



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

Experts outline framework to monitor projects that use natural and nature-based features

Partners from the Mid Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO) and the National Wildlife Federation (NFW) have released a report developed with support from the North Atlantic LCC that presents findings from experts in the field of Natural and Nature-Based Features who convened to develop a regionally standardized and coordinated approach to monitoring the performance of these projects after implementation.

[Learn more](#)

Maryland Trout Unlimited earns Gold Trout for conservation work in Chesapeake Bay watershed

Trout Unlimited has given its highest honor to the Maryland Chapter in large part for its collaborative efforts to advance Eastern brook trout conservation in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, including by completing 50 road-stream crossing assessments in the Upper Gunpowder using regional protocols developed by the North Atlantic LCC-supported North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC).

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Other News of Note

Restoration Report shows potential restoration projects close to home (Chesapeake Conservancy)

A new tool developed by the Chesapeake Conservancy and partners gives landowners information about possible restoration projects on their property that will help improve the health of their land and the nature it supports. The *Restoration Reports* tool generates a customized report for a property that includes: the watershed it is a part of; the wildlife species that may already or could potentially live in the area; and the proximity of the property to a designated trout stream.

[Learn more](#)

Building an ark for New England's rare plants, seed by seed (New England News Collaborative)

In New England, 22 percent of the region's native plants are considered rare. Some of them are on the federal list of endangered species. Biologists worldwide and locally -- including the New England Wildflower Society -- have been saving crop seeds and seeds from other plants important to the ecosystem in an attempt to stop the plants from disappearing altogether.

[Learn more](#)

Removal of N.J. dam will benefit fish, ecology and recreational safety (NJ DEP)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and other partners have begun the removal of the obsolete Weston Mill Dam in Somerset County, New Jersey. The latest in a series of dam removals in the Raritan River basin, this project will open a stretch of the Millstone River to migratory fish, enhance overall river health and improve safety for recreational use.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Workshops, Meetings, Presentations, and Webinars

September 22 - 27 -- The Wildlife Society Annual Conference, Albuquerque, N.M.

The 24th annual conference of The Wildlife Society offers a range of opportunities to learn from experts about topics in wildlife and conservation, including a presentation on Landscape Conservation Planning: Making Conservation Real for People focusing on building effective landscape-scale conservation efforts that will endure over time that includes contributions from the North Atlantic LCC.

[Learn more](#)

September 27 - 28 -- Planning Effective Projects for Coastal Communities, Dover, De.

During this interactive workshop at the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve, participants will learn how to conduct an assessment, use a logic model to plan a new project or reassess a current one, and prepare for a meaningful evaluation. Attend this course to learn project planning practices that help you build in accountability and strategic thinking, reveal assumptions, and create a targeted effort with measurable results.

[Learn more](#)

October 26 - 28 -- Rally 2017 National Land Conservation Conference, Denver, Co.

The 30th annual gathering of land conservation practitioners sponsored by the Land Trust Alliance features inspiring speakers, scenic field trips, opportunities to network, and more than 130 educational training sessions, including a seminar led by Mark Anderson of The Nature Conservancy and Abby Weinberg of the Open Space Institute on *Climate Resilience for Land Protection: Science and Communication* -- a daylong interactive session is designed to equip land trusts with tools to incorporate climate resilience into land protection.

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Submission deadline for the next edition of North Atlantic LCC News: Friday September 21, 2017

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