

## CHAPTER 6. DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS

The CWCS will be valuable as a steering mechanism that will direct and track wildlife conservation for species and habitats at risk over the next 10 years in Louisiana. Its value in arresting the declines of species in need of conservation will be considerable. Of equal value will be the partnerships expanded or developed by this endeavor. The CWCS offers us new opportunities to initiate dialog with organizations with whom LDWF historically has not had interactions. In addition, LDWF will continue conversations and cooperative agreements with our current partners. The list of organizations LDWF invited to focus meetings (Chapter 3, Section A.2) illustrates a new attempt at expanding its partnerships.

There are 4 federally recognized Indian Tribes in Louisiana: Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, and Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe. In addition, there are 4 state-recognized Tribal Nations: Choctaw-Apache of Ebarb, Clifton Choctaw, Louisiana Choctaw, and United Houma Nation. None of these Tribes manages significant land and water areas within Louisiana and most land holdings are in casino/resort development. Attempts to solicit input from Tribes resulted in no response. As future partnership opportunities with state recognized Tribes arise during the implementation of the CWCS, LDWF will attempt to coordinate with these Tribes on joint conservation projects where feasible.

In developing the CWCS, LDWF identified multiple strategies associated with strengthening partnerships. These are detailed below. The CWCS initiative outlines numerous partnerships with state and federal agencies and organizations or groups. Landowners are expected to play a crucial role in the implementation of the plan. Nearly 40 strategies, involving private landowner partnerships, were developed during the writing of the CWCS. LDWF's partnerships with landowners will be a key factor in reversing downward trends in the populations of species of conservation concern.

PARTNER/associated habitat	STRATEGY
<b>BARATARIA-TERREBONNE NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM</b>	
BRACKISH MARSH COASTAL DUNE GRASSLAND/SHRUB THICKET SALT MARSH	Work with NRCS Plant Materials Center and BTNEP to develop viable cultivars for marsh restoration efforts.
BARRIER ISLAND BARRIER ISLAND LIVE OAK FOREST COASTAL MANGROVE-MARSH SHRUBLAND	Work with NRCS Plant Materials Center, BTNEP, and the Office of State Parks to develop a restoration program for this habitat.
<b>BLACK BEAR CONSERVATION COMMITTEE</b>	
BATTURE	Work with BBCC, DOTD, NRCS, USFWS, USFS, private landowners, etc. to promote corridors for black bears and other wildlife species.

<b>PARTNER/associated habitat</b>	<b>STRATEGY</b>
<b>DUCKS UNLIMITED</b>	
BALDCYPRESS TUPELO-BLACKGUM SWAMP	Work with COE, DU and other groups to enhance swamp hydrologic conditions to control invasives on Caddo Lake and Catahoula Lake.
<b>LANDOWNERS</b> (corporations and individuals)	
EASTERN HILLSIDE SEEPAGE BOG SLASH PINE-POND CYPRESS/HARDWOOD FOREST WESTERN HILLSIDE SEEPAGE BOG	Continue to encourage landowners to implement BMPs and SFI standards in the management of this habitat type.
SLASH PINE-POND CYPRESS/HARDWOOD FOREST WESTERN LONGLEAF PINE SAVANNAH	Develop educational information regarding the importance of ephemeral ponds for species of concern, and make this information available to landowners/land managers through technical pamphlets and the LDWF website.
SMALL STREAM FOREST	Develop educational information that focuses on the importance of streamside zones as wildlife corridors. Distribute this information to landowners/land managers through technical pamphlets and the LDWF website.
BRACKISH MARSH COASTAL LIVE OAK-HACKBERRY FOREST	Develop methods to encourage landowners to remove cattle and manage the land for wildlife conservation.
EASTERN LONGLEAF PINE SAVANNAH EASTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE FOREST SLASH PINE-POND CYPRESS/HARDWOOD FOREST WESTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE FOREST	Educate landowners, adjacent residents, developers, and the general public about the crucial role of prescribed burning in the management of this system (multi-agency, multi-group effort).
SHORTLEAF PINE/OAK-HICKORY FOREST	Encourage LDAF and other growers to produce shortleaf pine seedlings for distribution to landowners interested in restoring this habitat type.
SPRUCE PINE-HARDWOOD FOREST	Encourage LDAF and other growers to produce spruce pine seedlings for distribution to landowners interested in restoring this habitat type.
EASTERN LONGLEAF PINE SAVANNAH EASTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE WESTERN LONGLEAF PINE SAVANNAH WESTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE FOREST	Encourage longer rotation ages when compatible with the landowner's management objectives.
MIXED HARDWOOD-LOBLOLLY PINE/HARDWOOD SLOPE FOREST	Encourage the use of existing NRCS, USFWS programs in providing cost share incentives to landowners for invasive species control.
EASTERN LONGLEAF PINE SAVANNAH EASTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE FOREST WESTERN LONGLEAF PINE SAVANNAH WESTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE FOREST	Investigate the availability of additional cost-share funding opportunities for landowners to reduce the cost of longleaf pine management.
EASTERN HILLSIDE SEEPAGE BOG WESTERN HILLSIDE SEEPAGE BOG	Once bogs are identified, conduct landowner surveys to aid in the development of management strategies for these sites.
EASTERN LONGLEAF PINE SAVANNAH WESTERN LONGLEAF PINE SAVANNAH	Once savannahs are identified conduct landowner surveys to aid in the development of management strategies for these sites.
BARRIER ISLAND LIVE OAK FOREST	Partner with NGOs (TNC, LOS, NOS), state and federal agencies, industry, and private landowners to promote the conservation of remaining barrier island live oak forests.

<b>PARTNER/associated habitat</b>	<b>STRATEGY</b>
<b>LANDOWNERS (cont)</b>	
LIVE OAK NATURAL LEVEE FOREST	Partner with NHOs, private landowners, etc. to promote protection of live oak forests and continue to encourage landowners to enroll this habitat type in the Natural Areas Registry Program.
LIVE OAK- PINE-MAGNOLIA FOREST	Partner with NGOs, OSP, private landowners, etc. to initiate restoration and preservation efforts of live oak – pine – magnolia forests and continue to encourage landowners to enroll this habitat type in the Natural Areas Registry Program.
SPRUCE PINE-HARDWOOD FOREST	Partner with NGOs, OSP, private landowners, etc. to initiate restoration and preservation efforts of spruce pine – hardwood flatwood forests and continue to encourage landowners to enroll this habitat type in the Natural Areas Registry Program.
COASTAL DUNE GRASSLAND/SHRUB THICKET	Partner with NGOs, private landowners, etc. to promote protection of coastal dune grasslands and shrub thickets and continue to encourage landowners to enroll this habitat type in the Natural Areas Registry Program.
LIVE OAK NATURAL LEVEE FOREST	Partner with NGOs, private landowners, etc. to promote protection of live oak forests and continue to encourage landowners to enroll this habitat type in the Natural Areas Registry Program.
COASTAL PRAIRIE	Partner with NGOs, state and federal agencies, private landowners, etc. to promote the protection, restoration, and expansion of coastal prairie habitat.
COASTAL LIVE OAK-HACKBERRY FOREST	Partner with state and federal agencies, NGOs, private landowners, etc. to increase conservation of cheniers.
SALT DOME HARDWOOD FOREST	Partner with state and federal agencies, NGOs, private landowners, etc. to promote conservation and restoration of salt dome hardwood forests.
BARRIER ISLAND COASTAL DUNE GRASSLAND/SHRUB THICKET	Partner with state and federal agencies, NGOs, private landowners, etc. to promote the protection and restoration of barrier islands.
EASTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE FOREST WESTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE FOREST	Promote value-added products produced from longleaf pine to encourage landowners to replant longleaf pine instead of off-site pine.
BRACKISH MARSH	Promote waterfowl management as an alternative to livestock production by providing incentives to landowners.
EASTERN HILLSIDE SEEPAGE BOG EASTERN LONGLEAF PINE SAVANNAH EASTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE FOREST SLASH PINE-POND CYPRESS/HARDWOOD FOREST SANDBARS WESTERN LONGLEAF PINE SAVANNAH WESTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE FOREST	Provide additional cost share funds for landowners to drastically reduce or eliminate costs associated with conducting prescribed burns on their property.
COASTAL LIVE OAK-HACKBERRY FOREST	Provide information to landowners about incentive programs/cost share opportunities to control invasives.
SOUTHERN MESOPHYTIC FOREST	Provide loggers and landowners with updated BMPs for harvesting timber in this habitat type.

<b>PARTNER/associated habitat</b>	<b>STRATEGY</b>
<b>LANDOWNERS (cont)</b>	
BOTTOMLAND HARDWOOD FOREST	Work with BBCC, DOTD, NRCS, USFWS, USFS, private landowners, etc. to promote corridors for black bears and other wildlife species.
SALINE PRAIRIE	Work with hunting clubs and other landowners to restrict ATV use to existing trails.
BARRIER ISLAND LIVE OAK FOREST CALCAREOUS PRAIRIE CALCAREOUS FOREST COASTAL LIVE OAK-HACKBERRY FOREST COASTAL MANGROVE-MARSH SHRUBLAND COASTAL PRAIRIE HARDWOOD FLATWOODS LIVE OAK NATURAL LEVEE FOREST SALT DOME HARDWOOD FOREST SANDSTONE GLADE/BARREN SALINE PRAIRIE WESTERN XERIC SANDHILL WOODLAND	Provide educational information on this habitat type and its importance to species of conservation concern to landowners/land managers through technical pamphlets and the LDWF website.
SPRUCE PINE-HARDWOOD FOREST	Work with interested groups to promote SFI guidelines and develop new BMPs specific to this habitat. Distribute these guidelines to landowners/land managers through technical pamphlets and the LDWF website.
INTERMEDIATE MARSH	Work with landowners to develop alternatives to livestock production in this habitat.
CYPRESS TUPELO-BLACKGUM SWAMP	Work with landowners/land managers to promote conservation of habitat sites that may not regenerate naturally after logging due to changes in hydrology, herbivory, and other factors. Promote the use of "condition classes" as defined by the Governor's Science Working Group on Coastal Wetland Forest Conservation and Use to define these target swamp habitat areas in need of conservation attention.
BAYHEAD SWAMP SMALL STREAM FOREST	Work with LFA to produce a publication regarding SMZs and BMPs, and landowner rights regarding logging on their property.
SMALL STREAM FOREST	Work with LFA to produce occasional publications that focus on recent developments in SMZ management, improved BMPs, and rights of landowner regarding use of their property.
BARRIER ISLAND LIVE OAK FOREST COASTAL DUNE GRASSLAND/SHRUB THICKET COASTAL MANGROVE-MARSH SHRUBLAND LIVE OAK NATURAL LEVEE FOREST	Work with the legislature to develop tax incentives and conservation easements or leases for landowners to encourage conservation of this habitat type.

<b>PARTNER/associated habitat</b>	<b>STRATEGY</b>
<b>LANDOWNERS (cont)</b>	
CALCAREOUS PRAIRIE CALCAREOUS FOREST COASTAL LIVE OAK-HACKBERRY FOREST COASTAL PRAIRIE EASTERN HILLSIDE SEEPAGE BOG HARDWOOD FLATWOODS MIXED HARDWOOD-LOBLOLLY PINE/HARDWOOD SLOPE FOREST SOUTHERN MESOPHYTIC FOREST SALINE PRAIRIE SPRUCE PINE-HARDWOOD FOREST SHORTLEAF PINE/OAK-HICKORY FOREST SLASH PINE-POND Cypress/HARDWOOD FOREST WESTERN HILLSIDE SEEPAGE BOG WESTERN XERIC SANDHILL WOODLAND	Work with the legislature to provide incentives (tax breaks, etc.) to landowners to retain the natural state of areas where this habitat occurs.
BATTURE	Work with COE and local levee boards to maintain the natural ecology of batture areas and to educate these organizations on the productivity of this habitat in meeting the needs of resident and migratory wildlife species.
<b>LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY</b>	
SMALL STREAM FOREST	Form a committee composed of gravel mining interests, DEQ, LDNR, TNC, and other interested groups to develop BMPs for current and proposed gravel mines to prevent or reduce their impacts to streams and surrounding forest habitat.
SALT MARSH	Review oversight capabilities of DOTD, LDEQ, LDNR and other agencies to enforce specifications and recommendations contained in permits.
BATTURE	Work with LDEQ, EPA, and other state and federal agencies to fill data gaps concerning ecological system processes and water quality/discharge impacts on this habitat.
<b>LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>	
SMALL STREAM FOREST	Form a committee composed of gravel mining interests, LDEQ, LDNR, TNC, and other interested groups to develop BMPs for current and proposed gravel mines to prevent or reduce impacts to streams and the surrounding forest habitat.
SALT MARSH	Review oversight capabilities of DOTD, LDEQ, LDNR and other agencies to enforce specifications and recommendations contained in permits.

<b>PARTNER/associated habitat</b>	<b>STRATEGY</b>
<b>LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (cont)</b>	
COASTAL DUNE GRASSLAND/SHRUB THICKET BARRIER ISLAND BARRIER ISLAND LIVE OAK FOREST COASTAL LIVE OAK-HACKBERRY FOREST COASTAL MANGROVE-MARSH SHRUBLAND INTERMEDIATE MARSH LIVE OAK NATURAL LEVEE FOREST SALT DOME HARDWOOD FOREST SALT MARSH	Support NRCS and LDNR efforts for shoreline stabilization and habitat restoration.
VEGETATED PIONEER EMERGING DELTA	Work with COE, LDNR, and other interested groups to develop improved management techniques for this habitat type.
LIVE OAK NATURAL LEVEE FOREST	Work with local parish planning commissions and LDNR to change zoning classifications to reduce development within this habitat type.
<b>LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT</b>	
COASTAL PRAIRIE	Partner with DOTD and federal agencies to promote the planting of native prairie species in ROWs, in areas where historic native prairies occurred.
SALT MARSH	Review oversight capabilities of DOTD, LDEQ, LDNR and other agencies to enforce specifications and recommendations contained in permits.
BOTTOMLAND HARDWOOD FOREST	Work with BBCC, DOTD, NRCS, USFWS, USFS, private landowners, etc. to promote corridors for black bears and other wildlife species.
<b>LOUISIANA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION</b>	
BAYHEAD SWAMP SMALL STREAM FOREST	Work with LFA to produce a publication regarding SMZs and BMPs, and landowner rights regarding logging on their property.
SMALL STREAM FOREST	Work with LFA to produce occasional publications that focus on recent developments in SMZ management, improved BMPs, and rights of landowner regarding use of their property.
BOTTOMLAND HARDWOOD FOREST	Work with NRCS and LFA to promote economic value of hardwood lumber to encourage management/restoration of this habitat.
<b>LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE LANDS</b>	
SHORTLEAF PINE/OAK-HICKORY FOREST	Work with USFS, DOD, and Office of State Lands to encourage the conservation and restoration of this habitat where it exists on public lands.
LIVE OAK- PINE-MAGNOLIA FOREST	Partner with NGOs, OSP, private landowners, etc. to initiate restoration and preservation efforts of live oak – pine – magnolia forests and continue to encourage landowners to enroll this habitat type in the Natural Areas Registry Program.

<b>PARTNER/associated habitat</b>	<b>STRATEGY</b>
<b>LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE PARKS</b>	
LIVE OAK-PINE-MAGNOLIA FOREST	Partner with NGOs, OSP, private landowners, etc. to initiate restoration and preservation efforts of these forests and continues to encourage enrollment into Natural Areas Registry.
SPRUCE PINE-HARDWOOD FOREST	Partner with NGOs, OSP, private landowners, etc. to initiate restoration and preservation efforts of spruce pine – hardwood flatwoods forests and continue to encourage landowners to enroll this habitat type in the Natural Areas Registry Program.
SOUTHERN MESOPHYTIC FOREST	Partner with OSP to design nature/recreational trails for state parks lands and develop similar trails on Tunica Hills WMA.
BARRIER ISLAND BARRIER ISLAND LIVE OAK FOREST COASTAL MANGROVE-MARSH SHRUBLAND	Work with NRCS Plant Materials Center, BTNEP, and OSP to develop restoration program for this habitat.
<b>LSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION</b>	
CALCAREOUS PRAIRIE EASTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE FOREST WESTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE FOREST	Educate land managers/hunting clubs/extension agents, etc concerning food plot location in sensitive habitats to discourage this practice.
AGRICULTURAL CROPLAND GRASSLAND	Partner with LSU Ag Extension to develop and implement strategies in this habitat.
SALT MARSH	Provide public education and support existing efforts/programs regarding invasive species; coordinate these efforts with LSU Ag Extension agents, NRCS, Sea Grant (rapid assessment projects – Calcasieu), etc.
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE</b>	
AGRICULTURAL CROPLAND GRASSLAND	Actively participate in NRCS state advisory technical committee (TAC).
AGRICULTURAL CROPLAND GRASSLAND	Develop and distribute promotional materials on federal/state incentive programs beneficial to wildlife.
AGRICULTURAL CROPLAND GRASSLAND	Encourage planting of native species along field borders and filter strips to create micro-habitat for wildlife species (CP33 – NRCS program).
FRESHWATER MARSH INTERMEDIATE MARSH	Encourage the NRCS Plant Materials Center and other growers to produce a greater variety of plant species for the restoration of coastal habitats.
MIXED HARDWOOD-LOBLOLLY PINE/HARDWOOD SLOPE FOREST	Encourage the use of existing NRCS, USFWS programs in providing cost share incentives to landowners for invasive species control.
COASTAL PRAIRIE	Partner with NRCS to encourage farmers to plant native prairie plant species on agricultural buffer areas.
SPRUCE PINE-HARDWOOD FOREST	Promote the use of federal cost share programs (NRCS) to control invasive species.

<b>PARTNER/associated habitat</b>	<b>STRATEGY</b>
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (cont)</b>	
EASTERN HILLSIDE SEEPAGE BOG EASTERN LONGLEAF PINE SAVANNAH EASTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE FOREST SLASH PINE-POND Cypress/HARDWOOD WESTERN HILLSIDE SEEPAGE BOG WESTERN LONGLEAF PINE SAVANNAH WESTERN UPLAND LONGLEAF PINE FOREST	Promote the utilization of federal cost share programs (NRCS) to address invasive species problems.
SALT MARSH	Provide public education and support existing efforts/programs regarding invasive species. Coordinate these efforts with LSU Ag Extension agents, NRCS, LA Sea Grant (rapid assessment projects – Calcasieu), etc.
AGRICULTURAL CROPLAND GRASSLAND	Secure funding for LDWF positions to be located at NRCS regional offices to provide wildlife recommendations to NRCS District Conservationists as they develop farm conservation plans.
COASTAL DUNE GRASSLAND/SHRUB THICKET BARRIER ISLAND BARRIER ISLAND LIVE OAK FOREST COASTAL LIVE OAK-HACKBERRY FOREST COASTAL MANGROVE-MARSH SHRUBLAND INTERMEDIATE MARSH LIVE OAK NATURAL LEVEE FOREST SALT DOME HARDWOOD FOREST SALT MARSH	Support NRCS and LDNR efforts for shoreline stabilization and habitat restoration
BOTTOMLAND HARDWOOD FOREST	Work with BBCC, DOTD, NRCS, USFWS, USFS, private landowners, etc. to promote corridors for black bears and other wildlife species.
COASTAL LIVE OAK-HACKBERRY FOREST LIVE OAK NATURAL LEVEE FOREST	Work with COE and NRCS to develop better strategies for the placement of dredge materials as a restoration method for this habitat type.
BOTTOMLAND HARDWOOD FOREST	Work with NRCS and LFA to promote economic value of hardwood lumber to encourage management/restoration of this habitat.
BRACKISH MARSH COASTAL DUNE GRASSLAND/SHRUB THICKET SALT MARSH	Work with NRCS Plant Materials Center and BTNEP to develop viable cultivars for marsh restoration efforts.
BARRIER ISLAND BARRIER ISLAND LIVE OAK FOREST COASTAL MANGROVE-MARSH SHRUBLAND	Work with NRCS Plant Materials Center, BTNEP, and OSP to develop restoration program for this habitat.
COASTAL LIVE OAK-HACKBERRY FOREST	Work with NRCS to promote use of dredge materials to develop new areas to restore this habitat type
<b>NGOs (NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS)</b>	
MIXED HARDWOOD-LOBLOLLY PINE/HARDWOOD SLOPE FOREST SOUTHERN MESOPHYTIC FOREST SHORTLEAF PINE/OAK-HICKORY FOREST	Develop partnerships with federal and state agencies, NGOs and others to identify potential parcels of this habitat type for acquisition and conservation.



<b>PARTNER/associated habitat</b>	<b>STRATEGY</b>
<b>NGOs (NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS) (cont)</b>	
BARRIER ISLAND LIVE OAK FOREST	Partner with NGOs (TNC, LOS, NAS), state and federal agencies, industry, and private landowners to promote the conservation of remaining barrier island live oak forests.
LIVE OAK- PINE-MAGNOLIA FOREST	Partner with NGOs, OSP, private landowners, etc. to initiate restoration and preservation efforts of live oak – pine – magnolia forests and continue to encourage landowners to enroll this habitat type in the Natural Areas Registry Program.
SPRUCE PINE-HARDWOOD FOREST	Partner with NGOs, OSP, private landowners, etc. to initiate restoration and preservation efforts of spruce pine – hardwood flatwood forests and continue to encourage landowners to enroll this habitat type in the Natural Areas Registry Program.
COASTAL DUNE GRASSLAND/SHRUB THICKET	Partner with NGOs, private landowners, etc. to promote protection of coastal dune grasslands and shrub thickets and continue to encourage landowners to enroll this habitat type in the Natural Areas Registry Program.
LIVE OAK NATURAL LEVEE FOREST	Partner with NGOs, private landowners, etc. to promote the protection of live oak forests and continue to encourage landowners to enroll this habitat type in the Natural Areas Registry Program.
COASTAL PRAIRIE	Partner with NGOs, state and federal agencies, private landowners, etc. to promote the protection, restoration, and expansion of coastal prairie habitat.
COASTAL LIVE OAK-HACKBERRY FOREST	Partner with state and federal agencies, NGOs, private landowners, etc. to increase the conservation efforts in cheniers.
SALT DOME HARDWOOD FOREST	Partner with state and federal agencies, NGOs, private landowners, etc. to promote the conservation and restoration of salt dome hardwood forests.
BARRIER ISLAND	Partner with state and federal agencies, NGOs, private landowners, etc. to promote the protection and restoration of barrier islands.
<b>THE NATURE CONSERVANCY</b>	
BARRIER ISLAND LIVE OAK FOREST	Partner with NGOs (TNC, LOS, NAS), state and federal agencies, industry, and private landowners to promote the conservation of the remaining barrier island live oak forests.
SMALL STREAM FOREST	Form a committee composed of gravel mining interests, LDEQ, LDNR, TNC, and other interested groups to develop BMPs for current and proposed gravel mines to prevent or reduce impacts to streams and the surrounding forest habitat.
SMALL STREAM FOREST	Work with TNC and other partners to develop guidelines and funding mechanisms for the restoration of abandoned gravel mines.

<b>PARTNER/associated habitat</b>	<b>STRATEGY</b>
<b>US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS</b>	
COASTAL LIVE OAK-HACKBERRY FOREST LIVE OAK NATURAL LEVEE FOREST	Work with COE and NRCS to develop better strategies for the placement of dredge materials as a restoration method for this habitat type.
VEGETATED PIONEER EMERGING DELTA	Work with COE and NRCS to develop better strategies for the placement of dredge materials as a restoration method for this habitat type. Promote appropriate use of dredge material to develop new areas for nesting sites, general stopover sites, and to enhance aquatic species habitat.
VEGETATED PIONEER EMERGING DELTA	Work with COE and others to manage water levels to create new high quality habitat and benefit existing delta habitat.
BATTURE	Work with COE and the various levee boards to maintain the natural ecology of batture areas and to educate these organizations on the productivity of this habitat in meeting the needs of resident and migratory wildlife species.
BRACKISH MARSH	Work with COE & state agencies to insure that water control structures provide the maximum benefit to brackish marsh.
INTERMEDIATE MARSH	Work with COE and state agencies to insure that water control structures provide the maximum benefit to intermediate marsh.
SALT MARSH	Work with COE and state agencies to insure that water control structures provide the maximum benefit to salt marsh.
SANDBARS	Work with COE to develop MOU regarding sandbar management.
CYPRESS TUPELO-BLACKGUM SWAMP FRESHWATER MARSH	Work with COE to influence water levels in the Atchafalaya Basin to benefit this habitat type.
VEGETATED PIONEER EMERGING DELTA	Work with COE, LDNR, and other interested groups to develop improved management techniques for this habitat type.
CYPRESS TUPELO-BLACKGUM SWAMP	Work with COE, DU and other groups to enhance swamp hydrologic conditions to control invasives on Caddo Lake and Catahoula Lake.
<b>US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE</b>	
SHORTLEAF PINE/OAK-HICKORY FOREST	Work with USFS, DOD, and Office of State Lands to encourage the conservation and restoration of this habitat where it exists on public lands.
<b>US FISH &amp; WILDLIFE SERVICE</b>	
MIXED HARDWOOD-LOBLOLLY PINE/HARDWOOD SLOPE FOREST	Encourage use of existing NRCS, USFWS programs in providing cost share incentives to landowners for invasive species control.
AGRICULTURAL CROPLAND GRASSLAND	Partner with LMVJV, GCJV, USFWS and other interested groups to encourage farmers to manage water levels to provide habitat for shorebirds during migration, with an emphasis on early fall migration.
BRACKISH MARSH	Support and encourage expansion of the mini-refuge system administered by USFWS refuges.

<b>PARTNER/associated habitat</b>	<b>STRATEGY</b>
<b>US FISH &amp; WILDLIFE SERVICE</b>	
BOTTOMLAND HARDWOOD FOREST	Work with BBCC, DOTD, NRCS, USFWS, USFS, private landowners, etc. to promote corridors for black bears and other wildlife species.
<b>US FOREST SERVICE</b>	
BOTTOMLAND HARDWOOD FOREST	Work with BBCC, DOTD, NRCS, USFWS, USFS, private landowners, etc. to promote corridors for black bears and other wildlife species.
SHORTLEAF PINE/OAK-HICKORY FOREST	Work with USFS, DOD, and Office of State Lands to encourage the conservation and restoration of this habitat where it exists on public lands.

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