

## Appendix 1

### ***History of the Central Hardwoods Bird Conservation Region Partnership***

The Central Hardwoods is one of 67 Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) across North America identified by the four major bird initiatives and their conservation partners under the auspices of the North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NABCI). The BCR boundary overlaps nine states (Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio); regions 2, 3 and 4 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; regions 8 and 9 of the U. S. Forest Service, and two North American Waterfowl Management Plan Joint Ventures (the Upper Mississippi and Great Lakes and the Lower Mississippi Valley).

Representatives of each overlapping state and federal land-managing agency, Joint Venture, and other conservation organizations were invited to attend a scoping meeting in Memphis, Tennessee in May 2000 to determine the level of interest in and support for a conservation partnership for the Central Hardwoods Bird Conservation Region (BCR). Although states overlapping both the BCR and Upper Mississippi Great Lakes Region Joint Venture expressed concern regarding a potential increase in their administrative burden as a result of overlap in the geographies of the BCR and Joint Venture, the group agreed to support an intensified effort to further the biological foundation in the Central Hardwoods, and to further bird conservation planning and implementation across the BCR. Furthermore, the group endorsed, in concept, the goal of Joint Venture coverage throughout the BCR and that the structure of the Joint Venture would evolve and be determined over time with the agreement of all partners.

The group then agreed that a BCR Coordinator should be hired to guide the development of an implementation plan for the Central Hardwoods, with the following entities pledging financial support for the position for the first two years: U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Forest Service; Missouri Department of Conservation; Oklahoma

Department of Wildlife Conservation; Arkansas Game and Fish Commission; Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; and American Bird Conservancy. American Bird Conservancy agreed to serve as the repository for partner pledges and hire the position, following the choice of a candidate by a partner-based search committee in Fall 2000. The Coordinator position was filled on 1 January 2001. BCR partners then formed a Steering Committee analogous to a Joint Venture Management Board, with seats open to all land-managing agencies whose states or administrative regions overlap the BCR.

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