

Five-Year Road Map 2025-2030

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The Mission of the CCRN is to implement a regional network of land and water management projects that result in a flowing San Pedro River and healthy riparian area in the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area and support conservation of water resources and a vibrant local economy within the Upper San Pedro Watershed.

Goal 1. Continue to operate and monitor all network projects, maintain all sites, and restore key areas of project sites for improved watershed health.

- A. Secure funding and ensure sufficient capacity for operation and maintenance of CCRN sites and projects.
- B. Maintain and improve watershed conditions on CCRN sites through process-based restoration, vegetation management, and other actions in key areas that are identified annually. Develop monitoring strategies to assess benefits of restoration activities.
- C. Collect hydrologic monitoring data to evaluate the baseline conditions and effectiveness of CCRN projects, as defined by the CCRN objectives.
- D. Annually publish the quantifiable benefits of CCRN projects in terms that are approved by the members of the CCRN.

Goal 2. Complete construction of 3 new recharge projects: Coyote Wash Stormwater Management, Riverstone Effluent Recharge, and Bisbee Effluent Recharge Projects.

- A. Develop plans and adhere to timelines for fundraising, design, permitting, engineering, and construction.
- B. Acquire necessary land, right-of-way easements, and water use agreements to construct and operate projects.
- C. Identify and secure the required funding to design, permit, and build the projects.
- D. Provide outreach and key information to partners and the public regarding the design and construction of these projects to ensure adequate funding and support.

Goal 3. Identify and pursue opportunities to expand the network and implement additional near-stream projects adjacent to SPRNCA within the Sierra Vista and Benson sub-watersheds that are consistent with CCRN’s mission.

- A. These opportunities could include:
 - 1. Land protection, conservation, recharge, and other watershed improvement projects with the potential to support water supplies and/or watershed function.
 - 2. Strategies to reduce and/or prevent near-stream irrigated agriculture with the potential to impact streamflow.
 - 3. Additional projects that could benefit or protect SPRNCA river reaches identified by the SPRNCA Adaptive Management Committee
- B. CCRN projects should meet the following criteria:
 - 1. Technical feasibility and potential water benefits are assessed using the best available data and scientific expertise, including the Upper San Pedro Partnership and others.
 - 2. Regulatory and legal requirements and uncertainties are researched and understood, including water quality permitting.
 - 3. The project will be owned by a CCRN member that is responsible for long-term operation and maintenance.

Goal 4. Collaborate with partners and communicate the CCRN’s cooperative and results-oriented approach to regional water management.

- A. Closely coordinate with the Adaptive Management Committee of the SPRNCA MOU to ensure that CCRN efforts support riparian health needs of the SPRNCA.
- B. Coordinate with conservation partners including the Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Partnership and the Upper San Pedro Partnership to leverage resources, capacity, and expertise to advance shared goals.
- C. Maintain the CCRNSanPedro.org website and produce an annual report including lessons learned from projects, monitoring data, water benefits, and descriptions of new sites or projects.
- D. Engage with key partners and the public to maintain and grow network funding and support, including leading tours and presenting to interested groups.