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NRCS-USFS Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership

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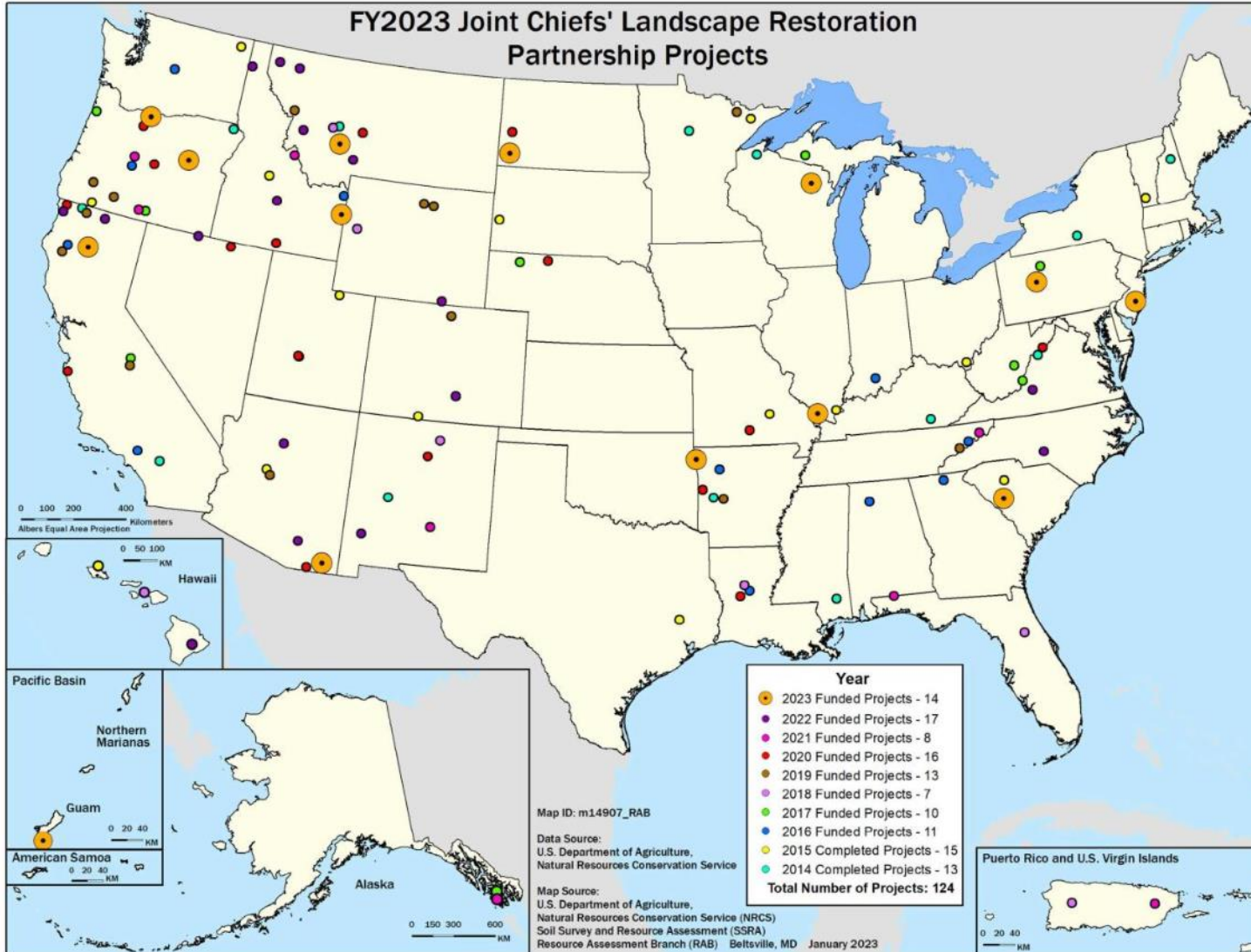
History



- **Partnership of federal public lands management with federal private & Tribal land management assistance**
- **Projects include both US Forest Service landbase and surrounding private & Tribal lands**
- **Large enough project area to make a large-scale conservation difference**
- **Address wildfire, water quality, wildlife habitat, climate change, forest health**
- **Projects started in 2014**
- **Projects have 3 years of funding**
- **41 projects total since beginning of program**
- **2023 – 14 new projects funded, \$48 million USDA investment**



Project Locations



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Wisconsin History



- One project from 2014 – 2017 in Lake Superior basin
- Lake Superior Landscape Restoration Partnership
- Over two dozen entities in partnership
- Goals – Reduce sediment and manure in waterways, wildlife habitat, brook trout habitat, forest fuels reduction
- ~2,700 acres of treatment, 48 miles of stream work in 189 projects
- Facilitated re-introduction of sharp-tailed grouse, created golden-winged warbler & Kirtlands warbler habitat
- \$1.5 million invested in NRCS projects



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Current Project – NE WI Forestry & Wildlife Partnership

- **Focus of project**
 - Blowdown from 2019 & 2022 storms
 - Water quality focused on brook trout habitat
 - Wildlife habitat for golden-winged warbler & monarch butterfly
 - Sustainable forest management in general



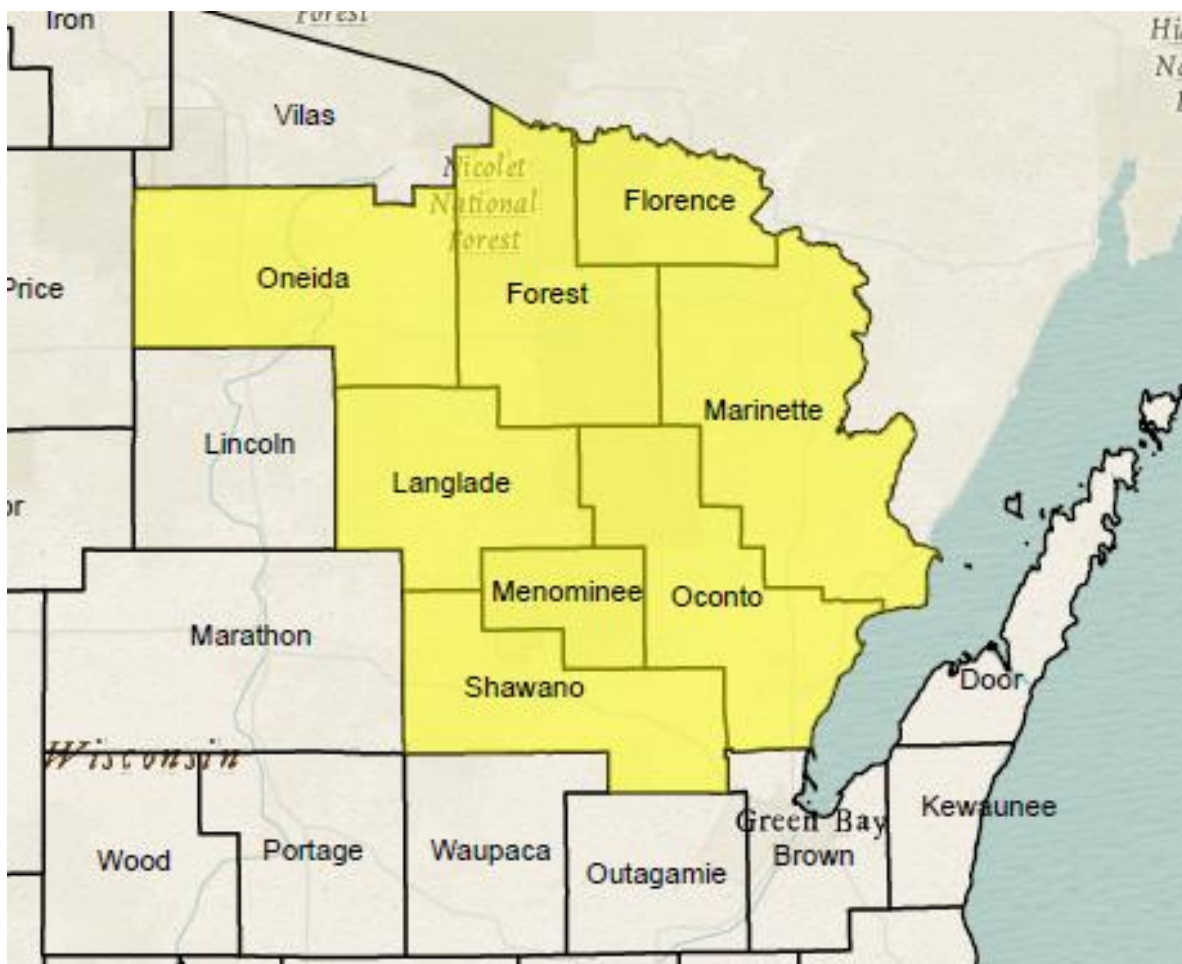
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- Location



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Current Project – NE WI Forestry & Wildlife Partnership

- **Private and Tribal Lands**
 - Administered through NRCS as an EQIP fund pool
 - \$1.5 million over three-year period
 - Funding determined each year, not guaranteed



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Current Project – NE WI Forestry & Wildlife Partnership

- **US Forest Service Lands**
 - ~\$1 million over three-year period
 - Funding determined each year, not guaranteed
 - Projects include culvert replacement, oak wilt treatment, fuel reduction, and planting non-ash species in ash wetlands



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- **Partners**

- American Bird Conservancy, Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council, Marinette County Land Information Dept, My WI Woods, Northwoods Land Trust, Ruffed Grouse & American Woodcock Society, Trout Unlimited, WI DNR, WI Woodland Owners Association, WI Young Forest Partnership



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