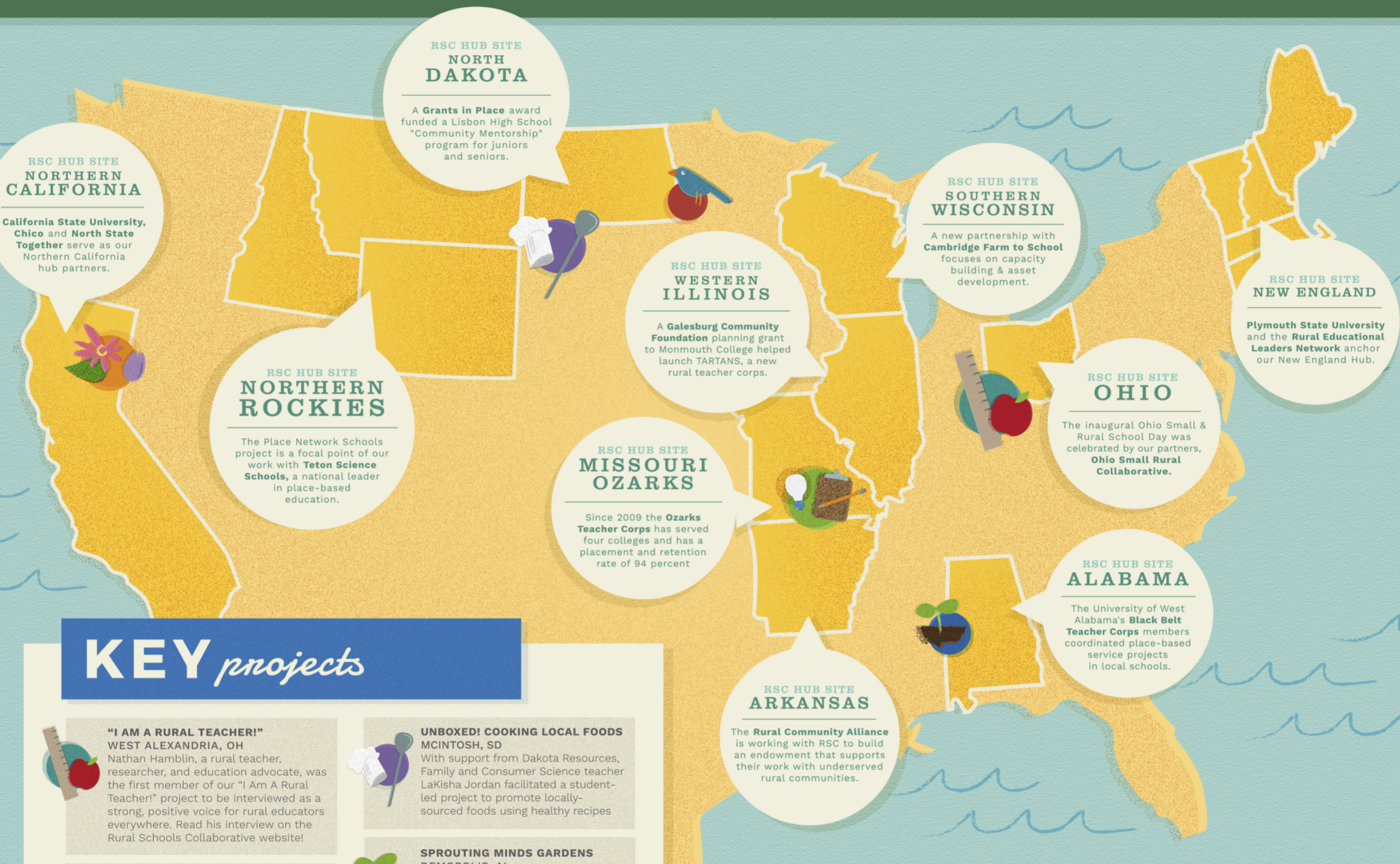


Your road map to...

THE RURAL ROUTE!



**RSC HUB SITE
NORTH DAKOTA**

A **Grants in Place** award funded a Lisbon High School "Community Mentorship" program for juniors and seniors.

**RSC HUB SITE
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

California State University, Chico and North State Together serve as our Northern California hub partners.

**RSC HUB SITE
SOUTHERN WISCONSIN**

A new partnership with **Cambridge Farm to School** focuses on capacity building & asset development.

**RSC HUB SITE
NEW ENGLAND**

Plymouth State University and the **Rural Educational Leaders Network** anchor our New England Hub.

**RSC HUB SITE
NORTHERN ROCKIES**

The Place Network Schools project is a focal point of our work with **Teton Science Schools**, a national leader in place-based education.

**RSC HUB SITE
WESTERN ILLINOIS**

A **Galesburg Community Foundation** planning grant to Monmouth College helped launch TARTANS, a new rural teacher corps.

**RSC HUB SITE
OHIO**

The inaugural Ohio Small & Rural School Day was celebrated by our partners, **Ohio Small Rural Collaborative**.

**RSC HUB SITE
MISSOURI OZARKS**

Since 2009 the **Ozarks Teacher Corps** has served four colleges and has a placement and retention rate of 94 percent

**RSC HUB SITE
ALABAMA**

The University of West Alabama's **Black Belt Teacher Corps** members coordinated place-based service projects in local schools.

**RSC HUB SITE
ARKANSAS**

The **Rural Community Alliance** is working with RSC to build an endowment that supports their work with underserved rural communities.

KEY projects

**"I AM A RURAL TEACHER!"
WEST ALEXANDRIA, OH**

Nathan Hamblin, a rural teacher, researcher, and education advocate, was the first member of our "I Am A Rural Teacher!" project to be interviewed as a strong, positive voice for rural educators everywhere. Read his interview on the Rural Schools Collaborative website!

**UNBOXED! COOKING LOCAL FOODS
MCINTOSH, SD**

With support from Dakota Resources, Family and Consumer Science teacher LaKisha Jordan facilitated a student-led project to promote locally-sourced foods using healthy recipes

**NEW REGIONAL RURAL OFFICE
MISSOURI OZARKS, MO**

We opened an Ozarks regional rural education office with support from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and the Big Idea program.

**SPROUTING MINDS GARDENS
DEMOPOLIS, AL**

Allie Marques, a young Black Belt Teacher Corps pre-service educator, teamed up with local businesses to build multiple school garden beds for students in Demopolis, Alabama's Public Schools.

**NATIVE POLLINATOR GARDEN
FRENCH GULCH-WHISKEYTOWN, CA**

Teachers Ember Swan & Linda Swayne used a Grants in Place award to build a native plant and pollinator garden for an outdoor classroom at this rural northern California school.

**LAKE PARK AUDUBON GRANT
LAKE PARK, MN**

With support from West Central Initiative, Kathrina O'Connell's sixth grade class learned about their town's namesake: John J. Audubon. Students did an interdisciplinary, hands-on study of their town history and feathered friends!

Rural Schools Collaborative HUB SITES

Rural Schools Collaborative hubs (shown above) are vehicles for organizing and sharing the transformational work of our partners in a geographic region. RSC's action-oriented hubs provide a flexible and cost-effective infrastructure for the organization. The relationships between the hubs and RSC are mutually beneficial.

FIND OUT MORE: ruralschoolscollaborative.org/our-work/rsc-hubs

Take the scenic RURAL ROUTE



driving home the
rural advantage!

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MESSAGE *from the chair*

We are pleased to present the Rural Schools Collaborative's annual report, **The Rural Route**, highlighting RSC's third year. This road map invites you to explore our world of grassroots projects and initiatives.

The Rural Schools Collaborative **strengthens the bonds between schools and communities** through place-based engagement, rural philanthropy, and developing teacher-leaders. We implement this mission in four specific ways: supporting Rural Teacher Corps projects, promoting school foundations, administering Grants in Place, and collaborating on the Place Network Schools.

This past year **10 regional hubs** have organically emerged in response to the RSC's mission and purpose. Remarkable! Our unique "hub" concept has enabled a variety of regional collaborations to shape and implement customized, mission-aligned projects and programs.

The Rural School Collaborative's modest administrative structure is supported by a board-driven 3-year capitalization plan approximating \$300,000. This lean development model allows us to stay keenly focused on our mission. We appreciate the organizations, entities, and individuals who have rallied to support the RSC and its work with rural schools and communities across the country. Thank you.

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We believe that a sustainable rural future must include a **thriving rural landscape**. Simply stated, small towns and small schools **get better together**.

Our work strengthens the bonds
between **rural schools & rural
communities** through:

Place-based engagement
Rural philanthropy
Developing teacher-leaders



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