

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Introduction of NRCS

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NRCS Presentation

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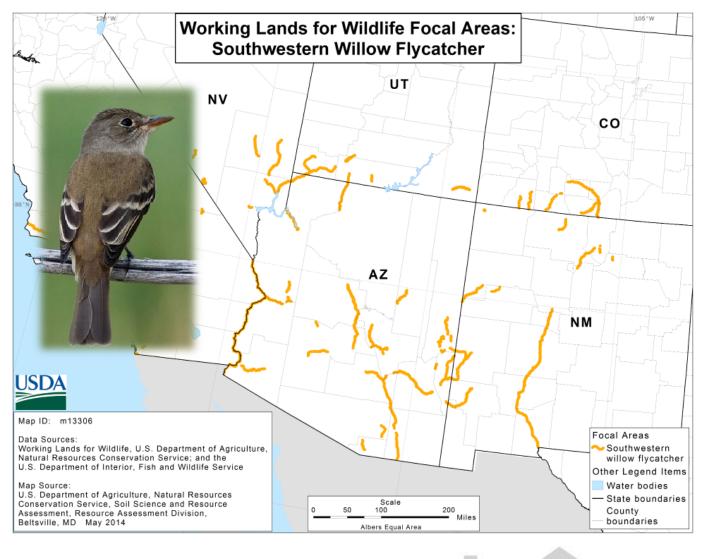


Farm Bill Authorities

Most of NRCS programs and services are governed by the authorities granted in the Farm Bill, which is revised and reauthorized every 4 years. For the Urban Waters Partnership, there are several applicable programs and initiatives:

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
 - Water Quantity Resource Concern
 - Working Lands for Wildlife
- Watershed and Flood Prevention Program
- Watershed Rehabilitation Program
- Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

WORKING LANDS FOR **SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW** FLYCATCHER



Working Lands for Wildlife

- Species/Habitat Focus
 - Southwestern Willow Flycatcher
- Riparian Restoration
 - Removal of salt cedar
 - Planting of native species, such as willows and cottonwoods
- Requires voluntary producer participation









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