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

# Regional science caters to community needs at conservation picnic

For a small Massachusetts town at the heart of an important cold-water resource, regional data from the *Connect the Connecticut* landscape conservation design is helping make the case for local conservation actions to support needs for wildlife and people.

Learn more

# New report will help towns prioritize road-stream crossing upgrades in coastal watershed

Partners including Mass Audubon and the Taunton River Watershed Alliance have released a report detailing findings from more than 500 road-stream crossing assessments conducted using data and protocols from the North Atlantic LCC-supported North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative.

Learn more

# Nature's Network helps open new doors to climate corridors in Maine

More than 50 conservation practitioners working in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and maritime Canada attended a training at the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve to learn how landscape-scale datasets like Nature's Network can help them protect and connect sites that are most likely to support biodiversity in the face of climate change.

Learn more

#### Other News of Note

#### Green Infrastructure Effectiveness database now available on Digital Coast (NOAA)

This new resource provides access to a wide range of literature on the effectiveness of 32 different green infrastructure types that are designed to reduce the impacts of coastal hazards, such as inundation and erosion from tropical storms and cyclones, more frequent precipitation events, and sea level rise.

Learn more

# White River National Fish Hatchery returns with a new mission (FWS)

Six years after suffering severe flooding damage in the wake of Tropical Storm Irene, the White River National Fish Hatchery has reopened as a symbol of resilience for the community of Bethel, Vt., and of hope for restoring populations of lake trout and landlocked Atlantic salmon.

Learn more

# Proceedings from the Northeast Climate Science Center's Regional Science Meeting (NECSC)

During the 2017 Regional Science Meeting held in in May, the Northeast Climate Science Center convened scientists and partners to reflect on progress in their collaborative efforts to incorporate climate science into management decisions for natural and cultural resources in the Northeast and Midwest, and to determine needs and next steps for the region. The proceedings from the meeting include descriptions of sessions, major takeaways, and presentation slides.

Learn more

# Investing in Nature: Economic Benefits of Protecting Our Lands and Waters (LTA)

The Land Trust Alliance and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program have created a brochure that provides snapshots of examples that capture economic value provided of nature, by boosting local economies through tourism and jobs, saving money on health care, filtering drinking water, providing natural disaster mitigation, and more.

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.

Learn more

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