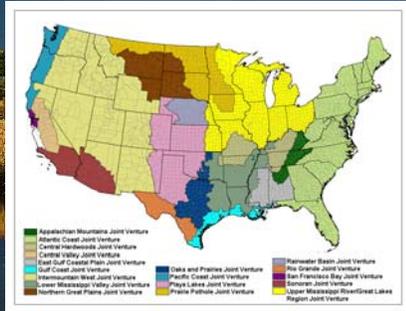




# Intermountain West Joint Venture

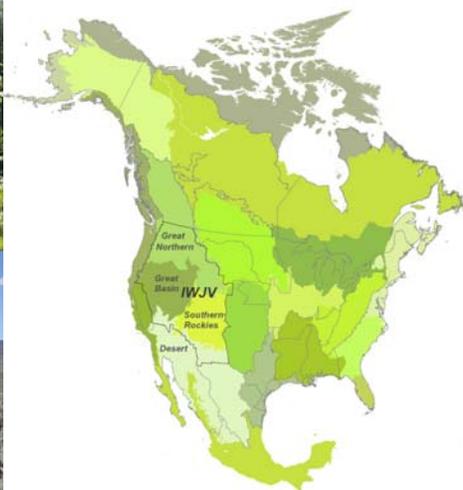
The JV Story: 20 Years Down the Road



- Self-directed public-private partnerships
- Born out of NAWMP in late 1980s
- All-bird /seamless network today
- Two principles:
  - Science foundation to conserve continental bird populations at desired levels
  - Partnership-based habitat conservation delivery – leveraging resources
- 20 years of lessons learned!



## JVs and LCCs: The IWJV Challenge of Scale





## JVs and LCCs: The Great Northern LCC JV Opportunity



# Great Plains Landscape Conservation Cooperative

Mike Carter  
Great Plains LCC Coordinator

March 2011



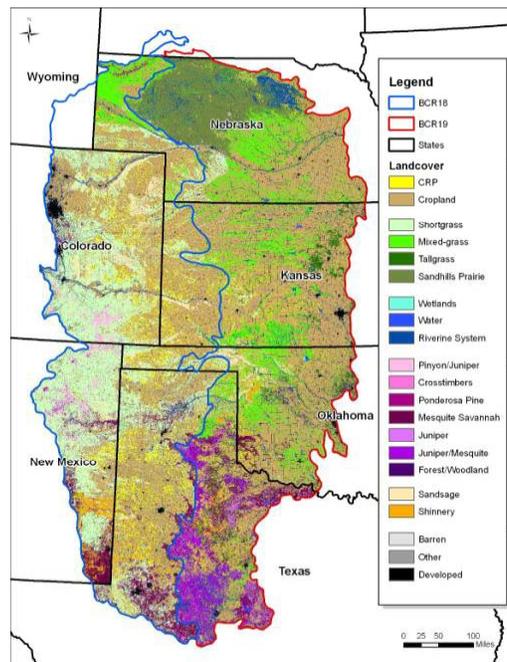
## Lay of the Land

- Shortgrass, mid-grass, prairie streams and rivers, and important other types like playas, sand sage and shinnery oak.
- ~90% private
- Farm Bill largest opportunity for conservation
- Nearly 100% congruent with PLJV and RWBJV



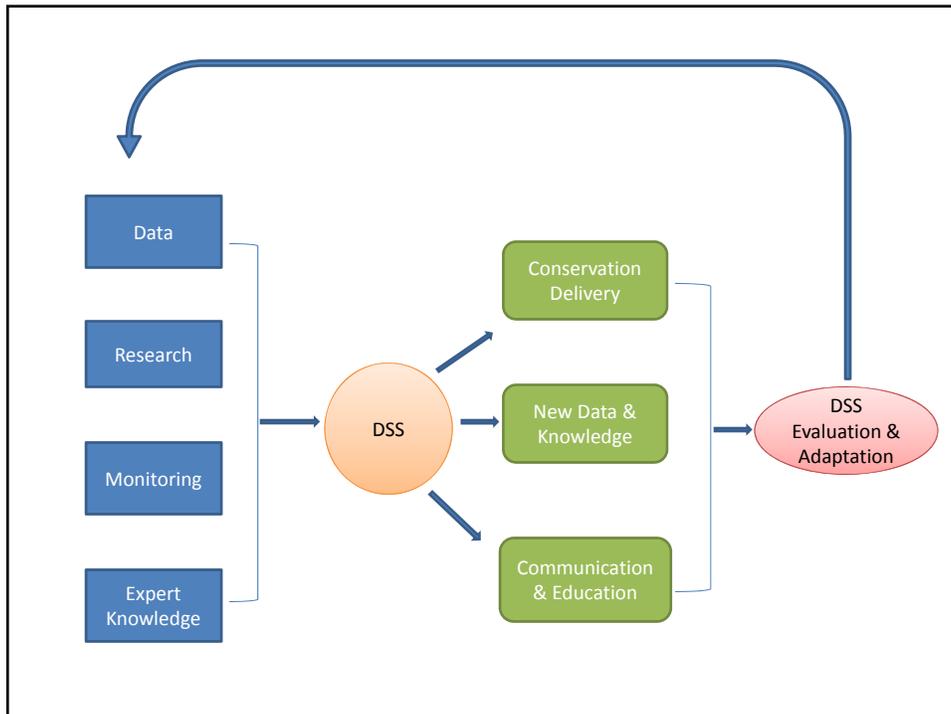
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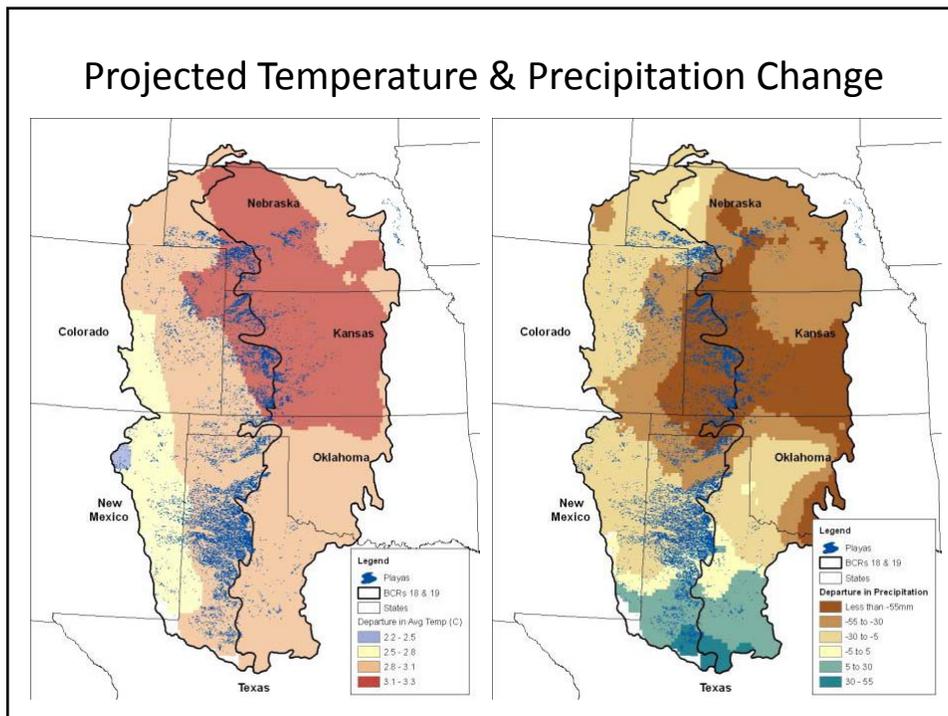
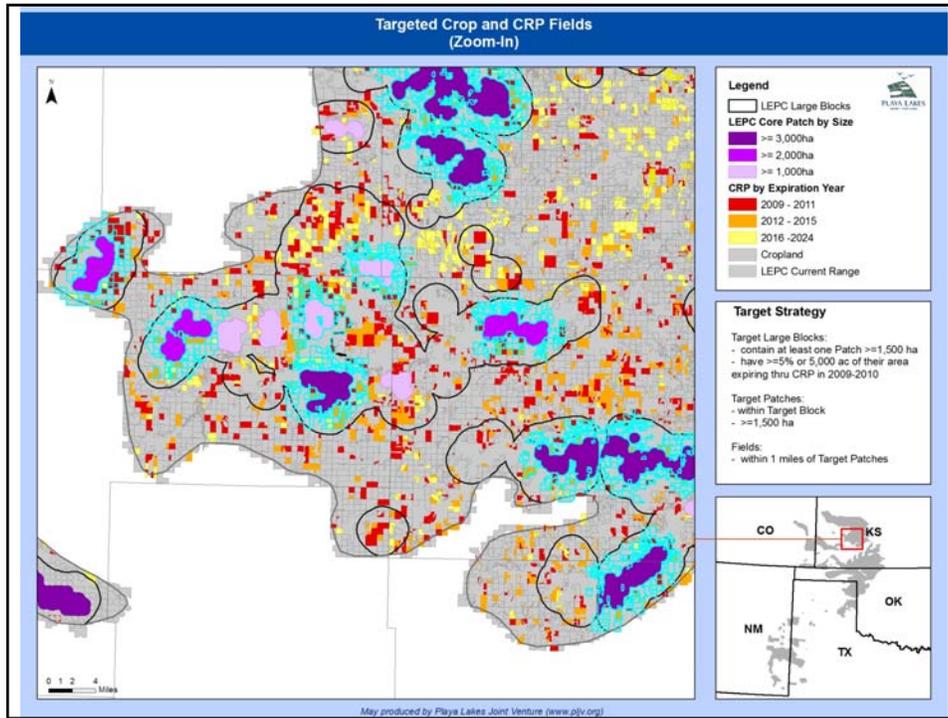
- USGS GAP (OK, TX)
- USGS Re-GAP (CO, NM)
- NatureServe ecosystems (NE,KS)
- TIGER Roads
- DU satellite image-based playas
- SSURGO soil-based playas
- CRP/CLU
- NWI
- National Hydrography Dataset
- PLJV moist-soil project sites
- Based on ecological systems
- Further lumped to 22 important birds types
- Maintained in HABS.



## Steering Committee

- 6 state wildlife agencies for Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma & Texas
  - Duck's Unlimited
  - The Nature Conservancy
  - Pheasant's Forever
  - ConocoPhillips
  - Forest Service
  - Wild Turkey Federation
  - FWS (R2 & R6)
  - Bureau of Land Mgmt.
  - National Park Service
  - US Geologic Survey
  - Bureau of Reclamation
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs
  - RWBJV
- N=19
- Other (in waiting)
- NRCS
  - FSA





## GPLCC and PLJV/RWBJV

### Aspects the same

- LCC SC is built upon PLJV's MB
- Regional Boundary
- Landcover
- Some shared staff

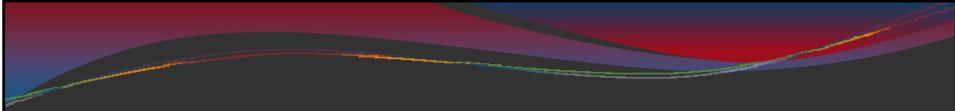
### Aspects that are different

- All taxa v. birds
- Some dedicated staff
- Conservation NGOs (DU, PF and NWTF) tend to be at table for JVs whereas Universities, research consortiums, etc at the LCC table

## In summary

PLJV/RWBJV JVs – Drives conservation delivery using applied science

Great Plains LCC -- Develops applied science to develop efficient conservation delivery



## Landscape Conservation Cooperatives & Joint Ventures

Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture  
Gulf Coastal Plains & Ozarks LCC

JV/LCC Webinar  
March 2, 2011

Greg Wathen, Coordinator, GCPO LCC  
Keith McKnight, Acting Coordinator, LMVJV



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## GCPO Landscape Conservation Cooperative Steering Committee



Arkansas GFC  
Alabama DNR  
Louisiana DWF  
Missouri DC  
June 21, 2010  
Texas DPW  
Mississippi DWFP  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Auburn University  
Work with other JVs to "fill out" the Charter members...  
Ducks Unlimited  
Committed the LMJV staff (science, GIS, and coordination capacity) to be recognized as migratory bird staffed the LCC  
National Wildlife Refuge System  
Northern Bobwhite Initiative

ACTION:  
Tennessee WRA

Option 1  
Option 2  
Option 3

Ok  
US Ge  
US Forest Service  
The Nature Conservancy  
Florida FWCC  
Wildlife Management Institute  
National Audubon Society  
American Bird Conservancy

## GCPO LCC and LMVJV Rationale for Decisions

- LMVJV's successful 20-year history of laying the foundation for Strategic Habitat Conservation as a way of conducting the conservation enterprise.
- Reduce partner fatigue.
- Reap the rewards – seen as a mechanism to bring new capacity (technology, science) to bear on issues affecting the GCPO geography.
- If Climate Change is the issue of the times, and LCC's are the vehicle for addressing climate adaptation, JV's need to be in the middle of helping to figure it out.

# LMVJV and GCPO LCC

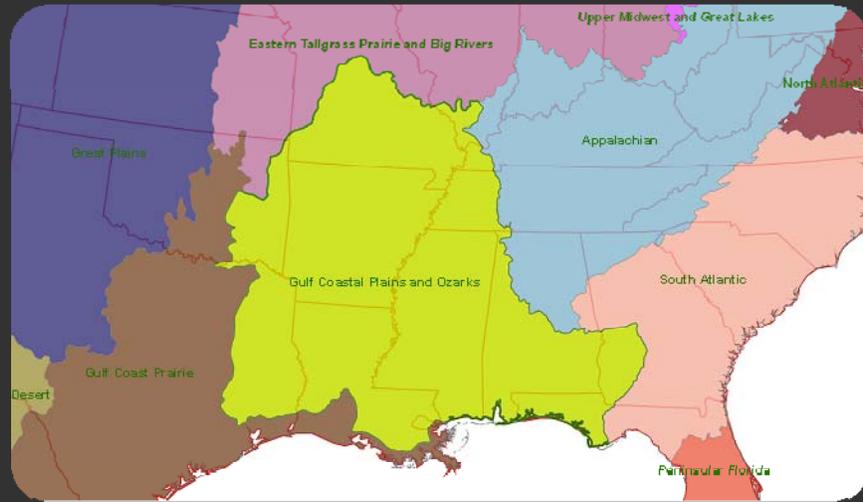
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- Fall 2010 – newly formed GCPO LCC Interim Steering Committee re-confirmed its strong commitment to moving forward.
- Winter 2011 – questions concerning LMVJV operations and governance are raised.

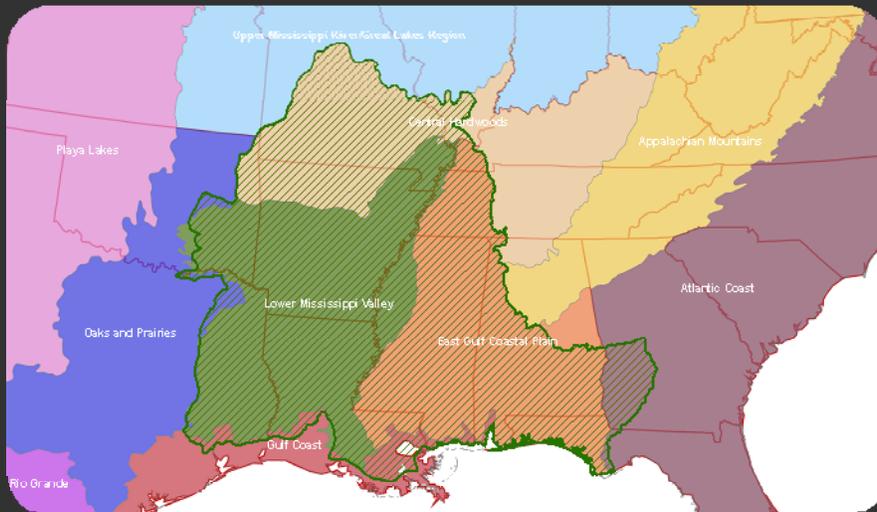
## Joint Ventures



# Landscape Conservation Cooperatives



# LCCs and Joint Ventures



# GCPO LCC Draft Governance

## Defining the Relationship of JVs to LCC

### GCPO LCC Advisory Council:

In order to... (i.e. joint... provide a... strategie... Council w... resource... projects, Member... or design... Committe... **Joint Ven... Committe...**

The GCPO LCC geography includes all or portions of CHJV, EGCP JV, LMVJV, GCJV, and ACJV.

Advisory Council's purpose is to ensure that Joint Ventures and other landscape level partnerships are equal partners within the GCPO conservation community.

Establishment of the Advisory Council provides a formal mechanism for JV's and other partnerships to collaborate within the GCPO LCC, and to influence the direction of the LCC.

Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation) may be considered for membership based on interest of individual partnerships and approval by the Steering Committee. The Council will be chaired by the Coordinator of the GCPO LCC.

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## LMVJV and GCPO LCC

### Value of Integration – The Expectation

- Clarify roles and responsibilities – working closely together helps prevent overlapping missions (e.g., Integrated Waterbird Management and Monitoring Program)
- Reduce Partnership Fatigue – minimize Board/Steering Committee meetings that partners need to attend
- Reduce administrative burdens – use common cooperative agreements, network administration, data servers, etc.
- Capitalize on existing capacity & prevent duplicating staff
  - Geospatial analysts and science coordinator are currently being leveraged across the two partnerships
  - Provides opportunity for new skillsets to be developed and available to both partnerships (landscape modeler, monitoring coordinator)

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## GCPO LCC Documents

[General LCC Fact Sheet \(Sep 2010\)](#)

[Rising to the Urgent Challenge: Strategic Plan for Responding to Accelerating Climate Change \(Sep 2010\)](#)

[GCPO LCC Development and Operations Plan \(Dec 2009\)](#)

[GCPO LCC Fact Sheet \(Oct 2009\)](#)

[Strategic Habitat Conservation: Final Report of the National Ecological Assessment Team \(Jul 2006\)](#)

## Latest Activity

 Sherri Shoultz joined Jan Dean's group  
**Alligator Gar Conservation Group**  
7 hours ago

## Welcome and Introduction to the GCPO LCC Interim Steering Committee

The US Department of Interior (DOI) has taken progressive action towards developing a seamless nationwide network of 22 private, state, federal **Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCC)** to collaboratively address the conservation challenges facing our Nation's fish, wildlife, and cultural resources. Here, in the Gulf Coastal Plains and Ozarks geography (see [fact sheet](#)), an LCC is being formed to serve as a forum for developing a partner-based vision of landscape sustainability, coordinate in its implementation, and collaborate in its refinement.

The inaugural meeting of the Interim Steering Committee was held in conjunction with SEAFWA in Biloxi, MS on 17 October 2010. The agenda for the meeting can be found [here](#).

Scheduled presentations by Uihlein, Brock, and Tirpak focused on:

[Building the Biological and Organizational Foundation of the GCPO LCC \(Uihlein\)](#)

[Developing a Conservation Adaptation Strategy for the GCPO LCC \(Uihlein\)](#)

[Conservation Delivery Networks \(Brock\)](#)

[Coordinating Decision-based Evaluation: Monitoring and Research \(Tirpak\)](#)

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