

DID YOU KNOW?

Alabama ranks 1st among all eastern states and 5th in the nation in total plant & animal diversity. Relative to the North American fauna, AL harbors 60% of all freshwater mussel species, 43% of all gill-breathing snails, 38% of all freshwater fishes and 20% of all Crayfish. Overall, the State's aquatic biodiversity is probably greater than any area of comparable size worldwide! This gives the state a central role in wildlife conservation. With 96% of the land in Alabama under private ownership, landowner management plays a vital role in conserving Alabama's resources.



Eric Spadgenski

Traci George

Longleaf Pine Restoration



Steve Seibert

Native Warm Season Grass Restoration

How does LIP help Landowners?

- Provides technical conservation assistance
- Offers up to 75% of project funding
- Increases economic & esthetic values of private property
- May offer financial incentives in the form of conservation easements and/or other funding opportunities
- Complements other programs that enhance, protect, restore lands for wildlife

No minimal amount of acreage is required!

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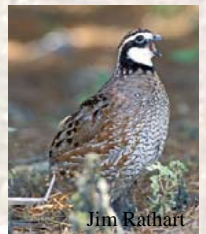


Alabama Landowner Incentive Program

“Restoring Habitat for Alabama’s Rare Wildlife on Private Lands”



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Little Grass Frog, Priority 2; John Jensen

What is LIP?

Alabama's Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) is a new Federal grant program, through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, recently established within the Alabama Division of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries. This source of funding assists private landowners in conserving, managing or enhancing the habitats of wildlife species in greatest conservation need (GCN). This program will assist landowners with at least 75% of the total project cost.

Individual landowner projects are selected through a competitive ranking process. The ranking of projects are based on the number of species in greatest conservation need to benefit from the proposed restoration or enhancement project.



Stream Restoration

Jim Bates

Species in Greatest Conservation Need in the Middle Tennessee River Basin includes 31 fishes, 48 mussels, 15 snails, 11 crayfish, 2 amphibians and 7 mammals. The Paint Rock River is a tributary critical to the biodiversity of the Tennessee River basin.

What are Species in Greatest Conservation Need?

GCN species is a mussel, aquatic snail, fish, crayfish, amphibian, reptile, bird or mammal native to Alabama that are at risk due to a decrease in population numbers and/or loss of suitable habitat. Alabama is home to 303 GCN species and is one of the most diverse states in the Nation.

Managing for Priority Species goes hand in hand in with managing for game species; such as deer, turkey, quail and game fish.



American Black Duck; Priority 2; USFWS



Blochside Logperch, Priority 1; Paul Freeman

What are some examples of LIP Projects?

Installation of Riparian Fencing

Management of Livestock Grazing

Stream Restoration

Cave Protection

Alternative Watering Sources for Livestock

Replanting of Native Vegetation

Removal of Non Natives

Implementation of Prescribed Burns

Management of Longleaf Pine Habitats

The 1st LIP Focus Area in Alabama is in the Paint Rock River Watershed in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy. Private landowners in this area are urged to submit an application to be reviewed & ranked by the LIP Management Team. A contribution, either monetary or in-kind (labor, materials or equipment) is required. Please contact Traci George, LIP Coordinator, for any questions or comments.