**North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative**

**Projects and Science Needs approved by the Steering Committee in April 2012**

**September 2012 Update**

| Project or Science Need | Status | Cost |
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| Project: Assessment of landscape changes in the NALCC: decision support tools for conservation, Phase II (“Designing Sustainable landscapes”)  *P.I.: Kevin McGarigal, U. Mass.* | The agreement was finalized in June. Planning is underway with LCC staff for three workshops in October to present initial results from Phase I, request feedback on decision support tools, and facilitate involvement in the project among partners. | $420,000 |
| Science Need: extend Northeast Wildlife Habitat map into Canada  *P.I.: Mark Anderson, TNC* | Sole Source Agreement with TNC is being finalized. The Northeast Climate Science Center will also be funding this project (final announcement pending). | $95,000 |
| Science Need: refine Northeast aquatic habitat classification  *P.I.: The Nature Conservancy* | Sole source agreement with TNC is being developed. Project is being coordinated with the RCN project on aquatic habitat revisions. | $20,000 |
| Science Need: consistent regional coastal mapping for habitat, species, infrastructure, and elevation | Sole source agreement with National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) contractor to update coastal NWI maps is being developed. Additional data compilation to be addressed through GIS staff and details | $102,600 |
| Science Need: habitats, threats, and distribution for aquatic species | An RFP was issued in July with a due date of August 17. A panel will review proposals in September and recommendations will be presented to the Steering Committee for consideration in October. 14 proposals received | $250,000 |
| Science Need: evaluation of salt marsh restoration methods | An RFP was issued in July with a due date of August 17. A panel will review proposals in September and recommendations will be presented to the Steering Committee for consideration in October. 3 proposals received. | $180,000 |
| Science Need: understanding vulnerability of coastal ecosystems to sea level rise | Northeast Climate Science Center supported project with USGS. LCC supporting Structured Decision Making workshop linked to this project. | (No LCC funding requested) |
| Demonstration projects | Demonstration Projects Team developed three final proposals for consideration for the Steering Committee | $60,000 |
| Total 2012 Projects |  | $1,127,600 |

**RFP Timeline**

April 18, 2012 LCC Steering Committee approves science needs

May – July 2012 LCC staff work with WMI and LCC Technical Committee to develop RFP

July 6, 2012 WMI announces RFP

August 17, 2012 Proposals due

August 28, 2012 WMI completes initial screening and review of proposals

September 2012 Technical panels to review proposals

October 2012 LCC staff to provide panel recommendations to Steering Committee

October 31, 2012 Steering Committee funding decisions on proposals