled Chub	Fish	X
Macrhybopsis hyostoma	Shoal Chub	Fish	Х
Macrhybopsis storeriana	Silver Chub	Fish	X
Moxostoma carinatum	River Redhorse	Fish	Х
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Moxostoma duquesnei	Black Redhorse	Fish	X
Moxostoma erythrurum	Golden Redhorse	Fish	X X
Moxostoma poecilurum	Blacktail Redhorse Burrhead Shiner	Fish	
Notropis asperifrons		Fish Fish	X X
Notropis atrocaudalis	Blackspot Shiner	-	
Notropis bairdi	Red River Shiner	Fish	X
Notropis boops	Bigeye Shiner	Fish	X
Notropis buccatus	Silverjaw Minnow	Fish	X
Notropis buchanani	Ghost Shiner	Fish	X
Notropis candidus	Silverside Shiner	Fish	X
Notropis chalybaeus	Ironcolor Shiner	Fish	X
Notropis chrosomus	Rainbow Shiner	Fish	X
Notropis edwardraneyi	Fluvial Shiner	Fish	X
Notropis girardi	Arkansas River Shiner	Fish	X
Notropis maculatus	Taillight Shiner	Fish	X
Notropis melanostomus	Blackmouth Shiner	Fish	X
Notropis ortenburgeri	Kiamichi Shiner	Fish	Х
Notropis perpallidus	Peppered Shiner	Fish	Х
Notropis potteri	Chub Shiner	Fish	Χ
Notropis rubellus rubellus	Rosyface Shiner Or Roseface Shiner	Fish	Χ
Notropis sabinae	Sabine Shiner	Fish	Χ
Notropis shumardi	Silverband Shiner	Fish	Χ
Notropis suttkusi	Rocky Shiner	Fish	Χ
Notropis texanus	Weed Shiner	Fish	Χ
Noturus eleutherus	Mountain Madtom	Fish	Χ
Noturus gladiator	Piebald Madtom	Fish	Χ
Noturus hildebrandi	Least Madtom	Fish	Χ
Noturus lachneri	Ouachita Madtom	Fish	Χ
Noturus miurus	Brindled Madtom	Fish	Χ
Noturus munitus	Frecklebelly Madtom	Fish	Χ
Noturus phaeus	Brown Madtom	Fish	Χ
Noturus stigmosus	Northern Madtom	Fish	Χ
Noturus taylori	Caddo Madtom	Fish	Χ
Opsopoeodus emiliae	Pugnose Minnow	Fish	Χ
Percina aurora	Pearl Darter	Fish	Χ
Percina copelandi	Channel Darter	Fish	Χ
Percina evides	Gilt Darter	Fish	Χ
Percina kathae	Mobile Logperch	Fish	Χ
Percina lenticula	Freckled Darter	Fish	Χ
Percina macrolepida	Bigscale Logperch	Fish	Χ
Percina maculata	Blackside Darter	Fish	Χ
Percina nasuta	Longnose Darter	Fish	Χ
Percina pantherina	Leopard Darter	Fish	Χ
Percina phoxocephala	Slenderhead Darter	Fish	Χ
Percina shumardi	River Darter	Fish	Χ
Percina suttkusi	Gulf Logperch	Fish	Χ
Percina uranidea	Stargazing Darter	Fish	Χ
Phenacobius catostomus	Riffle Minnow	Fish	Χ
Phenacobius mirabilis	Suckermouth Minnow	Fish	Χ
Pimephales tenellus	Slim Minnow	Fish	Χ
Pteronotropis hubbsi	Bluehead Shiner	Fish	X
Pteronotropis signipinnis	Flagfin Shiner	Fish	X
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Pteronotropis welaka	Bluenose Shiner	Fish	Х
Sander canadensis	Sauger	Fish	Χ
Scaphirhynchus suttkusi	Alabama Sturgeon	Fish	Χ
Stizostedion vitreum	Walleye	Fish	Χ
Graptemys barbouri	Barbour's Map Turtle	Reptiles	Χ
Graptemys ernsti	Escambia Map Turtle	Reptiles	Χ
Graptemys flavimaculata	Yellow-blotched Map Turtle	Reptiles	Х
Graptemys gibbonsi	Pascagoula Map Turtle	Reptiles	Х
Graptemys nigrinoda	Black-knobbed Map Turtle	Reptiles	Χ
Graptemys oculifera	Ringed Map Turtle	Reptiles	Х
Graptemys ouachitensis	Ouachita Map Turtle	Reptiles	Χ
Graptemys pseudogeographica	Mississippi Map Turtle	Reptiles	Х
Graptemys pulchra	Alabama Map Turtle	Reptiles	Χ
Nerodia cyclopion	Green Water Snake	Reptiles	Χ
Nerodia erythrogaster	Yellowbelly Water Snake	Reptiles	Χ
Nerodia fasciata	Broad-banded Water Snake	Reptiles	Χ
Nerodia rhombifer	Diamondback Water Snake	Reptiles	Χ
Pseudemys alabamensis	Alabama Red-bellied Turtle	Reptiles	Х
Regina rigida	Crayfish Snake	Reptiles	Χ
Regina septemvittata	Queen Snake	Reptiles	Х
Sternotherus carinatus	Razor-backed Musk Turtle	Reptiles	Х
Sternotherus depressus	Flattened Musk Turtle	Reptiles	Х
Sternotherus minor peltifer	Stripe-necked Musk Turtle	Reptiles	Х
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OZARK HIGHLANDS

Upland Hardwoods

Scientific Name	Common Name	Taxon	Upland Hardwoods
Ambystoma annulatum	Ringed Salamander	Amphibians	X
Ambystoma tigrinum tigrinum	Eastern Tiger Salamander	Amphibians	X
Eurycea tynerensis	Oklahoma Salamander	Amphibians	X
Gastrophryne olivacea	Great Plains Narrowmouth Toad	Amphibians	X
Hemidactylium scutatum	Four-toed Salamander	Amphibians	X
Plethodon angusticlavius	Ozark Salamander	Amphibians	Χ
Plethodon serratus	Southern Red-backed Salamander	Amphibians	X
Rana sylvatica	Wood Frog	Amphibians	X
Scaphiopus hurterii	Hurter's Spadefoot	Amphibians	X
Aimophila aestivalis	Bachman's Sparrow	Birds	X
Caprimulgus carolinensis	Chuck-will's-widow	Birds	X
Caprimulgus vociferus	Whip-poor-will	Birds	X
Certhia americana	Brown Creeper	Birds	X
Coccyzus americanus	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Birds	X
Colinus virginianus	Northern Bobwhite	Birds	X
Dendroica cerulea	Cerulean Warbler	Birds	Χ
Dendroica discolor	Prairie Warbler	Birds	Χ
Helmitheros vermivorus	Worm-eating Warbler	Birds	Χ
Hylocichla mustelina	Wood Thrush	Birds	X
Melanerpes erythrocephalus	Red-headed Woodpecker	Birds	X
Oporornis formosus	Kentucky Warbler	Birds	X
Passerina ciris	Painted Bunting	Birds	X
Pipilo erythrophthalmus	Easterntowhee	Birds	X
Scolopax minor	American Woodcock	Birds	X
Seiurus motacilla	Louisiana Waterthrush	Birds	X
Thryomanes bewickii	Bewick's Wren	Birds	X
Vermivora pinus	Blue-winged Warbler	Birds	X
Wilsonia citrina	Hooded Warbler	Birds	X
Fritillaria spp.	Fritillary butterflies	Insects	X
Nicrophorus americanus	American Burying Beetle	Insects	X
Cervus canadensis	Elk Or Wapiti	Mammals	X
Corynorhinus townsendii ingens	Ozark Big-eared Bat	Mammals	X
Lasionycteris noctivagans	Silver-haired Bat	Mammals	X
Myotis grisescens	Gray Myotis	Mammals	X
Myotis leibii	Eastern Small-footed Bat	Mammals	Χ
Myotis septentrionalis	Northern Long-eared Myotis	Mammals	X
Myotis sodalis	Indiana Myotis	Mammals	X
Spilogale putorius	Eastern Spotted Skunk	Mammals	Χ
Ursus americanus	Black Bear	Mammals	X
Ophisaurus attenuatus attenuatus	Western Slender Glass Lizard	Reptiles	X
Terrapene ornata ornata	Ornate Box Turtle	Reptiles	X

OZARK HIGHLANDS

Freshwater Aquatic: High gradient streams and rivers

Scientific Name	Common Name	Taxon	Hi-Gradient Streams
Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi	Ozark Hellbender	Amphibians	Χ
Eurycea tynerensis	Oklahoma Salamander	Amphibians	Χ
Cryptobranchus a. alleganiensis	Eastern Hellbender	Amphibians	Χ
Alasmidonta viridis	Slippershell Mussel	Bivalves	Χ
Amblema plicata	Threeridge Mussel	Bivalves	Χ
Elliptio dilatata	Spike	Bivalves	Χ
Epioblasma florentina curtisii	Curtis Pearlymussel	Bivalves	Χ
Epioblasma turgidula	Turgid Blossom	Bivalves	Χ
Fusconaia flava	Wabash pigtoe	Bivalves	Χ
Fusconaia ozarkensis	Ozark Pigtoe	Bivalves	Χ
Lampsilis cardium	Plain Pocketbook	Bivalves	Χ
Lampsilis reeveiana	Arkansas Brokenray	Bivalves	Χ
Strophitus undulatus	Creeper	Bivalves	Χ
Villosa lienosa	Little Spectaclecase	Bivalves	Χ
Orconectes macrus	Neosho Midget Crayfish	Crustaceans	Χ
Orconectes marchandi	Mammoth Spring Crayfish	Crustaceans	Χ
Orconectes neglectus chaenodactylus	Ringed Crayfish	Crustaceans	Χ
Orconectes williamsi	William's Crayfish	Crustaceans	Χ
Cambarus hubbsi	Hubb's Crayfish	Crustaceans	Χ
Cambarus maculatus	Freckled Crayfish	Crustaceans	Χ
Orconectes eupunctus	Coldwater Crayfish	Crustaceans	Χ
Orconectes meeki meeki	Meek's Crayfish	Crustaceans	Χ
Orconectes peruncus	Big Creek Crayfish	Crustaceans	Χ
Orconectes quadruncus	St. Francis River Crayfish	Crustaceans	Χ
Ammocrypta clara	Western Sand Darter	Fish	Χ
Crystallaria asprella	Crystal Darter	Fish	Χ
Cycleptus elongatus	Blue Sucker	Fish	Χ
Cyprinella camura	Bluntface Shiner	Fish	Χ
Cyprinella spiloptera	Spotfin Shiner	Fish	Χ
Erimystax harryi	Ozark Chub	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma cragini	Arkansas Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma fragi	Strawberry River Darter	Fish	X
Etheostoma microperca	Least Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma moorei	Yellowcheek Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma uniporum	Current Darter	Fish	X
Lampetra aepyptera	Least Brook Lamprey	Fish	Χ
Lampetra appendix	American Brook Lamprey	Fish	X
Moxostoma anisurum	Silver Redhorse	Fish	X
Moxostoma macrolepidotum	Shorthead Redhorse	Fish	X
Nocomis asper	Redspot Chub	Fish	X
Notropis ozarcanus	Ozark Shiner	Fish	Χ
Notropis sabinae	Sabine Shiner	Fish	X
Percina nasuta	Longnose Darter	Fish	X
Percina phoxocephala	Slenderhead Darter	Fish	Χ
Percina uranidea	Stargazing Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma euzonum erizonum	Current Saddled Darter	Fish	Χ
Etheostoma euzonum euzonum	Arkansas Saddled Darter	Fish	Χ

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Etheostoma histrio	Harlequin Darter	Fish	X
Etheostoma nianguae	Niangua Darter	Fish	X
Etheostoma whipplei	Redfin Darter	Fish	Χ
Hybognathus hankinsoni	Brassy Minnow	Fish	Χ
Hybopsis amnis	Pallid Shiner	Fish	X
Ichthyomyzon gagei	Southern Brook Lamprey	Fish	Χ
Noturus eleutherus	Mountain Madtom	Fish	X
Noturus flavater	Checkered Madtom	Fish	X
Noturus placidus	Neosho Madtom	Fish	X
Percina copelandi	Channel Darter	Fish	X
Percina cymatotaenia	Bluestripe Darter	Fish	X
Percina shumardi	River Darter	Fish	X
Etheostoma punctulatum	Sunburst (stippled) Darter	Fish	X
Luxilus cardinalis	Cardinal Shiner	Fish	X
Notropis greenei	Wedgespot Shiner	Fish	X
Notropis nubilus	Ozark Minnow	Fish	X
Percina maculata	Blackside Darter	Fish	X

GULF COAST

Beaches and Dunes

Scientific Name	Common Name	Taxon	Beaches/Dunes
Charadrius melodus	Piping Plover	Birds	X
Charadrius nivosus	Snowy Plover	Birds	X
Charadrius wilsonia	Wilson's Plover	Birds	X
Chordeiles minor	Common Nighthawk	Birds	X
Egretta rufescens	Reddish Egret	Birds	X
Haematopus palliatus	American Oystercatcher	Birds	X
Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned Night-heron	Birds	X
Pandion haliaetus	Osprey	Birds	X
Pelecanus occidentalis	Brown Pelican	Birds	X
Rynchops niger	Black Skimmer	Birds	X
Sterna antillarum	Least Tern	Birds	X
Peromyscus polionotus allophrys	Choctawhatchee Beach Mouse	Mammals	X
Peromyscus polionotus ammobates	Alabama Beach Mouse	Mammals	X
Peromyscus polionotus leucocephalus	Santa Rosa Beach Mouse	Mammals	X
Peromyscus polionotus niveiventris	Southeastern Beach Mouse	Mammals	X
Peromyscus polionotus peninsularis	St. Andrews Beach Mouse	Mammals	X
Peromyscus polionotus phasma	Anastasia Island Beach Mouse	Mammals	X
Peromyscus polionotus trissyllepsis	Perdido Key Beach Mouse	Mammals	X
Procyon lotor	Raccoon	Mammals	X
Caretta caretta	Loggerhead Sea Turtle	Reptiles	X
Chelonia mydas	Green Sea Turtle	Reptiles	X
Malaclemys terrapin	Diamondback Terrapin	Reptiles	X

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Tidal Marsh

Scientific Name	Common Name	Taxon	Tidal Marsh
Ammodramus maritimus	Seaside Sparrow	Birds	X
Ammodramus nelsoni	Nelson's Sparrow	Birds	X
Anas fulvigula	Mottled Duck	Birds	X
Ardea alba	Great Egret	Birds	X
Aythya affinis	Lesser Scaup	Birds	X
Aythya americana	Redhead	Birds	X
Aythya marila	Greater Scaup	Birds	X
Cistothorus palustris	Marsh Wren	Birds	Χ
Coturnicops noveboracensis	Yellow Rail	Birds	X
Dendrocygna bicolor	Fulvous Whistling-duck	Birds	X
Egretta caerulea	Little Blue Heron	Birds	Χ
Egretta thula	Snowy Egret	Birds	X
Egretta tricolor	Tricolored Heron	Birds	Х
Eudocimus albus	White Ibis	Birds	X
Gallinula chloropus	Common Moorhen	Birds	X
Himantopus mexicanus	Black-necked Stilt	Birds	Χ
Ixobrychus exilis	Least Bittern	Birds	X
Laterallus jamaicensis	Black Rail	Birds	Х
Platalea ajaja	Roseate Spoonbill	Birds	X
Plegadis falcinellus	Glossy Ibis	Birds	X
Podilymbus podiceps	Pied-billed Grebe	Birds	X
Porphyrio martinica	Purple Gallinule	Birds	X
Rallus elegans	King Rail	Birds	X
Rallus longirostris	Clapper Rail	Birds	X
Sterna caspia	Caspian Tern	Birds	X
Sterna forsteri	Forster's Tern	Birds	X
Sterna maxima	Royal Tern	Birds	X
Sterna nilotica	Gull-billed Tern	Birds	X
Sterna sandvicensis	Sandwich Tern	Birds	X
Archosargus probatocephalus	Sheepshead	Fish	X
Brevoortia patronus	Gulf Menhaden	Fish	X
Cynoscion nebulosus	Speckled Trout	Fish	X
Fundulus jenkinsi	Saltmarsh Topminnow	Fish	X
Mugil cephalus	Striped Mullet	Fish	X
Mugil curema	White Mullet	Fish	X
Paralichthys albigutta	Gulf Flounder	Fish	X
Paralichthys lethostigma	Southern Flounder	Fish	X
Pogonias cromis	Black Drum	Fish	X
Sciaenops ocellatus	Red Drum	Fish	X
Mustela vison halilimnetes	Gulf Salt Marsh Mink	Mammals	X
Procyon lotor	Raccoon	Mammals	X
Sylvilagus aquaticus	Swamp Rabbit	Mammals	X
Sylvilagus palustris	Marsh Rabbit	Mammals	X
Trichechus manatus	West Indian Manatee	Mammals	X
Malaclemys terrapin	Diamondback Terrapin	Reptiles	X
Nerodia clarkii	Saltmarsh Snake	Reptiles	Χ

MISSISSIPPI ALLUVIAL VALLEY

Freshwater Aquatic: Mainstem "Big River" Systems

Table 1. Desired Landscape Endpoints for Big Rivers and Initial Assessment of Species Limited by Habitat Characteristics Reflective of These Endpoints, DRAFT - April 2013.

Desired Landscape Endpoints	Pallid Sturgeon	Alligator Gar	Paddlefish
Diversity and connectivity of habitats			
Main Channel			
Secondary Channel	X		
Off-channel, deep water refugia			
Seasonally-inundated wetlands		X	
Adequate flow	X		X
Dissolved oxygen			
Temperature			

MISSISSIPPI ALLUVIAL VALLEY

Forested wetlands

Table 2. Desired Landscape Endpoints for Forested Wetlands and Initial Assessment of Species Limited by Habitat Characteristics Reflective of These Endpoints, DRAFT - April 2013.

		Rafinesque's	Swallow-	Red-headed	Swainson's	Kentucky	Hooded
Desired Landscape Endpoints	Black Bear	Big-Eared Bat	tailed Kite	Woodpecker	Warbler	Warbler	Warbler
Landscape Composition (<70% forest)	Х						
Large Forest Patch Size (>100,000 ac)	X		Х				
Canopy Cover (60-70%)				Х			
Understory Density (25-40%)					X	Х	Х
Large (>26" dbh) Snag Density (1 per 5 ac)	X	Х					
Occurrence of Cane					X		Х

Open Pine Woodland and Savanna

Table 3. Desired Landscape Endpoints for Open Pine Woodlands and Savannas and Initial Assessment of Species Limited by Habitat Characteristics Reflective of These Endpoints, DRAFT - April 2013.

		Louisiana	Brown-						Eastern	
Desired Landscape	Red-cockaded	Pine	headed	Bachman's	Northern	Pine	Gopher	Prairie	Diamondback	Pocket
Endpoints	Woodpecker	Snake	Nuthatch	Sparrow	Bobwhite	Warbler	Tortoise	Warbler	Rattlesnake	Gopher
Forest patch size	X									
Connectivity	X	Х	X	Х						
Basal Area					Х					
Average dbh	Х		Χ			Х				
Canopy Cover		Х		Х	Х		Х			
Midstory Shrub Density								Χ		
Midstory Hardwoods		Х					Х		Х	
Herbaceous Understory		Х		Х			Х		Х	Х
Early Successional				Х	Х			Χ		

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Grassland-Prairie-Savanna

Table 4. Desired Landscape Endpoints for Grasslands and Initial Assessment of Species Limited by Habitat Characteristics Reflective of These Endpoints, DRAFT - April 2013.

	Grasshopper	Northern		Henslow's	Texas Horned	Eastern	Painted
Desired Landscape Endpoints	Sparrow	Bobwhite	Dickcissel	Sparrow	Lizard	Meadowlark	Bunting
Prairie patch size	Х	Х					
Vegetation Height			Х				
Vegetation Density		Χ		Х	Х	Х	
Bare Ground		Χ					
Shrub Cover		Χ					Х
Tree Density	Х		Х				
Warm Season Grass Density		Х					

EAST AND WEST GULF COASTAL PLAINS

Freshwater Aquatic: Medium-low gradient streams and rivers

Table 5. Desired Landscape Endpoints for Medium-low gradient streams and rivers and Initial Assessment of Species Limited by Habitat Characteristics Reflective of These Endpoints, DRAFT - April 2013

			River			Crayfish	
Desired Landscape Endpoints	Alligator Gar	Paddlefish	Otter	Mussels	Darters	Snake	Hellbender
Connectivity	X	X	Χ				
Water temperature	X						
Flow				X			
Riffle-pool morphology					Χ	Х	
Substrate diversity							Х

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Upland Hardwoods

Table 6. Desired Landsca	pe Endpoints	for Upland	Hardwoods	and Initi	ial Ass	essment of Speci	es Limited by	Habitat Cha	aracteristics Refle	ective of The	se Endpoin	ts, DRAFT	- April 2013	
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Desired Landscape	Cerulean	Kentucky	billed	Black		Red-backed		Prairie	Silver-haired	Indiana	Wood	Wild	Spotted	
Endpoints	Warbler	Warbler	Cuckoo	Bear	Elk	Salamander	Nightjars	Warbler	Bat	Myotis	Thrush	Turkey	Skunk	Woodcock
Forest patch size	Х													
Landscape composition	Х	Х	Х											
Connectivity				Χ	Χ	Х								
Canopy Cover														
Woodlands (20-80%)							Х	Х						
Forest (>80%)	Х	Χ				Х								
Large Snag Density									Х					
Coarse Woody Debris						Х								
Average dbh >14"										Χ				
Tree density														
Woodlands (40/ac)							Х			Χ				
Forest (80/ac)											Χ			
Midstory density											Х			
Oak-hickory basal area			_					_		_				_
Woodlands (>90%)												Χ		
Forest (>70%)			_	Х				_		_		Х		_
Early successional													Χ	Х

OZARK HIGHLANDS

Freshwater Aquatic: High gradient streams and rivers

Table 7. Desired Landscape Endpoints for High Gradient Streams and Rivers and Initial Assessment of Species Limited by Habitat Characteristics Reflective of These Endpoints, DRAFT - April 2013.

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	Yellowcheek		Pocket			Coldwater	Brindled	Southern Brook		Bluestripe
Desired Landscape Endpoints	Darter	Hellbender	Mussels	Darters	Sculpin	Crayfish	Madtom	Lamprey	Mussels	Darter
Forested watersheds with <10% impervious										
Intact riparian, hardwood corridors										
Interconnected streams and rivers	X									
High water quality		Х	Χ	Χ						
Low water temperatures		Х		Χ	Х	Х				
High dissolved oxygen		Х								
Minimal sediment		Х							Х	
Abundant leaf litter						Х	Х	Χ		
Flow regime										
Groundwater				Χ	Χ	Х			Χ	
Runoff										Х
Intermittent										

GULF COAST

Beaches and Dunes

Table 8. Desired Landscape Endpoints for Beaches and Dunes and Initial Assessment of Species Limited by Habitat Characteristics Reflective of These Endpoints, DRAFT - April 2013.

		Diamondback	Wilson's		Black		Reddish
Desired Landscape Endpoints	Beach Mice	Terrapin	Plover	Least Tern	Skimmer	Sea Turtles	Egret
Connectivity	Х	Х					Х
Disturbance: No Access	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	
Occurrence of 1', 2', and 3' Dunes	Х						
Vegetative Cover >20%							
Dune Width (20')							
Dune Height (4')							
Dune Slope (18-45 degrees)							
Composition							
Sea Oats	Х						
Bitter Panicum		X					
Spartina patens		Х	_				

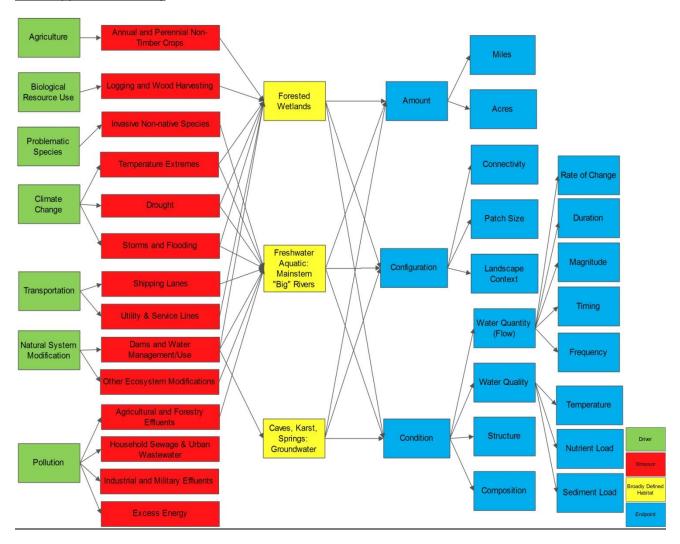
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Tidal Marsh

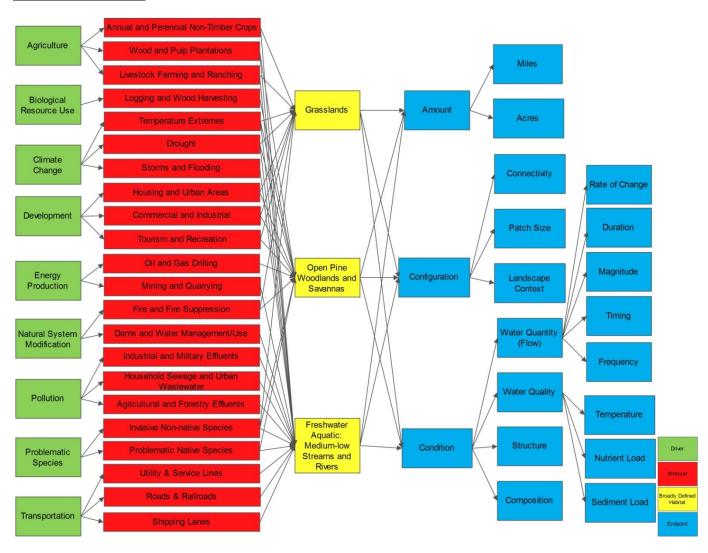
Table 9. Desired Landscape Endpoints for Tidal Marsh and Initial Assessment of Species Limited by Habitat Characteristics Reflective of These Endpoints, DRAFT - April 2013.

	River		Black	Penaid	Clapper	King				Speckled		Black
Desired Landscape Endpoints	Otter	Mink	Bear	Shrimp	Rail	Rail	Redhead	Scaup	Manatee	Trout	Oysters	Bass
Large blocks of unbroken marsh (>250 ac)	Χ	Х										
Connectivity of habitat types	Χ	Х	Х									
Moderate amounts of edge				Χ	Х							
Emergent Vegetative Cover >70%					Х	Х						
Limited Open Water (<20%)												
Submergent Aquatic Vegetation (15-30%)							Х	Х	X			
Natural salinity										Χ	Х	
Composition – native vegetation												
Adequate freshwater flows			Χ									Х

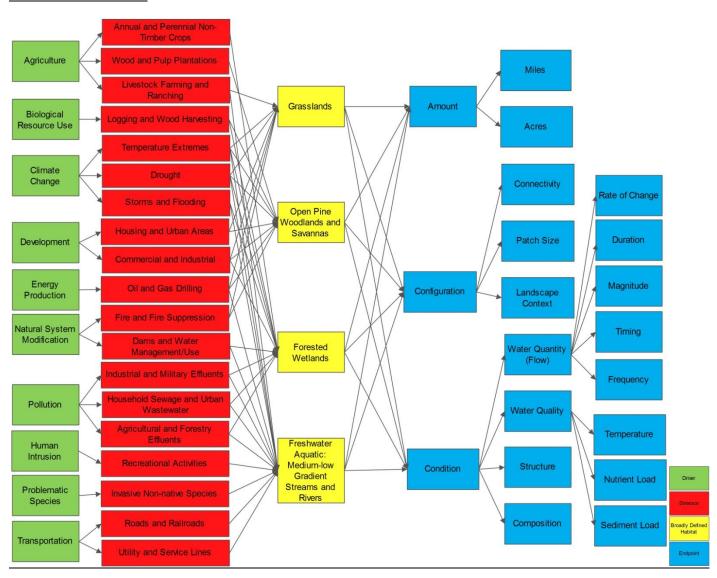
Mississippi Alluvial Valley



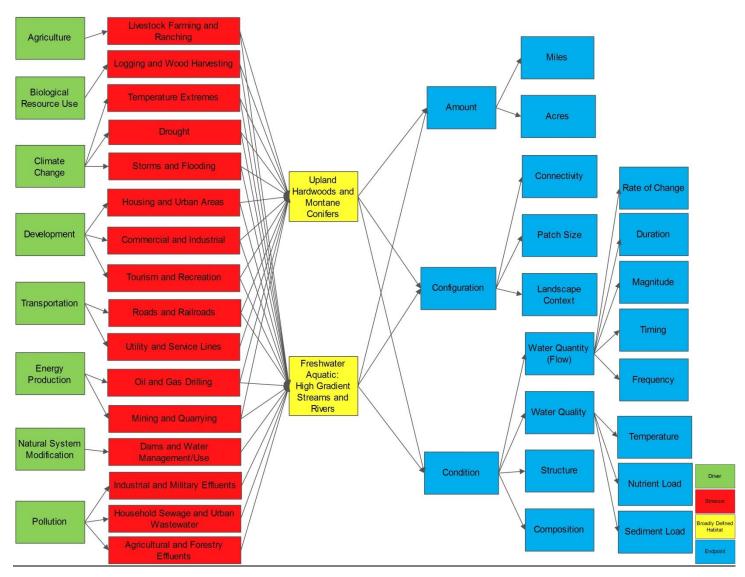
East Gulf Coastal Plain



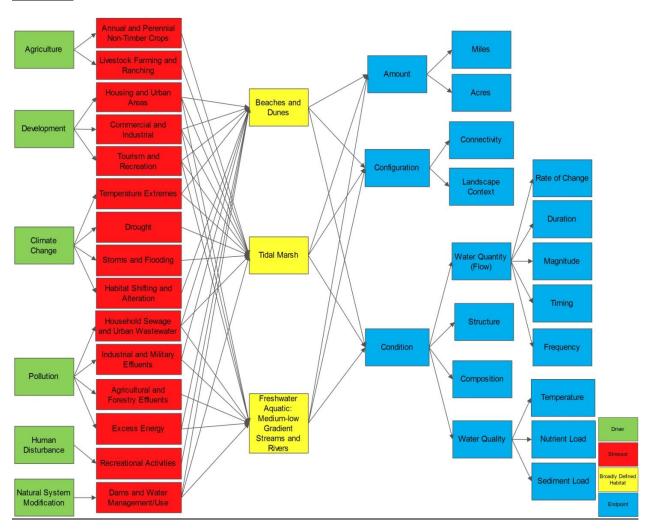
West Gulf Coastal Plain



Ozark Highlands



Gulf Coast



Appendix 4: Conceptual Models for Priority	Systems of the GCPOLCC
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Table 2. Drivers, stressors, mechanisms, and landscape-level endpoints for priority habitat types of the Gulf Coastal Plains and Ozarks subgeographies

Region	Driver	Stressor	Mechanism	Priority Habitat	Endpoint
GC	Development	Housing & Urban Areas	Direct Conversion	Tidal Marsh	Amount (acres); Configuration (Landscape Context; Connectivity)
GC	Development	Commercial & Industrial	Direct Conversion	Tidal Marsh	Amount (acres); Configuration (Landscape Context; Connectivity)
GC	Development	Tourism & Recreation	Direct Conversion	Tidal Marsh	Amount (acres); Configuration (Landscape Context; Connectivity)
GC	Pollution	Household Sewage & Urban Waste Water	Increased Nutrients, Sediments, and Contaminants in runoff	Tidal Marsh	Amount (acres); Water Quality (Nutrient Load; Sediment Load)
GC	Natural System Modification	Dams & Water Management/Use	Flood protection and water use in developed and agricultural areas	Tidal Marsh	Amount (acres); Water Quantity (Flow)
GC	Agriculture	Annual and Perennial Non-timber Crops	Direct Conversion	Tidal Marsh	Amount (acres); Configuration (Landscape Context; Connectivity)
GC	Agriculture	Livestock Farming & Ranching	Direct Conversion	Tidal Marsh	Amount (acres); Configuration (Landscape Context; Connectivity)
GC	Climate Change	Temperature Extremes	Increased temperature	Tidal Marsh	Amount (acres); Water Quantity (Flow)
GC	Climate Change	Droughts	Changes in precipitation patterns	Tidal Marsh	Amount (acres); Water Quantity (Flow)
GC	Climate Change	Storms & Flooding	Changes in precipitation patterns	Tidal Marsh	Amount (acres); Water Quantity (Flow)
GC	Development	Housing & Urban Areas	Direct Conversion	Beaches and Dunes	Amount (acres); Configuration (Connectivity)
GC	Development	Commercial & Industrial	Direct Conversion	Beaches and Dunes	Amount (acres); Configuration (Connectivity)
GC	Development	Tourism & Recreation	Direct Conversion	Beaches and Dunes	Amount (acres); Configuration (Connectivity)
GC	Pollution	Excess Energy	Noise and Light from Development	Beaches and Dunes	Condition (Structure)
GC	Climate Change	Temperature Extremes	Increased temperature	Beaches and Dunes	Condition (Composition)
GC	Climate Change	Habitat Shifting & Alteration	Sea-level Rise: Increased Inundation and Erosion	Beaches and Dunes	Amount (acres); Configuration (Connectivity)
GC	Human Disturbance	Recreational Activities	Increased trampling and raking/grading	Beaches and Dunes	Condition (Stucture and Composition)
GC	Pollution	Household Sewage & Urban Waste Water	Change in sediment budget	Beaches and Dunes	Amount (acres); Condition (Structure)
GC	Pollution	Industrial and Military Effluents	Change in sediment budget	Beaches and Dunes	Amount (acres); Condition (Structure)
GC	Natural System Modification	Dams & Water Management/Use	Increased erosion due to changes in flow from development	Beaches and Dunes	Amount (acres); Configuration (Connectivity); Condition (Structure)
GC	Development	Housing & Urban Areas	Direct Conversion and physical change in stream systems	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Landscape context); Condition (Structure)
GC	Development	Commercial & Industrial	Direct Conversion and physical change in stream systems	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Landscape context); Condition (Structure)
GC	Development	Tourism & Recreation	Direct Conversion and physical change in stream systems	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Landscape context); Condition (Structure)

GC	Natural System Modification	Dams & Water Management/Use	$\label{thm:continuous} \mbox{Hydrologic Alteration from development, transportation, and recreation}$	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Landscape context); Condition (Structure); Water Quantity
GC	Pollution	Household Sewage & Urban Waste Water	Change in sediment budget and increased contaminants - development	Streams and Rivers	Water Quality (Nutrient Load; Sediment Load)
GC	Pollution	Industrial and Military Effluents	Change in sediment budget and increased contaminants from industry	Streams and Rivers	Water Quality (Nutrient Load; Sediment Load)
GC	Pollution	Agricultural and Forestry Effluents	Increased sediment and contaminants from agriculture	Streams and Rivers	Water Quality (Nutrient Load; Sediment Load)
GC	Pollution	Excess Energy	Increased temperature; thermal pollution	Streams and Rivers	Water Quality (Temperature)
EGCP	Transportation	Shipping Lanes	Dredging, channelization	Streams and Rivers	Amount (acres); Water Quantity (Flow)
EGCP	Transportation	Roads & Railroads	Bridges and roads	Streams and Rivers	Amount (acres); Water Quantity (Flow)
EGCP	Transportation	Utility & Service Lines	ROWs	Streams and Rivers	Amount (acres); Water Quantity (Flow)
EGCP	Natural System Modification	Dams & Water Management/Use	Barriers, sinuosity; flow control	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Connectivity); Water Quantity (Flow)
EGCP	Problematic Species	Invasive Non-Native	Pests and Pathogens	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Composition)
EGCP	Problematic Species	Problematic Native Species	Pests and Pathogens	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Composition)
EGCP	Pollution	Agricultural & Forestry Effluents	Contaminants and Nutrients	Streams and Rivers	Water Quality (Nutrient Load; Sediment Load)
EGCP	Pollution	Household Sewage & Urban Wastewater	Increased impervious surface: contaminants and nutrients	Streams and Rivers	Water Quality (Nutrient Load; Sediment Load)
EGCP	Pollution	Industrial & Military Effluents	Mining	Streams and Rivers	Water Quality (Nutrient Load; Sediment Load)
EGCP	Agriculture	Annual and Perennial Non-timber Crops	Direct Conversion: Land leveling, removal of vegetation	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Connectivity); Water Quantity (Flow)
EGCP	Agriculture	Wood & Pulp Plantations	Direct Conversion: removal of vegetation	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Connectivity); Water Quantity (Flow)
EGCP	Agriculture	Livestock Farming & Ranching	Direct Conversion: removal of vegetation, cattle stocking density	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Connectivity); Water Quantity (Flow)
EGCP	Climate Change	Temperature Extremes	Increased temperature	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Connectivity); Water Quantity (Flow)
EGCP	Climate Change	Droughts	Increased temperature and changes in precipitation patterns	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Connectivity); Water Quantity (Flow)
EGCP	Climate Change	Storms & Flooding	Changes in precipitation patterns	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Connectivity); Water Quantity (Flow)
EGCP	Energy Production	Mining & Quarrying	Gravel mining	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Landscape Context,; Connectivity); Condition (Structure)
EGCP	Problematic Species	Invasive Non-Native	Pests and pathogens	Southern Pine	Amount (acres); Configuration (Connectivity)
EGCP	Problematic Species	Problematic Native Species	Pests and pathogens	Southern Pine	Amount (acres); Configuration (Connectivity)
EGCP	Biological Resource Use	Logging and Wood Harvesting	Biomass production	Southern Pine	Amount (acres); Configuration (Connectivity)
EGCP	Agriculture	Wood & Pulp Plantations	Pine plantations	Southern Pine	Configuration (Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)

EGCP	Energy Production	Oil & Gas Drilling	Mineral/gas extraction	Southern Pine	Configuration (Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
EGCP	Climate Change	Temperature Extremes	Increased temperature	Southern Pine	Amount (acres); Configuration (Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
EGCP	Climate Change	Droughts	Increased temperature and changes in precipitation patterns	Southern Pine	Amount (acres); Configuration (Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
EGCP	Climate Change	Storms & Flooding	Changes in precipitation patterns	Southern Pine	Amount (acres); Configuration (Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
EGCP	Development	Housing & Urban Areas	Permanent loss/impervious surfaces	Grassland	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
EGCP	Development	Commercial & Industrial	Permanent loss/impervious surfaces	Grassland	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
EGCP	Development	Tourism & Recreation	Permanent loss/impervious surfaces	Grassland	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
EGCP	Natural System Modification	Fire & Fire Suppression	Fire exclusion; woody encroachment	Grassland	Condition (Structure and Composition)
EGCP	Agriculture	Annual and Perennial Non-timber Crops	Direct conversion and loss of habitat	Grassland	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
EGCP	Agriculture	Livestock Farming & Ranching	Direct conversion and loss of habitat	Grassland	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
EGCP	Problematic Species	Invasive Non-Native	Conversion of grasslands from native grasses to exotics	Grassland	Condition (Composition)
EGCP	Natural System Modification	Fire & Fire Suppression	Fire exclusion; woody encroachment	Grassland	Amount (acres); Condition (Structure and Composition)
EGCP	Climate Change	Temperature Extremes	Increased temperature	Grassland	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
EGCP	Climate Change	Droughts	Increased temperature and changes in precipitation patterns	Grassland	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
EGCP	Climate Change	Storms & Flooding	Changes in precipitation patterns	Grassland	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
ОН	Climate Change	Temperature Extremes	Increased temperature	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Water Quantity (Flow)
ОН	Climate Change	Droughts	Increased temperature and changes in precipitation patterns	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Water Quantity (Flow)
ОН	Climate Change	Storms & Flooding	Changes in precipitation patterns	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Water Quantity (Flow)
ОН	Natural System Modification	Dams & Water Management/Use	Hydrologic Alteration - fracking, dewatering, impoundments, lagoons	Streams and Rivers	Water Quantity (Flow)
ОН	Energy Production	Oil & Gas Drilling	Fragmentation due to fracking - roads, impoundments, lagoons	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Landscape Context,; Connectivity)
ОН	Energy Production	Mining & Quarrying	Gravel mining	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Landscape Context,; Connectivity); Condition (Structure)
ОН	Pollution	Household Sewage & Urban Waste Water	Increased contaminants in runoff	Streams and Rivers	Water quality (Nutrient Load; Sediment Load; DO; pH)
ОН	Pollution	Industrial and Military Effluents	Increased contaminants in runoff	Streams and Rivers	Water quality (Nutrient Load; Sediment Load; DO; pH)
ОН	Pollution	Agricultural and Forestry Effluents	Increased contaminants in runoff; CAFOs	Streams and Rivers	Water quality (Nutrient Load; Sediment Load; DO; pH)
ОН	Natural System Modification	Dams & Water Management/Use	Increased impervious surface area	Streams and Rivers	Water Quantity (Flow)

ОН	Development	Housing & Urban Areas	Direct Conversion: Physical change in stream systems	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Landscape Context); Condition (Structure)
ОН	Development	Commercial & Industrial	Direct Conversion: Physical change in stream systems	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Landscape Context); Condition (Structure)
ОН	Development	Tourism & Recreation	Direct Conversion: Physical change in stream systems	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Landscape Context); Condition (Structure)
ОН	Agriculture	Livestock Farming & Ranching	Direct Conversion: Physical change in stream systems	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Landscape Context); Condition (Structure)
ОН	Transportation	Roads & Railroads	Direct Conversion: Physical change in stream systems	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Landscape Context); Condition (Structure)
ОН	Transportation	Roads & Railroads	Direct Conversion and fragmentation from roads and bridges	Upland Hardwoods	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
ОН	Transportation	Utility & Service Lines	Direct Conversion and fragmentation from pipelines and ROWs	Upland Hardwoods	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
ОН	Energy Production	Oil & Gas Drilling	Fragmentation due to fracking - roads, impoundments, lagoons	Upland Hardwoods	Amount (acres); Configuration (Landscape Context,; Connectivity)
ОН	Energy Production	Mining & Quarrying	Lead mining	Upland Hardwoods	Amount (acres); Configuration (Landscape Context,; Connectivity); Condition (Structure)
ОН	Climate Change	Temperature Extremes	Increased temperature	Upland Hardwoods	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Composition)
ОН	Climate Change	Droughts	Increased temperature and changes in precipitation patterns	Upland Hardwoods	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Composition)
ОН	Climate Change	Storms & Flooding	Changes in precipitation patterns	Upland Hardwoods	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Composition)
ОН	Biological Resource Use	Logging and Wood Harvesting	Fragmentation due to timber harvest	Upland Hardwoods	Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure)
ОН	Development	Housing & Urban Areas	Loss of natural habitats to development	Upland Hardwoods	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
ОН	Development	Commercial & Industrial	Loss of natural habitats to development	Upland Hardwoods	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
ОН	Development	Tourism & Recreation	Loss of natural habitats to development	Upland Hardwoods	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
ОН	Agriculture	Livestock Farming & Ranching	Increased grazing	Upland Hardwoods	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure)
WGCP	Agriculture	Wood & Pulp Plantations	Direct Conversion: removal of vegetation	Southern Pine	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
WGCP	Biological Resource Use	Logging and Wood Harvesting	Temporary fragmentation due to timber harvest	Southern Pine	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure)
WGCP	Natural System Modification	Fire & Fire Suppression	Altered fire regime; woody encroachment	Southern Pine	Condition (Structure and Composition)
WGCP	Climate Change	Temperature Extremes	Increased temperature	Southern Pine	Condition (Structure and Composition)
WGCP	Climate Change	Droughts	Increased temperature and changes in precipitation patterns	Southern Pine	Condition (Structure and Composition)
WGCP	Climate Change	Storms & Flooding	Changes in precipitation patterns	Southern Pine	Condition (Structure and Composition)
WGCP	Development	Housing & Urban Areas	Loss of natural habitat types to development	Southern Pine	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
WGCP	Development	Commercial & Industrial	Loss of natural habitat types to development	Southern Pine	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)

WGCP	Natural System Modification	Fire & Fire Suppression	Altered fire regime; woody encroachment	Southern Pine	Condition (Structure and Composition)
WGCP	Energy Production	Oil & Gas Drilling	Fracking and Oil Field Fragmentation	Southern Pine	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
WGCP	Energy Production	Oil & Gas Drilling	Fracking and Oil Field Fragmentation	Grassland	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
WGCP	Development	Housing & Urban Areas	Loss of natural habitats to development	Grassland	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
WGCP	Development	Commercial & Industrial	Loss of natural habitats to development	Grassland	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
WGCP	Natural System Modification	Fire & Fire Suppression	Altered fire regime; woody encroachment	Grassland	Condition (Structure and Composition)
WGCP	Agriculture	Livestock Farming & Ranching	Increased grazing	Grassland	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure)
WGCP	Agriculture	Annual and Perennial Non-timber Crops	Loss of natural habitats	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
WGCP	Biological Resource Use	Logging and Wood Harvesting	Fragmentation due to timber harvest	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure)
WGCP	Climate Change	Temperature Extremes	Increased temperature	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Condition (Structure and Composition)
WGCP	Climate Change	Droughts	Increased temperature and changes in precipitation patterns	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Condition (Structure and Composition)
WGCP	Climate Change	Storms & Flooding	Changes in precipitation patterns	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Condition (Structure and Composition)
WGCP	Development	Housing & Urban Areas	Loss of natural habitats to development	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
WGCP	Development	Commercial & Industrial	Loss of natural habitats to development	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
WGCP	Pollution	Household Sewage & Urban Waste Water	Increased contaminants in runoff	Forested Wetlands	Water quality (Nutrient Load; Sediment Load; DO; pH)
WGCP	Pollution	Industrial and Military Effluents	Increased contaminants in runoff	Forested Wetlands	Water quality (Nutrient Load; Sediment Load; DO; pH)
WGCP	Pollution	Agricultural and Forestry Effluents	Increased contaminants in runoff	Forested Wetlands	Water quality (Nutrient Load; Sediment Load; DO; pH)
WGCP	Natural System Modification	Dams & Water Management/Use	Hydrologic alteration: channelization, flood cycle	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
WGCP	Climate Change	Temperature Extremes	Increased temperature	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
WGCP	Climate Change	Droughts	Increased temperature and changes in precipitation patterns	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
WGCP	Climate Change	Storms & Flooding	Changes in precipitation patterns	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
WGCP	Agriculture	Livestock Farming & Ranching	Physical trampling	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Stucture: Channel Morphology; Substrate Type)
WGCP	Pollution	Household Sewage & Urban Waste Water	Increase in impervious surfaces; wastewater treatment	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Water Quality: Nutrient Load; Sediment Load; Temperature; Pharmaceuticals/Contamir
WGCP	Pollution	Excess Energy	Power generation	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Water Quality: Temperature)
WGCP	Pollution	Agricultural and Forestry Effluents	Runoff	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Water Quality: Nutrient Load; Sediment Load)

WGCP	Energy Production	Oil & Gas Drilling	Dewatering	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Water Quantity (Flow: Frequency, Timing, Magnitude, Duration, Rate of Change)
WGCP	Transportation	Roads and Railroads	Culverts	Streams and Rivers	Configuration (Connectivity)
WGCP	Transportation	Roads and Railroads	Bridges	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Structure: Substrate Type)
WGCP	Transportation	Utilities and Service Lines	Pipeline crossing	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Structure: Substrate Type)
WGCP	Human Disturbance	Recreational Activities	Physical trampling (ATVs)	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Stucture: Channel Morphology; Substrate Type)
WGCP	Climate Change	Temperature Extremes	Increased temperature	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Water Quality: Temperature)
WGCP	Climate Change	Droughts	Lowering groundwater; reduced precipitation	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Water Quality: Temperature; Water Quantity: Flow -Magnitude)
WGCP	Climate Change	Storms & Flooding	Increased flashiness	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Water Quantity: Flow - Frequency, Timing, Magnitude, Duration, Rate of Change; Struct
WGCP	Natural System Modification	Dams & Water Management/Use	Presence of a Dam	Streams and Rivers	Configuration (Connectivity); Condition (Water Quality: Temperature; Water Quantity: Flow - Freq
WGCP	Problematic Species	Invasive Non-Native	Aquatic vegetation: hyacinth, salvinia, hydrilla	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Water Quality: DO; Water Quantity: Flow - Magnitude, Duration; Structure - Light Inten
WGCP	Problematic Species	Invasive Non-Native	Asian Carp	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Structure: Trophic Dynamics)
MAV	Agriculture	Annual and Perennial Non-timber Crops	Loss of natural habitats	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
MAV	Biological Resource Use	Logging and Wood Harvesting	Fragmentation due to timber harvest	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
MAV	Natural System Modification	Dams & Water Management/Use	Hydrologic alteration	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Condition (Composition)
MAV	Climate Change	Temperature Extremes	Increased temperature	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
MAV	Climate Change	Droughts	Increased temperature and changes in precipitation patterns	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
MAV	Climate Change	Storms & Flooding	Changes in precipitation patterns	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity); Condition (Structure and Composition)
MAV	Transportation	Utility & Service Lines	Direct Conversion and fragmentation from pipelines and ROWs	Forested Wetlands	Amount (acres); Configuration (Patch Size; Connectivity)
MAV	Climate Change	Temperature Extremes	Increased temperature	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Water Quantity (Flow)
MAV	Climate Change	Droughts	Increased temperature and changes in precipitation patterns	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Water Quantity (Flow)
MAV	Climate Change	Storms & Flooding	Changes in precipitation patterns	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Water Quantity (Flow)
MAV	Pollution	Agricultural and Forestry Effluents	Change in sediment budget (ag and development)	Streams and Rivers	Water Quality (Sediment load)
MAV	Pollution	Industrial and Military Effluents	Change in temperature and increased contaminants	Streams and Rivers	Water Quality (Temperature; Contaminants)
MAV	Pollution	Household Sewage & Urban Wastewater	Change in nutrients, sediments, and contaminants	Streams and Rivers	Water Quality (Nutrients; Sediments; Contaminants)
MAV	Pollution	Excess Energy	Change in temperature from power plant discharge	Streams and Rivers	Water Quality (Temperature)

MAV	Natural System Modification	Other Ecosystem Modifications	Change in sediment and spoil via levees alters hydrology	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Connectivity); Water Quantity (Flow); Water Quality
MAV	Natural System Modification	Dams & Water Management/Use	Hydrologic alteration: channelization and destabilization; head-cutting	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Connectivity); Water Quantity (Flow); Water Quality
MAV	Transportation	Shipping Lanes	Direct Conversion: Physical change in stream systems	Streams and Rivers	Amount (miles); Configuration (Connectivity); Condition (Structure)
MAV	Problematic Species	Invasive Non-Native	Asian Carp	Streams and Rivers	Condition (Structure)
MAV	Natural System Modification	Dams & Water Management/Use	Hydrologic alteration: low water table - ag and development	Groundwater	Water Quantity (Recharge Rate)