



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

New resource empowers communities in New York to protect natural assets

The Wildlife Conservation Society Adirondack Program has developed a new gallery on Data Basin that provides access to the best available information in the region on locally occurring natural resources in the Empire State. The New York state Tools for Land Use Planning gallery is available on the North Atlantic LCC's Conservation Planning Atlas

[Learn more](#)

Town uses *Connect the Connecticut* to show regional significance of local aquatic resources

For the municipal conservation agent in Palmer, Massachusetts -- a town at the confluence of four major rivers in the state -- the landscape conservation design for the Connecticut River watershed has provided justification for actions to protect cold-water habitat in an area of high ecological integrity for aquatic species. Read her new Testimonial on the *Connect the Connecticut* website.

[Learn more](#)

Partners join forces to help small conservation groups tackle big environmental challenges

The Open Space Institute (OSI) has teamed up with the Land Trust Alliance (LTA) to launch a major new Land Trust Climate Change Initiative. The program will help land trusts adapt to and mitigate climate change in their land conservation work by equipping them with strategies, training, and tools developed with their needs in mind, including the new *Conserving Nature in a Changing Climate* guide developed with support from the North Atlantic LCC.

[Learn more](#)

Other News of Note

New grant program affirms importance of shoring up coastal wetlands (FWS)

More than \$17 million will be awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to 20 projects in 10 coastal states to protect, restore, or enhance more than 13,000 acres of coastal wetlands and adjacent upland habitats under the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program. State and local governments, private landowners, conservation groups and tribes will contribute an additional \$20 million

[Learn more](#)

New study looks at timing and consequences of reaching 2°C (NECSC)

According to a new study released by Northeast Climate Science Center researchers, the Northeast region is expected to reach 2°C (3.6°F) sooner than most regions in North America, leading to drier summers and warmer, wetter winters.

[Learn more](#)

The Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge gains ground in New York (FWS)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has acquired the first piece of land for the six-state Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge. In January The Nature Conservancy donated the 144-acre Nellie Hill Preserve in Dover, New York, to be part of the new refuge was approved last fall.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Workshops, Meetings, Presentations, and Webinars

February 8, 3:30 p.m. (EST) -- Webinar: Improving climate-adaptation planning for coastal communities: local planning informed by regional hazard exposure analysis.

The Northeast Climate Science Center presentation will summarize efforts of the National Wildlife Federation to support community-based, climate adaptation planning in the Great Marsh Region, MA, and a complementary U.S. Geological Survey analysis of community exposure in this area to coastal-inundation hazards associated with sea level rise and storm scenarios.

[Learn more](#)

February 10 -- Chesapeake Bay Program Habitat Goal Implementation Team Steering Committee Meeting, Annapolis, Md.

A team of county, state, and federal partners working to set habitat goals for priority resources in the Chesapeake Bay watershed will meet to follow up on actions identified at the fall 2016 meeting, including the development of a restoration project with a partner organization driven by information from the Regional Conservation Opportunity Areas Version 1.0.

[Learn more](#)

February 13, 12:00 p.m. (EST) -- Webinar: Monarch Butterfly Conservation Funding

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Monarch Butterfly Conservation Fund will begin accepting proposals for monarch project on February 8th. During a webinar on February 13th, prospective applicants will get an overview of funding priorities, the application process, and tips for submitting competitive proposals.

[Learn more](#)

February 15, 10:00 a.m. (EST) -- Webinar: Climate Resilience: The Art of Communication and Science Planning

During this webinar hosted by the Open Space Institute, hear lessons learned from the 12 Rivers Initiative, a partnership of eight land trusts that integrated climate change into their conservation plan last year. The partners will share their insights from their experiences on topics ranging from co-occurrence modeling to the art of communicating about climate change with board members.

[Learn more](#)

February 22 & 23 -- U.S. Geological Survey Stream Temperature Meeting

U.S. Geological Survey brings partners together to discuss the regional stream temperature database and associated tools, and to learn how to support partners' needs in the area of stream temperature in the Northeast region.

[Learn more](#)

Submission deadline for the next edition of North Atlantic LCC News: Friday February 17, 2017

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