

The Northeast Texas Conservation Delivery Network Historical Benchmark

The Northeast Texas Conservation Delivery Network (NETX CDN), formed in 2011-12, was established through the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture in the West Gulf Coastal Plain. The NETX CDN was organized in an effort to more strategically meet the landscape restoration and wildlife habitat management needs identified by our collective conservation organizations. Recent years have witnessed an expanded delivery of wildlife habitat improvements on both private and public lands. Chairs and Vice-Chairs from several agencies and organizations continue to lead a 9-member Steering Committee to ensure that conservation continues.

- **2012 CDN Concept and Initial Membership Meeting 2012, Caddo State Park**
 - NETX CDN Planning Team 5/16/2012 meeting (Charter)
- **2013 CDN 2nd Full Membership Meeting 5/2013 at TPWD Nature Center, Tyler TX**
 - 32 participated from 7 agencies and organizations
- **2014 NETX CDN 3rd Membership Meeting 1/15/14 at TPWD Nature Center, Tyler TX**
 - 43 participated and developed Operational and Strategic Plan
- **2015 NETX CDN Steering Meeting 6/10/15 at Alazan WMA, Nacogdoches TX**
 - 11 participated to develop watershed-based strategy for delivery
- **2015 NETX CDN 4th Membership Meeting 6/10/15 at TPWD Nature Center, Tyler TX**
 - 42 participated, and reviewed and ratified Watershed Work group concept
- **2016 NETX CDN Watershed Work Groups developed priority projects**
- **2017 NETX CDN 5th Membership Meeting 7/12/17 at TPWD Nature Center, Tyler TX**
 - ~60 participated, with overview watershed group concept projects
 - Habitat Incentive Program (HIP) starts with 6 projects via TPWD funds – NWTF administrator
 - Hosted a Rx Burn Workshop in Nacogdoches County (30 participants)
- **2018 NETX Membership CDN Meeting, and Expanded priority project funds**
 - 7/18 – 11 Projects in expanded HIP & Neches River project efforts within Priority areas
 - 9/6/18 – Understory Plant I.D., Fairchild State Forest, led by Michelle Moore TFS
 - 9/26/18 – 48 at “All Hands” CDN Tyler TX (GRIP, TFS fire delivery)
- **2019 NETX Membership CDN Meeting and Expanded priority project funds**
 - 9/19/19 – 55 at Full CDN, TX A&M Extension, Overton TX
 - Continuing Ed Credits, Extension support, and Outdoor Demonstrations
 - 22 NETX HIP Projects 2017-19 complete; 7,384 ac, \$398,425 or \$53.95/ac
- **2020 NETX Virtual CDN Meetings – overcoming COVID obstacles**
 - 5/7/20 – SC Meeting to reshape and build our leadership post-COVID
 - 7/15/20 – 28 proposal received, 19 approved agreement modifications discussed
- **2021 NETX CDN Meetings – Hybrid Virtual, Open-air Field days**
 - 7/19/21 – New Chair Andy McCrady, V-Chair Reuben Gay, RFP concept revised
 - 32 proposals – All were approved (funding through TPWD, NFWF, & Federal Aid)
 - 9/07/21 - All Hands Meeting was open-air Field Day at Overton, 50 participants
- **2022 NETX - moving to traditional venues with \$246,000 available for projects**
 - 40 Proposals received, streamlined process with 1 format & reduced practices from 28 to 3
 - FY23 – Total of 58 HIP projects underway via single fund pool
 - 6/14/22 – 19 projects approved, 11 tentatively approved (later funded)
 - 9/7/22 80 attended All Hands Meeting, Tyler Nature Center, with 12 guest speakers
 - 10/11/22 Pushmataha - 50 CDN members from 3 states