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# Conservation in **Action**

## WHO WE ARE



**Gulf Coastal Plains &  
Ozarks Landscape  
Conservation  
Cooperative**

Our mission is to define a shared vision for sustainable natural and cultural resources in the face of a changing climate and other threats; design strategies to achieve that vision; and deliver results on the ground through leadership, partnerships, contributed resources, evaluation and refinement over time.

We work to ensure natural and cultural landscapes capable of sustaining healthy ecosystems, clean water, fish, wildlife, and human communities in the 180-million-acre Gulf Coastal Plains & Ozarks region through the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### How We're Funded

The GCPO LCC receives the majority of its funding from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), with additional contributions from Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Mississippi State University (MSU) and other partners.

### IN OUR PARTNERS' WORDS

*The LCC increases our science capacity and promotes collaboration across a landscape of multiple jurisdictions. We work collaboratively through the LCC to identify the most representative examples of healthy ecosystems as priorities for conservation; to identify the best opportunities and methods of restoring degraded ecosystems to health; and to develop effective means of adapting management to changes driven by climate and the intensive human use of land, waters and oceans.*

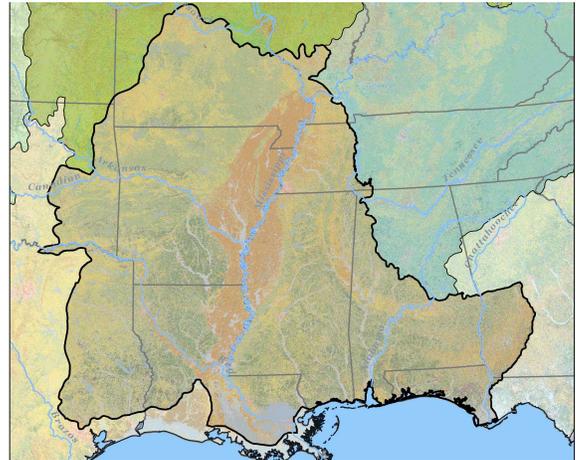
*-Kenny Ribbeck, Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries, chair of the GCPO LCC Steering Committee*

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## SCIENCE-DRIVEN RESULTS

Forecasting future impacts, using large-scale datasets and tools, and building upon existing partnerships all increase efficiency to ensure a coherent, long-term approach to conservation.



The Gulf Coastal Plains & Ozarks region spans 12 states. The region is a center for biodiversity of fish and wildlife populations, is part of the nation's most significant flyway for migrating waterfowl, and sustains one of the most productive coastal fisheries in the world. In addition, seven National Heritage Areas within the GCPO recognize a rich mix of historic landscapes that reflect aspects of Native American civilizations, European explorers and settlers, African American culture, and the Civil War. The GCPO LCC is comprised of five distinct subregions: the East Gulf Coastal Plain, Ozark Highlands, Mississippi Alluvial Valley, West Gulf Coastal Plain, and Gulf Coast.

### KEY PARTNERS

Partners on the LCC's Steering Committee include the state resource agencies from AL, AR, FL, KY, LA, MO, MS, OK, TN, and TX as well as MSU and the federal agencies USFWS, USGS, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, US Forest Service, National Park Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, and nonprofit organizations Ducks Unlimited, National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, and The Nature Conservancy, with nonvoting members American Bird Conservancy, Auburn University and the Conservation Fund. Additional partnerships such as Joint Ventures collaborate on specific projects. <[project database](#)>