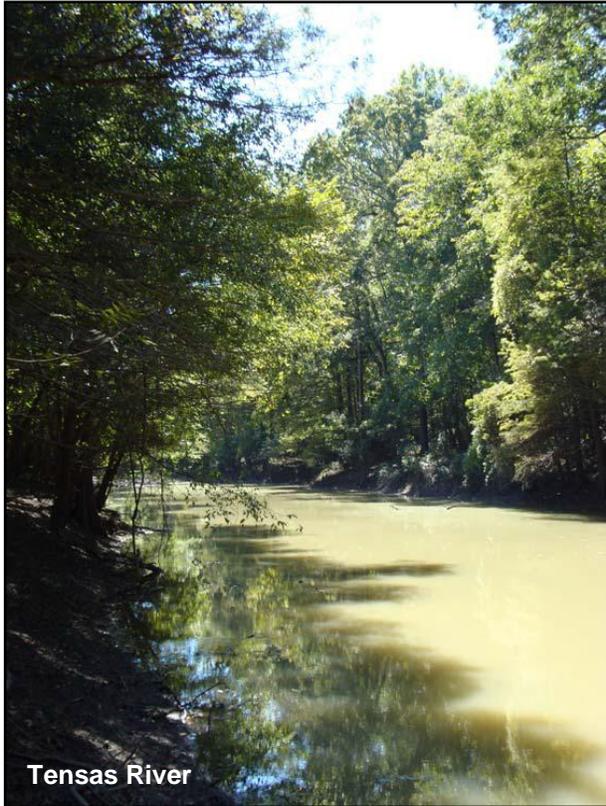


# TENSAS RIVER

## LOUISIANA



*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

**Project Name:** Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge Paddling Trail

**Project Type:**

- Education
- Recreation

**Project Description:** The Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge contains one of the largest remaining contiguous tracts of bottomland hardwood forest in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley. The portion of the Tensas River that winds through the Refuge has never been channelized or straightened, and opportunities for recreational activities focused on the river abound.

The Tensas River Paddling Trail project will designate a paddling trail along the Tensas River, add strategically located signage along the trail, and develop a brochure to enhance public outreach. Cultural and historical resources will be

emphasized, along with the extensive natural resources of the Tensas River. With this trail, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will support and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities for both local residents and visitors in this economically depressed area of the Mississippi Delta.

**Lead Federal Agencies:**

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Non-Federal Partners:**

- Louisiana State University Cooperative Extension Service
- Louisiana State Parks
- Quapaw Canoe

**Outcomes for 2012:**

- Install water trail signage
- Develop water trail brochure