



Cache River Wetlands II

Pulaski County, Illinois

MISSISSIPPI
RIVER



The Cache River is an internationally significant wetland area in southernmost Illinois that supports a rich diversity of plant and animal communities along a 50-mile river corridor. Known as “Illinois’ Bayou,” this wetland complex is located in part within the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge and includes 1,000 year-old cypress – some of the oldest trees east of the Mississippi. American Land Conservancy has worked in this area since 2006 and has protected nearly 400 acres of exceptional wetlands and habitat for neotropical migratory songbirds, waterfowl, big game species, and other wildlife, while also creating new outdoor recreation opportunities.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Work in partnership with willing landowners and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to acquire 200 acres of high value conservation lands in the Cache River wetland complex
- Convey property to the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge, where it will be managed by FWS for wildlife and public recreation

BENEFITS

- Adjacent to already-protected lands, and adds 200 acres to the Cache River Watershed conservation effort, which targets 60,000 acres for protection
- Property includes early emergent forest cover and habitat for neotropical and waterfowl migrants as well as several mammal species, including fox and beaver
- Priority acquisition for the FWS, and fulfills objectives of the Illinois state wildlife plan and the Cache River Joint Venture Partnership
- Improves ability of FWS to manage silt and nutrient input to the Cache River
- Facilitates expanded recreation opportunities in the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge, including hiking, birding, and hunting

The mission of the American Land Conservancy is to protect our natural heritage by conserving land for the benefit of people and wildlife.

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ALC Projects

Completed

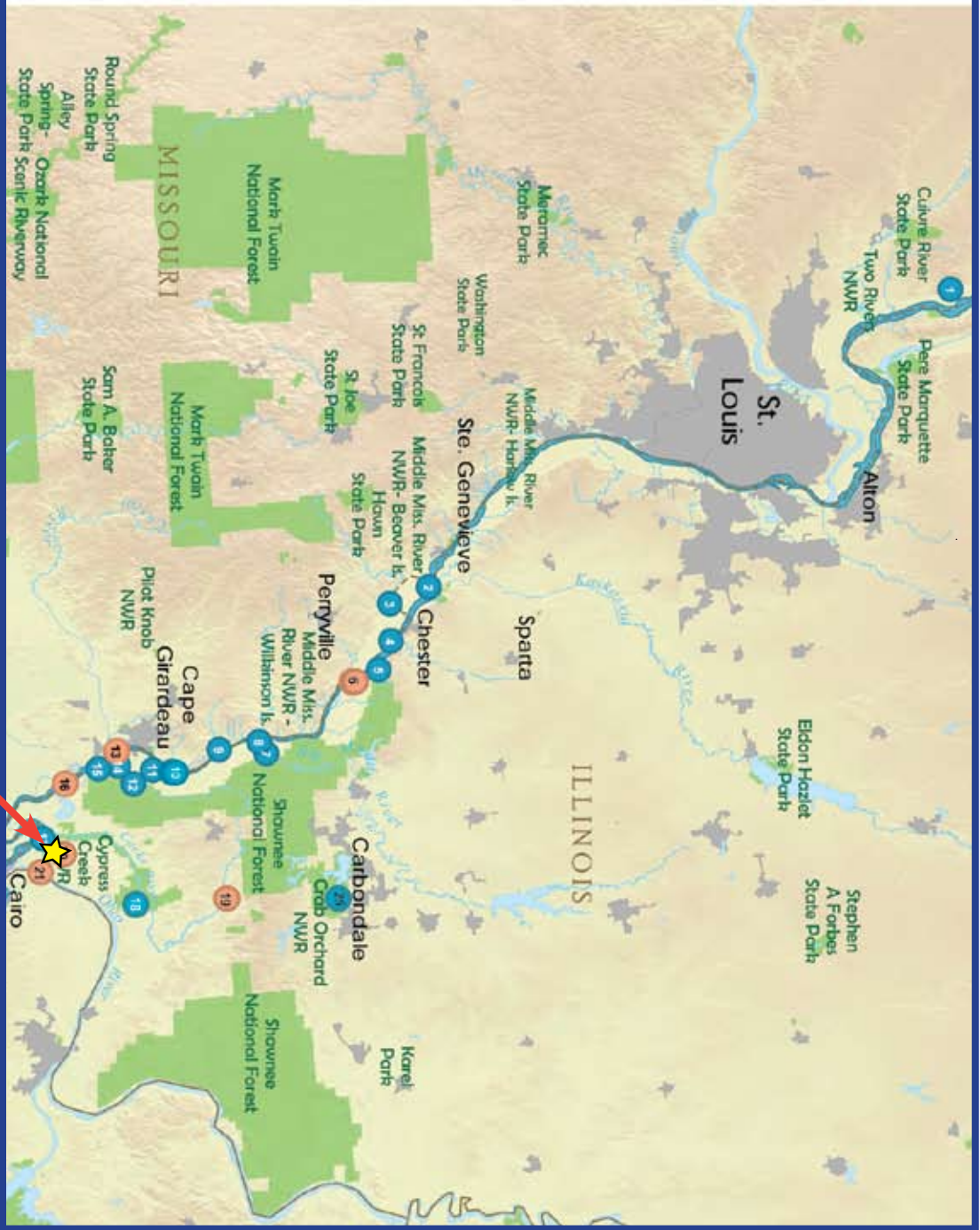
- 1 B.K. Leach Conservation Area
- 2 Beaver Island
- 3 Horse Island (Kaskaskia Island)
- 4 Cairns Island
- 5 Rockwood Island
- 7 Inahghen North
- 8 Big Muddy Boat Ramp
- 9 Inahghen Middle
- 10 Windy Bar
- 11 Devil's Island
- 12 Inahghen South
- 14 Cape Bend State F.W. Area
- 15 Thebes Boat Ramp
- 17 Ice Grain
- 18 Cypress Creek Natl. Wildlife Refuge
- 25 Carbondale Wetlands

Active

- 6 Jones Towhead
- 13 Marquette Island
- 16 Burnham Island
- 19 Shawnee National Forest Wetlands
- 20 Cache River Wetlands (includes completed projects)
- 21 Ohio River Wetlands
- 22 Blaker Towhead (not shown)
- 23 Barfield Point (not shown)

Owned

- 24 Buck Island (not shown)



Note: Map shows only a portion of full Mississippi River program area.
See larger map for additional projects.

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