Upper Mississippi Forest Partnership
Historical Timeline

2001 Conception meeting, Onalaska, WI

2003 Coordinator hired through Northeastern Area grant. State of Wisconsin hosted the position.

2004 Partnership launched, funding of first field projects (10) on improving migratory bird habitat.
Upper Mississippi Forestry Partnership hosts round table discussion on forest sustainability criteria and indicators as they apply to the Upper Mississippi watershed.

2005 Upper Mississippi Forest Partnership Action Plan (2004-2008) completed.
MOU signed between the Northeastern Area and Midwest State Foresters.
Coordinator position grant extended for 2 years through a second Northeastern Area grant.
Communications products developed: logo, brochure, display.

2006 Upper Mississippi Forest Partnership Stakeholders meeting.
Interagency agreement with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF).
GIS analysis conducted through USGS.
Partnership progress review by Midwest State Foresters.
Six projects funded through the NFWF Upper Mississippi Watershed Fund

2007 GIS analysis summary document completed
Three projects funded through the NFWF Upper Mississippi Watershed Fund
Funding for coordinator position ends, Northeastern Area, St. Paul Field Office takes over coordination responsibilities.
Begin planning for expansion of the Partnership.
Begin planning for revision of Action Plan.

2008 Added 6 midwest NRCS State Conservationists and Forest Service Eastern Regional Forester to UMFP Memorandum of Understanding.
Revised UMFP Action Plan for 2009-2013
Approved 10 projects for funding through the NFWF Upper Mississippi Watershed Fund (2 rounds)

2009 Finalized UMFP Action Plan for 2009-2013
Updated GIS analysis to include more recent land use/land cover data.
Approved 6 projects for funding through the NFWF Upper Mississippi Watershed Fund (1 round)
Completed a Source Water Protection project in the Lower Meramec watershed, a high priority watershed for the UMFP.

In the process of adding Fish and Wildlife Service and the Army Corps of Engineers to UMFP Memorandum of Understanding.
Completed an overhaul of the North Central Research Station's Managers Handbook Series about "Elm-Ash-Cottonwood", now renamed the "Bottomland Hardwoods Guide."
Attended the "Visions of a Sustainable Mississippi River" conference.