

North Atlantic LCC Strategic Plan

Proposed Process for Strategic Plan Revision Aligned with Completion of State Wildlife Action Plan Updates

Revision to LCC Strategic Plan (amend existing LCC Conservation Science Strategic Plan)

- Additional Components/Modifications to Existing Components
 - Identify staff and partners as needed to work on additional components as detailed below: April 2015 – October 2015
 - Review and Prioritization by Steering Committee, October 2015
 - Draft products for review by LCC technical and science delivery teams by March 2016
- Update Science Needs
 - LCC staff and technical committees update the plan to reflect completed science projects and identified science needs April 2015 – March 2016
 - Draft products for review by LCC technical teams by March 2016
- Approval and Review of draft
 - Draft revision for review and approval by Steering Committee by April 2016
 - Draft provided to larger group of partners after April 2016 meeting to help plan for Northeast Conservation Workshop

Northeast Conservation Workshop

Northeast Conservation Workshop, Fall, 2016 (aka Albany III) developed and hosted jointly with Northeast State Fish and Wildlife Agency and conservation partners

- Review of priorities established in 2011
 - Review of Regional Conservation Needs priorities
 - Review of LCC priorities
 - Review of Northeast Conservation Framework
- Review results of LCC, State and other partner projects since 2011
 - Include regional and subregional conservation designs
- Review draft LCC strategic plan
- Review SWAP synthesis information from 2015 plans
- Articulate vision for next five years
- Identification of additional priorities for LCC, states and others
- After workshop, final revisions to LCC Strategic Plan

Ideas for Additions and Revisions, April 2015

Based on previous discussions, here are some ideas on strategic direction that could be reflected in modifications to strategic plan. Additional focus on relevancy for guiding conservation decisions and actions.

Additional Components

Amend existing Conservation Science Strategic Plan to include components beyond just the science components now included. Result would be an overarching strategic plan that matches network strategic plans and Science Investment Accountability Schedule.

- Communications
 - Incorporate Communications Framework
- Science Delivery
 - Follow outline developed by the Science Delivery Team
- Coordination and Organization

Modifications and/or Additions to Existing Components

Modify existing components and actions to reflect additional needs and areas of emphasis

Cross-border Conservation with Canada

Increase seamless efforts cross the border into Canada to engage Canadian partners and reflect the priority resources across the border

- Consistent mapping
- Habitat and Climate Suitability
- Connectivity
- Partnership building

Enhanced Involvement with Tribes

Increase effort to work with tribes to understand and meet priority needs

- Important sites and landscapes
- Application of tools
- Incorporation of Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Cultural Resources

Complementary process to include priority cultural resources

- Natural landscape context of cultural and historical sites
- Mapping of cultural sites and landscapes

Plant Conservation

More explicitly include plants and natural communities in actions

- Incorporate plants and natural communities into designs
- Promote adaptation actions related to plants including seed banks
- Promote use of native locally-sourced plants in restorations

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Urban/metropolitan Conservation

Include actions related to conservation and communications in urban/metropolitan areas

- Support urban conservation projects (e.g., Baltimore Wilderness, urban NWRS)
- Larger regional approach to urban conservation (tie together existing projects)

Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry

- Incorporate priority areas for sustainable farmlands and forestry into design
- Greater engagement with agricultural communities, other natural resource production (working lands communities)

Engage Additional Socio-economic Sectors

- Articulation of ecosystem services to society/communities from conservation designs
- Application of conservation designs and tools to transportation and energy sectors

Marine and Ocean Planning

Better define niche of LCC in marine planning with Regional Planning Bodies, NROC and MARCO

- Additional mapping of priority resources
- Cross-system linkages (e.g, diadromous fish)

Work across LCC Borders

Match up conservation designs with South Atlantic, Appalachian, Upper Midwest Great Lakes

- Initial effort in Virginia among three LCCs there
- Integration of multiple LCC Data Basin and websites
- **Northeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy**: promote idea of a common conservation adaptation strategy for the Northeast Region with a broader set of partners. Draw from components in the National Fish, Wildlife and Plants Conservation Adaptation Strategy and the Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy
 - Common designs for region
 - Summary of adaptation planning in the region

Next steps for Information Management

Now that information management systems are developed, identify key next steps

- Development of additional online tools and visualizations

Implementation and Monitoring of Conservation Designs and Actions

Need to implement conservation designs at various scales, learn and apply learning to next iterations

- Develop process of tracking applications and learning from designs
- Need to integrate existing project tracking (e.g. TRACS) with conservation planning and designs