



News from the North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC)

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Climate science for the rest of us

With funding from a North Atlantic LCC Science Delivery grant, the Open Space Institute has released a new guide designed to put climate science in the hands of small groups who can make a big conservation impact. Read about a pioneering conservation partnership that is already using climate science to inform long-term planning in Massachusetts.

[Learn more](#)

***Connect the Connecticut* makes the case for conservation in Eightmile River watershed**

Audubon Connecticut used data from *Connect the Connecticut* to help justify funding a project as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' In Lieu Fee program, established to support mitigation projects to enhance and preserve aquatic habitats in the state.

[Learn more](#)

Partnerships of scale: Symposium highlights need for collaboration in landscape conservation

Regional, national, and international thought leaders and practitioners discussed "scaling up in conservation" in concept, and in practice, during a day-long symposium at which Steering Committee member Amanda Babson shared an example of how the North Atlantic LCC supports collaborative conservation.

[Learn more](#)

Steering Committee looks ahead through lens of regional design

At the fall meeting in Lakeville, Conn., Steering Committee members were introduced to the first version of a regional landscape conservation design, and discussed next steps for sharing the products with people in their organizations who can use them.

[Learn more](#)

Your commute to work: Does a river run through it?

Have you ever considered how often you cross over moving water in the course of a day? A new tool developed by The Nature Conservancy as part of the North Atlantic LCC-supported Northeast Aquatic Connectivity project offers perspective on fragmentation in aquatic systems that can guide scientists, and inform citizens.

[Learn more](#)

Other News of Note

Four years after Hurricane Sandy (FWS)

On the anniversary of the storm that devastated human and wildlife communities along the Atlantic coast, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reflects on lesson learned, and actions taken to make coastal systems more resilient to future change.

[Learn more](#)

Obama administration highlights opportunities for building community climate resilience (The White House)

New "Resilience Opportunities" report outlines three major opportunity areas for innovation, economic growth, and collaboration to enhance climate readiness: application of science-based data and tools, support for community resilience initiatives, and integration of climate resilience into federal operations, missions, and culture.

[Learn more](#)

"Sounding Board" meets to guide the development of metrics for well-managed forest (SFI)

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative brought together a diverse group of practitioners and researchers in Washington, D.C., to serve as the "Sounding Board" for the new Conservation Impacts Project, launched in September to help quantify conservation benefits for well-managed forests.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Workshops, Meetings, Presentations, and Webinars

November 11 - 12 -- Susquehanna River Symposium: "A Tale of Two Rivers: The Susquehanna and the Delaware", Lewisburg, Penn.

The 11th annual Susquehanna River Symposium brings together scientists and engineers working throughout the mid-Atlantic to focus on issues regarding the Susquehanna and Delaware watershed in two days of presentations and workshops at Bucknell University's Elaine Langone Center.

[Learn more](#)

November 14 -- Chesapeake Bay Program Habitat Goal Implementation Team Meeting, Shepherdstown, W.V.

A team of county, state, and federal partners working to set habitat goals for priority resources in the Chesapeake Bay watershed will meet to discuss next steps, including using products from Regional Conservation Opportunity Areas Version 1.0 to inform a conservation design for the watershed.

[Learn more](#)

November 16 -- Regional Conservation Partnership Network Meeting, Nashua, N.H.

Join regional conservation professionals from state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and land trusts for an annual gathering hosted by the Highstead Foundation. This year's theme is the "Power of Teamwork to Advance Regional Conservation".

[Learn more](#)

November 16, 3:30 p.m. -- Webinar: Framework for selecting climate models for impacts studies in the Northeast

As part of the Northeast Climate Science Center's fall webinar series, research fellow Ambarish Karmalkar presents a two-step process developed to select a subset of credible climate models (global and downscaled) that can be used for impacts studies in the Northeast.

[Learn more](#)

November 17 -- Great Marsh Sea-Level Rise Symposium, Essex, Mass.

The Great Marsh Coalition, a partnership of nongovernmental organizations, state programs, and the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, will hold its fifth annual symposium on education, stewardship, research, protection, and management of the 20,000-acre Plum Island Estuary, also known as the Great Marsh. This year's symposium will focus on implications from sea-level rise for quality of life in local communities.

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