

Handout 3 **North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative Steering Committee**
April 20, 2011, Manchester, New Hampshire

Action Items
Action Taken

Jad Daley (Trust for Public Land) will make the National Conservation Easement Database developed collaboratively by five NGOs available to the LCC.

*National Conservation Easement Database now available at
<http://nced.conservationregistry.org/>*

Steering Committee members will distribute the invitation to that Northeast Conservation Framework Workshop pre-workshop survey.

Survey sent to Steering Committee on May 2, 2011 for distribution to staff.

Andrew will develop a webinar series on LCC-funded projects.

No action taken yet. Plan on developing webinars of FY 10 LCC projects for fall of 2011, winter of 2012.

Rachel Muir will distribute fact sheet on USGS funded LCC projects.

Fact sheet to be provided.

Action items on science needs

LCC staff and technical committee will bring key partners together to understand the state of the science related to sea level rise and coastal vulnerability assessments and define additional projects focused on coastal habitats and species.

LCC staff consulting with technical committee, partner federal agencies (NOAA, USGS, FWS, EPA) and state coastal zone agencies on best way to assess state of the science. Will compile information this summer and fall and make recommendation to Steering Committee in November.

Hector Galbraith (Manomet) and Lesley Sneddon (NatureServe) will work together to incorporate the NatureServe vulnerability index into the ongoing regional vulnerability assessment project.

Hector Galbraith (Manomet) and Lesley Sneddon (NatureServe) are working with LCC staff to finalize proposals for the application of the NatureServe Climate Change Vulnerability Index in the Northeast.

LCC staff and technical committee will work with NEPARC to determine projects that address the landscape needs of amphibians and reptiles that the North Atlantic LCC could support.

NEPARC provided draft proposal for Important Herpetofaunal Areas for the Northeast. AFWA also provided national vulnerability assessment proposal.

LCC staff, technical committee and key partners will move forward with defining and supporting cold water stream science needs beginning with a workshop and assessment of ongoing work.

USGS working with partners including Brook Trout Joint Venture to define and further support coldwater stream science needs using FY2011 USGS LCC funds.

LCC staff will continue to communicate with the Division of Migratory Birds and Northwestern Atlantic Birds at Sea Cooperative to assess value-added roles related to data needs on marine bird distribution and migration patterns.

USFWS hosted a meeting with Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to assess highest priority science needs for marine birds in the North Atlantic. Subset of those needs will be provided to LCC for consideration prior to November meeting.

LCC staff will work with the University of Vermont and University of Massachusetts to determine needs for additional modeling of representative species based on the outcome of the representative species workshops and utilize existing agreements to provide support.

LCC staff set up contract extension for the representative species habitat modeling work as part of the Providing Science and Tools in Support of the North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative: Designing Sustainable Landscapes for Wildlife in the North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative project.

LCC staff will pursue a detail by an invasive species expert in the Fish and Wildlife Service to determine the highest priority LCC needs related to invasive species.

Detail planned for fall, 2011.

George Gay and Ken Elowe will coordinate on the development of a work group to further define what types of demonstration projects the LCC would support.

Work group to be developed in fall.

LCC staff will coordinate with the Black Duck Joint Venture to determine their needs for the adaptive management framework for American black duck habitat conservation in the LCC

Black Duck Joint Venture provided a proposal for LCC consideration.

LCC staff and technical committee will develop a scope of work for an information needs assessment after the Albany workshop.

LCC staff will assemble a technical team and hire a contractor to conduct an information needs assessment.

Andrew will summarize the discussions and next steps and indicate any projects that could go forward.

Summary to be provided for August 11 call.

Ellen Mecray will continue to communicate with the steering committee about their role addressing northeast region natural resources as part of the Global Climate Change Impacts report.

LCC staff participated in a conference call regarding the development of a Northeast Regional Team. Will continue to work with Ellen to articulate the role of the LCC.

Tai-ming Chang will summarize the National Ocean Plan for the Steering Committee to review and comment on.

All nine of the Strategic Action Plans ocean policy were submitted to the National Ocean Council for their review on, August 4th. Tai will review these reports and identify linkages to the LCCs prior to November meeting.

Fish and Wildlife Service, Science Applications will move forward with advertising for a North Atlantic LCC science coordinator once the final FY 2011 budget allocations are made available.

Expected advertisement date, late August 2011.

Mary Foley will send the link for the National Park Service Coastal Adaptation Specialist position advertisement when advertised.

Position advertised May 2, advertisement circulated, expected selection by late August, 2011.

LCC staff will make the LCC website (northatlanticlcc.org) live.

Northatlanticlcc.org is live in a relatively simple form. Used as host site for Northeast Conservation Framework Workshop. Will be developing full managed content website this summer and fall.

Ken Elowe will seek vice-chair nominations and report back to the Steering Committee on the next call.

Ken will report on August call.

LCC staff will plan for an in-person meeting of the LCC Steering Committee in the late fall in conjunction with the Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Directors meeting.

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 2 in Virginia.

LCC staff will send out a poll in June for a conference call in early August to review the results of the Albany II workshop and discuss next steps for the framework, science needs and projects.

Poll sent and conference call scheduled for August 11.