**Invasive Species Recommendations for the**

**North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative**

**(with a Focus on Invasive Plants)**

Abstract: As described in its Science Strategic Plan, the North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative is working to "address major environmental and human-related factors affecting species, habitats and systems at broad scales, including developing adaptation strategies in response to climate change." The proliferation of invasive species is one of the factors negatively impacting our native species and communities. It is believed that lessening this impact as well as that of other stressors, can increase the resiliency of native habitats and in turn temper the impacts of climate change. LCC partners have agreed that invasive species mitigation needs to be factored in to LCC science and activities. The North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative Science Strategic Plan can be stepped down to incorporate appropriate invasive species actions. Partnerships of multiple organizations and agencies already work on invasive species at the national, regional, state and local levels. Activities range in scope from policy to on-the-ground action, and include inventory, strategic planning, outreach, education, and management. Opportunities exist for the LCC and invasive species networks to collaborate. Combining these established partnerships for a wider range of conservation expertise and prioritization tools will increase the prospect of more effective protection of the region's most important natural communities.

Full report will be available at the completion of the detail.

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