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Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley Restoration Fund

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- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
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ABOUT NFWF

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Cypress tree, Mississippi

BACKGROUND

The Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley (LMAV) Restoration Fund launched in 2017 to expand bottomland hardwood forest and wetland restoration, enhancement and protection to improve habitat for forest breeding birds, waterfowl and terrestrial and aquatic species.

In 2018 the program's first funding round will award approximately \$2.5 to \$3 million, with a goal of at least 1:1 committed in matching funds, resulting in a total conservation impact of approximately \$5 to \$6 million.

The LMAV Restoration Fund is a public-private partnership supported with federal funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Forest Service, and private funding from International Paper's Forestland Stewards Partnership, the Walton Family Foundation and American Forest Foundation's Southern Woods At-Risk Wildlife partnership.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals of the LMAV Restoration Fund include the following:

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

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