**Summary of Progress Northeast Landscape Conservation Design and Regional Conservation Synthesis for SWAP Updates**

In June 2011, at the Northeast Conservation Framework (“Albany 2”) Workshop, priority landscape conservation science needs were assessed and prioritized by northeast conservation partners. A clear consensus out of that workshop was the need for better communications, science translation and adoption for completed, ongoing and future projects. Among the top priorities were:

1. immediate organization of existing data to make information more available;
2. synthesis of existing data to develop/compile landscape designs that will allow partners to map and prioritize focus areas for conservation;
3. translation of maps and other tools to make landscape design data useful at various scales and in various formats; and
4. assistance to ensure that science and tools are understood and consistently adopted and implemented in support of on-the-ground conservation.

To help address these needs, the North Atlantic LCC hired a Conservation Design Specialist (Steve Fuller) and developed a proposal for a Northeast Landscape Conservation Design to address these priorities.

A brief timeline and summary of progress follows:

February, 2012: Northeast Landscape Conservation Design proposal approved by LCC Steering Committee

March, 2012: LCC and NEAFWA held a joint meeting in Baltimore, MD with FWS, AFWA and state partners to develop full proposals for two RCN projects: *Northeast Regional Conservation Synthesis and Components for State Wildlife Action Plan Revisions* and *Northeast State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) Common Lexicon and Web-searchable Framework*. LCC is responsible for synthesis of regional spatial data.

April, 2012: Northeast Directors approved RCN synthesis proposal; Meeting of an initial Northeast Landscape Conservation Design team at NEAFWA Conference.

August, 2012: GIS Analyst (Lori Pelech) hired by the LCC to support this project

September 2012: Workshop on Regional Synthesis project at Northeast Fish and Wildlife Diversity Technical Committee Meeting; Data requests for Regional Species of Greatest Conservation Need to states and NatureServe

December, 2012 : GIS Analyst (Alex Jospe) hired jointly by The Nature Conservancy and LCC to support project

April, 2012: Regional species data received from states and NatureServe; workshop with states on regional synthesis at NEAFWA Conference.

April-December, 2012: Development of final synthesis document.