

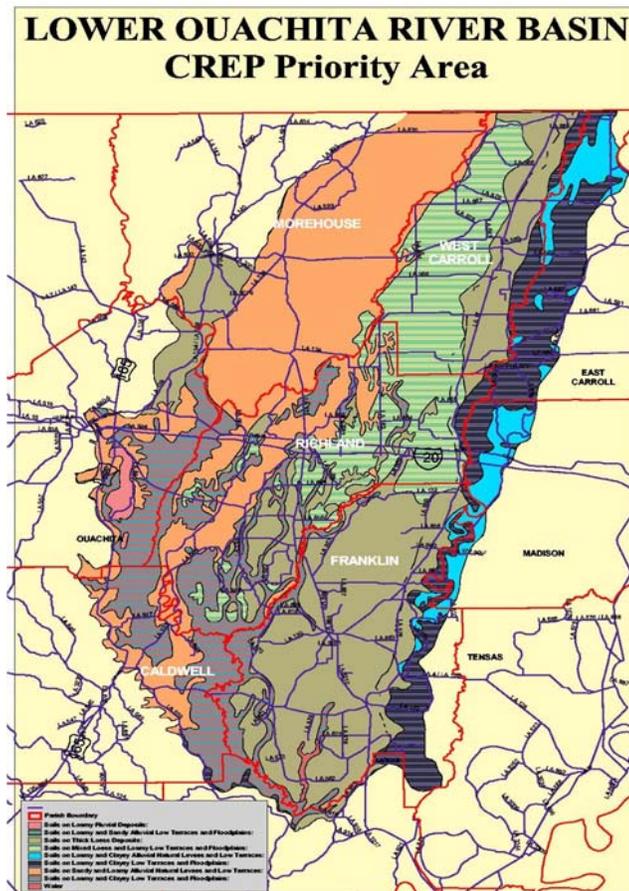


Lower Ouachita River Basin Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

“Helping landowners and residents protect natural resources ”

Highlights

- Promotes voluntary, incentive-based stewardship by Louisiana farmers and landowners
- Establishes 50,000 acres of long-term conservation practices on environmentally sensitive lands
- Leverages significant federal funds from USDA for every state/local dollar invested
- Reduces Louisiana’s nutrient and sediment contribution
- Enhances surface and ground water quality within the project and surrounding communities
- Provides and enhances wildlife habitat for waterfowl and upland game species
- Establishes critical bottomland hardwood habitat for declining and endangered species
- Sequesters carbon through Best Management Practice (BMP) establishment
- Promotes stewardship through educational workshops and on-site demonstration projects



Farm Service Agency

Project Value — \$121,429,878

- Project Acres—50,000**
- Program Participants—650**
- Average Contract Acreage—80.0**
- *Average Annual Payment—\$6,000**
- *Average Acre Cost-Share—\$200**
- *Average Contract Life Cost—\$90,000**



*estimated based on current cost analysis

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