



MARQUETTE ISLAND

Cape Girardeau County, Missouri

MISSISSIPPI
RIVER



Marquette Island is an 835-acre island/side-channel complex on the Mississippi River just south of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. With 550 acres of bottomland forest, cottonwood, and willow stands, and 285 acres of riparian areas and sandbars, the island provides critical habitat for threatened and endangered species and excellent recreation opportunities to nearby communities. Building on a chain of habitats it previously protected along the river, ALC is working to conserve Marquette Island for the benefit of people and wildlife alike.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Work in partnership with landowners, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire the island.
- Convey the property to MDC for long-term management for wildlife and public recreation.

BENEFITS

- Conserves critical habitat for imperiled species, including Pallid Sturgeon and Interior Least Tern
- Adds to nearby protected areas (Devils Island Wildlife Management Area and Windy Bar Conservation Area), and is located just three miles from existing access points frequented by anglers and hunters.
- Supports the goals of the Missouri Wildlife Action Plan (Cape Hills Conservation Opportunity Area) and is a priority focus area in other regional management and restoration plans.

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

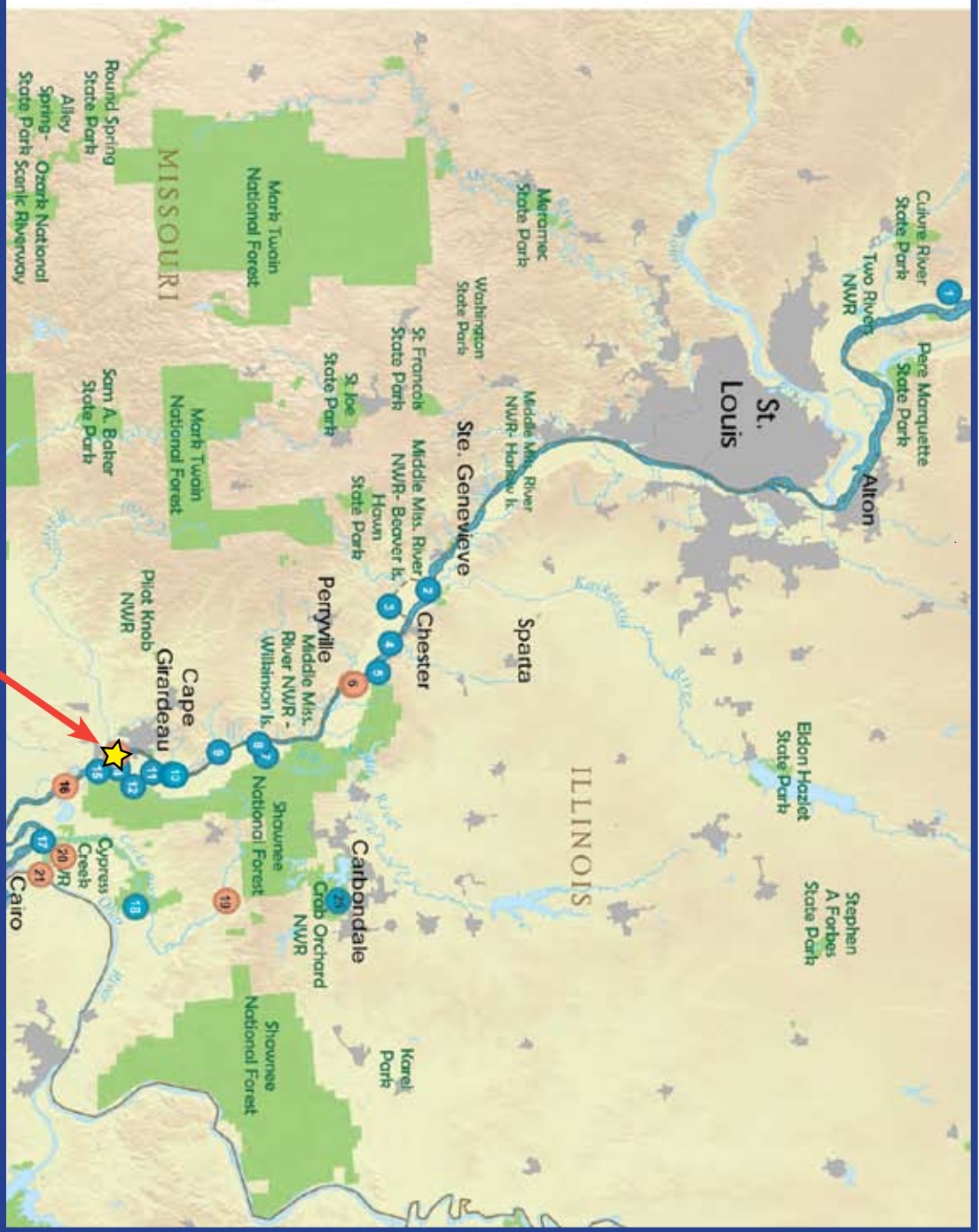
- 1 B.K. Leach Conservation Area
- 2 Beaver Island
- 3 Horse Island (Kaskaskia Island)
- 4 Crains Island
- 5 Rockwood Island
- 7 Inahghen North
- 8 Big Muddy Boat Ramp
- 9 Inahghen Middle
- 10 Windy Bar
- 11 Devil's Island
- 12 Inahghen South
- 14 Cape Bend State F.W. Area
- 15 Thebes Boat Ramp
- 17 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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