



Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley Restoration Fund

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- Walton Family Foundation
- Arbor Day Foundation

ABOUT NFWF

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BACKGROUND

The Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley Restoration Fund (LMAV Fund) was launched in 2017 to restore, enhance and maintain bottomland hardwood forests and wetlands and promote aquatic connectivity on private and public lands to improve habitat for forest breeding birds, waterfowl, and terrestrial and aquatic species, and safeguard water quality.

The program has awarded four rounds of grants totaling \$10 million, leveraging \$9.1 million in grantee matching funds to generate a total conservation impact of more than \$19.1 million. These projects are anticipated to restore more than 44,000 acres of forest, enhance more than 41,000 acres of existing forest habitat, restore and improve hydrologic function to more than 35,000 acres of wetlands and floodplains, and protect nearly 46,000 acres of bottomland hardwood forest and wetland habitats with conservation easements.

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Kentucky warbler

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goals of the LMAV Fund include:

- Establish and enhance bottomland hardwood forests to benefit wildlife and improve water quality
- Restore and enhance wetland forest and floodplain hydrology
- Improve aquatic habitat connectivity
- Protect bottomland forest and wetland habitats through conservation easements
- Expand and coordinate private landowner technical assistance and outreach

The LMAV Fund will award grants within the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley region of Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee.