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Northeast Regional Conservation Opportunity Areas RCOA Workshop 4

WHEN: Wednesday, July 6th through Friday, July 8th, 2016

WHERE: The Albany Pine Bush Preserve | 195 New Karner Rd #1 | Albany, NY 12205

LODGING: Albany Marriott | 189 Wolf Rd. | Albany, NY 12205

RESERVATIONS: To be made individually by attendees at 1(800) 443-8952. Refer to RCOA event hosted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Code FWI. The cut-off for the negotiated \$115 room rate is Monday, June 27.

The goal of this workshop is to review RCOA version 1.0 in preparation for roll-out and review by state agencies, LCC teams and partners.

Please come prepared with footwear, rain gear, and binoculars for walking if interested. The Albany Pine Bush Preserve is an ecological treasure and is exemplary of pine barrens restoration and population management practices.

JULY 6th	DAY 1
12:00 PM	Welcome and Meeting Overview
12:15 PM	Version 1 status update
12:30 PM	<p>Terrestrial and wetland core area opportunities review</p> <p>Outcome: participants are adequately informed and prepared to discuss the advancement of Version 1 products for broader review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quick methods & key decisions review (15 min) ● Review known issues, present discussion guide/survey to address key questions (10 min) ● Questions and clarifications on methods (10 min) ● Independently explore results with guidance from the team (25 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ compare alternative layers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ecosystem only ■ ...with representative species ■ ...with natural communities ○ investigate results for your state ○ evaluate known issues

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open discussion based on exploration exercise (15 min)
1:45 PM	BREAK
2:00 PM	<p>Terrestrial and wetland core area opportunities review cont.</p> <p>Outcome: participants provide their consent, consent with contingencies, or dissent with regard to advancing products for broader review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of key questions (30 min) (facilitation note: round table check-in)• Time to complete discussion guide (15 min)• Discuss possible contingencies needed to advance products for review (30 min)• Discuss how these results fit into the big picture (15 min)
3:30 PM	BREAK
3:45 PM	<p>Aquatic core area opportunities review</p> <p>Outcome: participants are adequately informed and prepared to discuss the advancement of Version 1 products for broader review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quick methods & key decisions review (15 min)• Review known issues, present discussion guide/survey to address key questions (10 min)• Questions and clarifications on methods (10 min)• Independently explore results with guidance from the team (25 min)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ compare alternative layers<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ ecosystem only■ with representative species■ with anadromous species■ with freshwater resilience overlay■ HUC 6 vs or with regional scaling○ investigate results for your state○ evaluate known issues• Open discussion based on exploration exercise (15 min)
5:00 PM	BREAK FOR DINNER
7:00 PM	<p>Aquatic core area opportunities review cont.</p> <p>Outcome: participants provide their consent, consent with contingencies, or dissent with regard to advancing products for broader review.</p>

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8:30 PM	ADJOURN

JULY 7th	DAY 2
8:00 AM	Day 1 results and follow-up discussion
8:45 AM	RSGCN + habitat opportunities review Outcome: participants are adequately informed and prepared to discuss the advancement of Version 1 products for broader review. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quick methods & key decisions review (15 min)• Review known issues, present discussion guide/survey to address key questions (10 min)• Questions and clarifications on methods (10 min)• Independently explore results with guidance from the team (25 min)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ compare alternative layers○ investigate results for your state○ evaluate known issues• Open discussion based on exploration exercise (15 min)
10:00 AM	BREAK
10:15 AM	RSGCN + habitat opportunities review cont. Outcome: participants provide their consent, consent with contingencies, or dissent with regard to advancing products for broader review. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of key questions (30 min) (facilitation note: round table check-in)• Time to complete discussion guide (15 min)• Discuss possible contingencies needed to advance products for review (30 min)• Discuss how these results fit into the big picture (15 min)
11:45 AM	LUNCH

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12:15 PM	Restoration opportunities review Outcome: participants are adequately informed and prepared to discuss the advancement of Version 1 products for broader review. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Quick methods & key decisions review (15 min)● Review known issues, present discussion guide/survey to address key questions (10 min)● Questions and clarifications on methods (10 min)● Independently explore results with guidance from the team (25 min)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ explore the American woodcock category○ explore the Aquatic Connectivity category○ investigate results for your state○ evaluate known issues● Open discussion based on exploration exercise (15 min)
1:30 PM	Restoration opportunities review cont. Outcome: participants provide their consent, consent with contingencies, or dissent with regard to advancing products for broader review. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Discussion of key questions (30 min) (facilitation note: round table check-in)● Time to complete discussion guide (15 min)● Discuss possible contingencies needed to advance products for review (30 min)● Discuss how these results fit into the big picture (15 min)
3:00	BREAK
3:15	Connectivity opportunities review Outcome: participants are adequately informed and prepared to discuss the advancement of Version 1 products for broader review. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Quick methods & key decisions review (15 min)● Review known issues, present discussion guide/survey to address key questions (10 min)● Questions and clarifications on methods (10 min)● Independently explore results with guidance from the team (25 min)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Review available layers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Marsh Migration■ Regional Flow<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pinch points● Overall flow

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Core to core connectors (if available)■ Riparian connectivity (probably won't be available)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ investigate results for your state○ evaluate known issues● Open discussion based on exploration exercise (15 min)
4:30	Connectivity opportunities review cont. Outcome: participants are asked to provide their consent, consent with contingencies, or dissent with regard to advancing products for broader review. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Discussion of key questions (30 min) (facilitation note: round table check-in)● Time to complete discussion guide (15 min)● Discuss possible contingencies needed to advance products for review (30 min)● Discuss how these results fit into the big picture (15 min)
6:00 PM	ADJOURN

JULY 8th	DAY 3
8:00 AM	Day 2 results and follow-up discussion
9:15 AM	Communications strategy: RCOA Roll-out
10:15 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM	Putting the puzzle together Outcome: Understanding how all the results from each team fit together into one package. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Synthesize how the pieces fit within each subteam and across teams● Review how “package” is presented in the Connect the Connecticut, South Atlantic LCC Blueprint and other designs
12:00 PM	LUNCH
12:30 PM	Team breakouts: planning next steps
1:30 PM	Version 1 Packaging and Preparing for broader review

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2:30 PM	ADJOURN
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