



News from the North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) June 2017

New tool helps put potential black duck conservation projects in a row

Developed collaboratively by the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture, Ducks Unlimited, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with support from the North Atlantic LCC, the new Black Duck Decision Support Tool is already helping conservation partners align funding opportunities for conservation on private land with priority habitat for black duck.

[Learn more](#)

Putting conservation on the map in the Chesapeake Bay watershed

The Chesapeake Conservation Partnership completed a watershed-wide map of conservation priorities created cooperatively by federal agencies, state agencies, and non-governmental organizations across the six-state region. Developed using data from the North Atlantic LCC-supported Nature's Network project, the map provides common ground for conservation practitioners working across the six-state region.

[Learn more](#)

Other News of Note

American shad return to Musconetcong River after more than a century (New Jersey DEP)

A multi-year collaborative effort by partners from state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private entities to remove dams on the lower Musconetcong River -- including the removal of the Hughesville Dam in Warren County last year -- has opened nearly six miles to migratory fish, such as shad, that spend much of their lives in the ocean but return to rivers and their tributaries to spawn.

[Learn more](#)

Chesapeake Executive Council signs resolution in support of Bay Program partnership (CBP)

Representatives from the six Chesapeake Bay watershed states, the District of Columbia and the Chesapeake Bay Commission signed a resolution in support of the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership, calling upon the President and United States Congress to continue the current level of federal support for the Chesapeake Bay Program, including the coordinating role of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Chesapeake Bay Program.

[Learn more](#)

Where 'just keep swimming' is not an option (Frederick News Post)

A Hurricane Sandy-funded effort to identify poorly designed and undersized road crossings in partnership with state agencies and local communities has brought attention to a series of culverts and bridges in Maryland's Frederick County Municipal Watershed that represent potential barriers for Eastern brook trout.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Workshops, Meetings, Presentations, and Webinars

Tuesday, July 11, through Thursday, July 13 -- LCC Network Meeting, Denver, Co.

During this all-hands meeting, members of the LCC Network will discuss the future of Landscape Conservation Cooperatives in sessions focusing on Landscape Conservation Design Recommended Practices, data management, communications and partner engagement, and performance evaluation metrics.

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Wednesday, July 19, 12 - 1 p.m. -- Webinar: Resilient Coastal Sites

Explore the findings from a project led by The Nature Conservancy that evaluated more than 10,000 coastal sites in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic for their capacity to sustain biodiversity and natural services under increasing inundation from sea level rise. Each site received a resilience “score” -- based on the likelihood that its coastal habitats can and will migrate to adjacent lowlands -- that can help inform prioritization to protect important areas.

[Learn more](#)

Wednesday, July 26, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- Workshop: Landscape Dynamics Assessment Tool, Shepherdstown, W.V.

Explore a new way of evaluating changes to ecosystems with a tool that was developed as part of a three-year collaboration between the Appalachian LCC and the U.S. Forest Service Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center. This day-long workshop will give technical experts the opportunity to evaluate the tool's design and functionality, and to discuss potential applications among peers.

[Learn more](#)

Thursday, July 27, and Friday, July 28 -- Northeast Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change Management Symposium, Amherst, Ma.

The first annual Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change Management Symposium will bring together natural resource managers and scientists to discuss how climate change might affect invasion risk in the northeastern region, and to identify ways to translate research into management action.

[Learn more](#)

Submission deadline for the next edition of North Atlantic LCC News: Friday July 21, 2017

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