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**Cost-share
Enrollment
Now Available**

Improving Oak Ecosystem Health in the Great Lakes Region

Cost-share and Technical Assistance Available to Private Landowners

Stantec is partnering with American Bird Conservancy and regional partners to offer cost-share incentives and technical assistance through Natural Resources Conservation Service. Enrollment is available for private property owners to support oak ecosystem conservation practices in southeast Wisconsin and northeast Illinois.

This region supports large expanses of oak ecosystems that will benefit from land management practices to return them to a healthy and resilient condition for the benefit of people and wildlife. Stantec's team of skilled restoration ecologists are highly experienced working in oak ecosystems and are eager to support interested private landowners in preserving these critical resources.

Why are Healthy Oak Ecosystems Important?

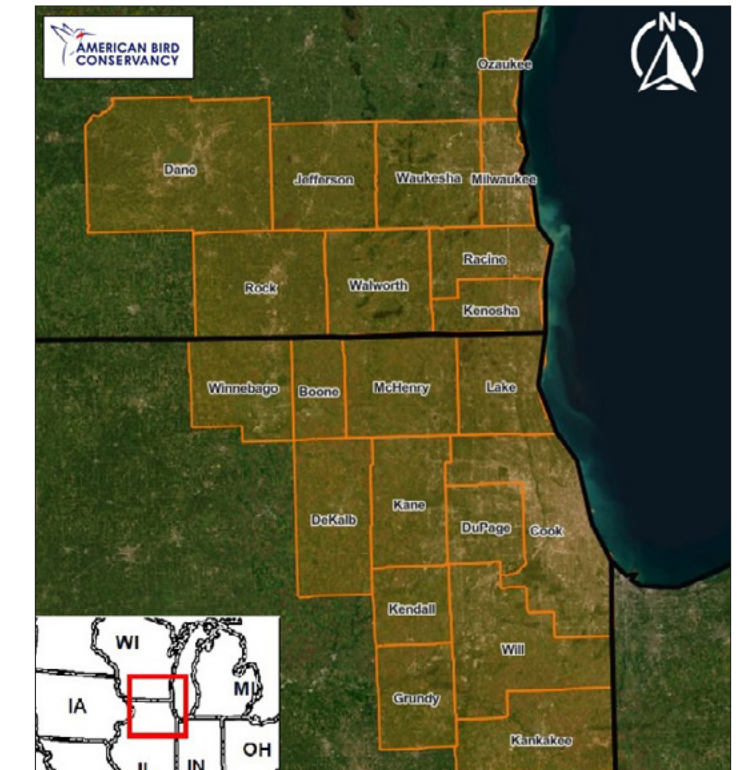
Oak ecosystems like oak savannas, woodlands, and forests were once the predominant land cover of the region. These important ecosystems:

- Provide habitat and food sources for wildlife, many of which are rare today due to historical losses and ongoing decline in the health of oak ecosystems.
- Support a high biodiversity of plants and wildlife.
- Improve air quality, absorb rainfall, assist with flood control, and store carbon.

Technical and Financial Assistance Opportunities Available for Landowners

- Property assessment and inventory
- Forest management planning
- Development of a funding strategy
- Ecosystem restoration and management
- Follow-up monitoring and reporting

Funding is available through the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). RCPP is a partner-driven approach to conservation that funds solutions to natural resource challenges. Additional information about RCPP and your local NRCS office may be found at nrcs.usda.gov.



ELIGIBLE COUNTIES: **Wisconsin**—Dane, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, Waukesha
Illinois—Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Will, Winnebago

► Interested in learning more or enrolling?
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