

## **T-16 – “Natural Areas Registry Program for S1-S2-S3 Species of Conservation Concern”**

The Louisiana Natural Areas Registry was created by an Act of the Louisiana Legislature (Acts 1987, No. 324, §1, eff. July 6, 1987) to establish a program and procedures by which landowners of natural areas may voluntarily agree to manage and protect the best remaining examples of our state’s natural heritage, and to establish a procedure by which these landowners “may voluntarily agree to convey any or all of their right, title, and interest in such property to the state to be managed and protected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the people of Louisiana.” Essentially, the Registry relies on citizen-based conservation, the willingness of landowners to conserve our biological diversity, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) to administer this program as intended by the LA Legislature. Since 2003, the Natural Areas Registry has been partially funded via 3 segments of this grant.

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