

North Arkansas Quail Focal Landscape

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)



The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a comprehensive and flexible program that uses partnerships to stretch and multiply conservation investments and reach conservation goals on a regional or watershed scale.

Project Overview

The North Arkansas Quail Focal Landscape RCPP Project is a voluntary program for addressing wildlife habitat and water quality concerns in Baxter, Fulton, Izard, Randolph, Sharp, and Stone counties.

Primary Resource Concern

Terristial Habitat.

Project Goals

Early successional habitat has significantly decreased/deteriorated over the last 50–100 years, mainly due to changing land use. This loss of plant diversity and cover has caused declines in northern bobwhite (*Colinus virginianus*) and numerous songbirds (Hunter et al. 2001). In specific, bobwhites in the natural state have declined nearly 6% from 2002–2012 according to the breeding bird survey data (Sauer et al. 2014). The partners listed within this proposal would like to utilize the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) and its practices to create early successional habitat to benefit quail, pollinators, and other wildlife in northern Arkansas. The early succession habitat restoration objectives of this project align with several initiatives including: the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, the Arkansas Wildlife Action Plan, Partners in Flight Landbird Action Plan, and the Arkansas Strategic Quail Plan.

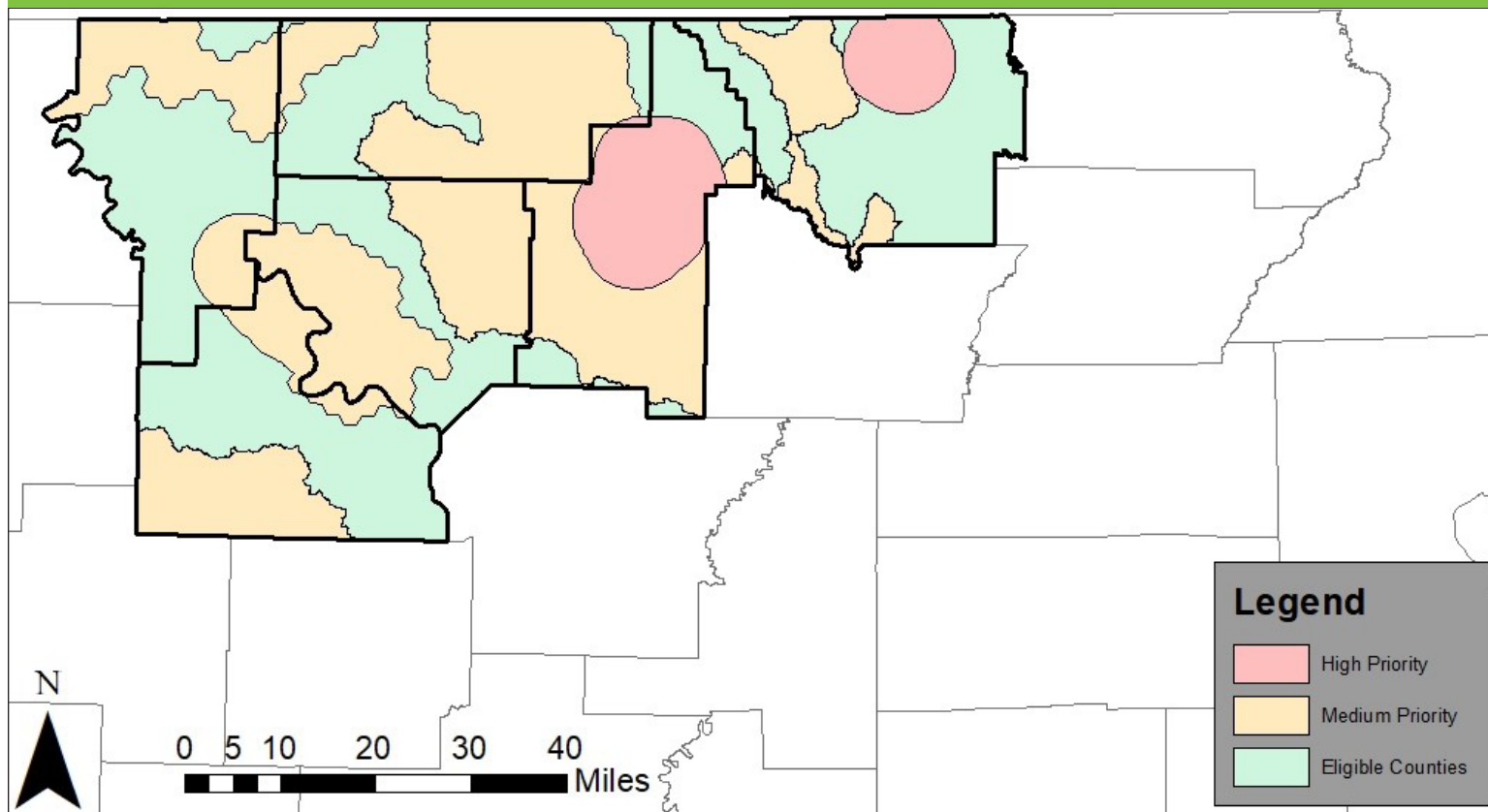
Conservation Practice Funding

Funding will be available to eligible landowners through RCPP. NRCS will provide financial assistance for a systems approach using approved conservation practices for the purpose of addressing resource concerns. Land and producer eligibility, adjusted gross income, and all other program criteria for participation must be met to participate in this initiative. Agricultural lands are eligible for enrollment in the initiative. Additional financial assistance is available through Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

Approved Conservation Practices

- 314: Brush Management**
- 315: Herbaceous Weed Treatment**
- 338: Prescribed Burning**
- 394: Firebreak**
- 420: Wildlife Habitat Planting**
- 490: Tree/Shrub Site Prep**
- 612: Tree/Shrub Establishment—Shrub only**
- 643: Resoration of Rare or Declining Communities**
- 645: Upland Wildlife Habitat Management**
- 647: Early Successional Habitat Development and Mgmt.**
- 666: Forest Stand Improvement**





How to Apply for RCPP

NRCS and associated conservation partners will deliver this program collaboratively. Applications may be obtained and filed with NRCS at:

Baxter County

Mountain Home Field Service Center
406 West Wade Avenue
Mountain Home, AR 72653
(870) 425-2250

Fulton County

Salem Field Service Center
236 Byron Road
Salem, AR 72576
(870) 895-3201

Izard County

Melbourne Field Service Center
1357 East Main
Melbourne, AR 72556
(870) 368-4413

Randolph County

Pocahontas Field Service Center
2510 N Thomasville Road
Pocahontas, AR 72455
(870) 892-3623

Sharp County

Ash Flat Field Service Center
21B Court Road
Ash Flat, AR 72513
(870) 994-7335

Stone County

Mountain View Field Service Center
207 Martin Street
Mountain View, AR 72560
(870) 269-3726

