**North Atlantic LCC Steering Committee**

**July 1, 2014 Conference Call**

Action items

*Actions Taken*

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chesapeake Coordinator Mike Slattery will contact representatives of Chesapeake states to organize visits with state directors and principal staff to focus on LCC support for landscape conservation design in the Chesapeake.

*Mike Slattery and Ken Elowe met with David Whitehurst (Virginia Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife) and Paul Johansen (West Virginia Division of Natural Resources) September 2, prior to the Appalachian LCC Steering Committee and David Saveikis and Kevin Kalasz (Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife) and Paul Peditto (Maryland Department of Natural Resources) on September 24 to discuss working with both the North Atlantic and Appalachian LCC to deliver conservation design in the Chesapeake Bay watershed in their states. LCC staff will be following up to set up larger staff meetings with Maryland DNR and Virginia Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to discuss LCCs later this fall.*

LCC partners should contact Elsa Haubold (USFWS) by July 8 if interested in participating in a National Academy of Sciences review panel for evaluating LCCs.

*National Academy of Sciences panel was established.*

LCC staff will prepare agreements for the two approved science projects “Designing Sustainable Landscapes” and “Forecasting Changes in Aquatic Systems and Resiliency of Brook Trout.”

*Agreements prepared, Notice of Award letters sent in September, 2014*

LCC staff will work with Northeast Fish and Wildlife Diversity Technical Committee to seek consensus on RCOA process and provide support to complete a methodology for RCOAs that can be referenced in SWAP updates.

*LCC staff hosted a series of four webinars with Northeast Fish and Wildlife Diversity Technical Committee (NEFWDTC) and State Wildlife Action Plan coordinators in August and facilitated a poster session and three work sessions at the (NEFWDTC) meeting in early September to talk through alternatives, agree on objectives and reach consensus on a process, governance and timeline for RCOAs. A draft methodology was developed in October as a starting point. The process and methodology will be discussed at the LCC Steering Committee meeting.*

LCC staff and partners will organize information on Hurricane Sandy DOI competitive grant (NFWF) projects and contacts and post on the LCC website.

*LCC staff posted Spreadsheet of Hurricane Sandy DOI Competitive Projects with Science Components on LCC Hurricane Sandy page*

Pete Murdoch (USGS) will make Hurricane Sandy metrics assessment available to partners via the LCC website.

*Document undergoing peer review, Table of contents posted on LCC Hurricane sandy website, those on LCC interested in peer review should contact Pete.*

New England Wild Flower Society will send a survey to Hurricane Sandy cooperators to assess restoration project plant needs and use this information to base our collections.

*New England Wild Flower Society waiting on contract to be finalized. We will work with restoration partners on survey once contract is in place*

LCC staff will send out more information on fall meeting including logistics by September.

*Email sent September 12, 2014.*