



News from the North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC)

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After years-long “Envisioning” process, partners release comprehensive vision for Susquehanna

The Chesapeake Conservancy has released a vision document for conservation in the Susquehanna River watershed that synthesizes input from an in-depth community engagement campaign, identifies recommendations for addressing shared conservation priorities, and responds to a need for better data and tools.

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North Atlantic LCC Annual Report highlights conservation in action

Our 2016 Annual Report showcases progress in priority areas identified by the LCC partnership -- Aquatic Connectivity, Coastal and Community Resilience, At-Risk Species, Landscape Conservation Initiatives, and Science Delivery -- through stories about how people are using LCC-supported data and tools to advance their work on the ground.

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Beach and tidal inlet habitat inventories offer new perspective on North Carolina’s coast

A feature story in *Coastal Review Online* -- a news service covering the North Carolina coastline -- highlights a recently completed project to inventory modifications to beach and tidal inlet habitats from Maine to North Carolina that is providing new information to managers in the coastal zone.

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Appalachian LCC supports collaboration within Tennessee River Basin’s “conservation village”

Nearly as diverse as the wildlife within the Tennessee River Basin are the people and organizations working to conserve it. The Appalachian LCC is helping to support the conservation momentum in the watershed by aligning partners and hosting shared resources on its web portal, including a Conservation Action Map and a film inventory.

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Other News of Note

Study affirms Americans’ deep appreciation for nature despite barriers to connection (DJ Case)

According to the new *Nature of Americans* report, contact with nature is an important part of growing up and linking Americans to one another, but competing priorities and other factors impede getting outdoors. The results suggest nature conservation, environmental education, and outdoor recreation can play an important role in connecting people with nature.

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Americans spend more on outdoor recreation than gas (Outdoor Industry Association)

Outdoor recreation is big business for the American economy, creating more jobs than construction and computer technology and generating \$117 billion more in annual consumer spending than pharmaceuticals and fuel, according to a new report. The analysis by the Outdoor Industry Association

concludes that consumers spend \$887 billion every year on a range of outdoor activities including camping, hunting, fishing and water sports.

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LCC Network Receives US-IALE's Distinguished Landscape Practitioner Award (LCC Network)

At a ceremony held in Baltimore, Md., in mid April, the United States Chapter of the Association of Landscape Ecology presented the LCC Network with the Distinguished Landscape Practitioner Award, which recognizes contributions to the application of the principles of landscape ecology to real-world problems over a period of years.

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Chesapeake bay female crabs at most plentiful since 1990s (Baltimore Sun)

An annual survey of blue crabs in the Chesapeake Bay found that there are more spawning-age female crabs than there have been in almost 30 years -- a sign that efforts to help the species withstand natural swings in numbers are working.

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Video documents one of the largest marsh restoration efforts on the East coast (FWS)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has released "Building a Stronger Coast: Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge," an up-close look at coastline and salt marsh restoration at the refuge following Hurricane Sandy in 2012. The four-and-a-half-minute video documents the restoration of 4,000 acres of coastal marsh and one mile of dunes and barrier beach, which took 18 months to complete.

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Yellow lance mussel warrants ESA protection (FWS)

A freshwater mussel native to waters from Maryland to North Carolina along the Atlantic seaboard is declining. Recent surveys showed the yellow lance mussel has lost 57 percent of its historical range. As a result, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is proposing that it be listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

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Upcoming Workshops, Meetings, Presentations, and Webinars

May 9 -- Chesapeake Bay Program Habitat Goal Implementation Team Steering Committee Meeting, Harrisburg, Pa.

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 *Nature's Network* conservation design.

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May 9 - 11 -- National Adaptation Forum, St. Paul, Minn.

The Forum gathers the adaptation community to foster knowledge exchange, innovation and mutual support for a better tomorrow, enabling partners to moving beyond adaptation awareness and planning to adaptation action. It offers opportunities for professional development through formal trainings, facilitated practitioner presentations, and informal exchange of information all at a single venue. Since the Forum is created by and for the members of the adaptation community, the meeting focuses on issues of the day - established and emerging.

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May 15 - 17 -- Northeast Climate Science Center Regional Science Meeting, Amherst, Mass.

The Northeast Climate Science Center will gather scientists and partners to reflect on our collaborative work to incorporate climate science in the management of natural and cultural resources in the Northeast and Midwest and determine future directions and needs for our region.

[Learn more](#)

May 31 -- Coastal Nature-Based Infrastructure/Living Shoreline Practices, Greenland, N.H.

This full-day workshop led by Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) and partners brings together state and federal managers at the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve to focus on regulatory and permitting issues associated with coastal nature-based infrastructure/living shoreline practices, and begin dialogue to identify opportunities and approaches for advancing these practices consistent with regulatory standards throughout the region. **Please RSVP to NROC Coordinator Dani Carter:**
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