**North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative**

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

**October 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 2 (“Designing Sustainable landscapes”)*P.I.: Kevin McGarigal, U. Mass.* | The agreement was finalized in June. In coordination with LCC staff, three workshops were held in October (in Maine, Maryland, and Mass.) to present initial results from Phase 1, request feedback on decision support tools for Phase 2, 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 has also funded this project (announced October 10, 2012). | $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 | 14 proposals were received in response to the July RFP. A panel has reviewed the proposals and its recommendations will be presented to the Steering Committee for consideration on October 31.  | $250,000 |
| Science Need: evaluation of salt marsh restoration methods | Three proposals were received in response to the July RFP. A panel has reviewed the proposals and its recommendations will be presented to the Steering Committee for consideration on October 31. | $180,000 |
| Science Need: understanding vulnerability of coastal ecosystems to sea level rise  | Northeast Climate Science Center supported project with USGS. LCC supported a Structured Decision Making workshop linked to this project. | (No LCC funding requested) |
| Demonstration projects | Three proposals were approved by the Steering Committee in September 2012. The ad hoc demonstration projects team will lead a discussion on the future role of demonstration projects to the Steering Committee in October. | $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

Sept. – Oct. 2012 Technical panels reviewed proposals

October 2012 LCC staff provide panel recommendations to Steering Committee

October 31, 2012 Steering Committee funding decisions on proposals