

**North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative  
Steering Committee Agenda  
Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Annapolis, MD**

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**Overall Goals of meeting:** Review of progress of LCC on partnerships, science, conservation design and science delivery and input on next steps to more effectively support conservation decisions by LCC partner agencies and organizations.

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion Leader</b> <i>Handouts and Presentations</i>	<b>Time</b>
<b>BREAKFAST (provided)</b>		<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
<b>1. Welcome</b> Introductions Review agenda Approve minutes from last (10/28-26/2015) meeting	Gwen Brewer (MD DNR), Ken Elowe (FWS), <i>Handout 1 – Agenda</i> <i>Handout 2 – Attendance List</i> <i>Handout 3a – Minutes from 10/25-26/2015 meeting</i> <i>Handout 3b – Highlights and action items from 10/25-26/2015 meeting</i>	8:00 a.m.
<b>2. Action items</b> from last Steering Committee meeting and actions taken	Andrew Milliken (LCC) <i>Handout 4 – Action items status</i>	8:20 a.m.
<b>3. LCC Network Updates</b> focused on National Academy of Sciences Report and action plan <u>Expected Meeting Outcome:</u> Understanding of NAS Report and follow-ups needed to address recommendations in that report	Elsa Haubold (FWS), Jad Daley (TPL) Ken Elowe, All <i>Handout 5 – National Academy of Sciences report summary and next steps</i> <i>Handout 6 – 2017 Budget Request for LCCs Talking Points</i> <u>Presentation: NAS Report</u>	8:30 a.m.
<b>4. State of the LCC</b> Review of progress on goals and objectives of LCC and next steps for the coming year <u>Expected Meeting Outcome:</u> Understanding of progress and consensus on next steps for LCC partnership and staff including strategic planning.	Andrew Milliken, LCC Staff, all <i>Handout 7 – 2015 Annual Report</i> <i>Handout 8 – 2015 Highlights</i>  <u>Presentation: State of the LCC</u>	8:50 a.m.
<b>BREAK</b>		<b>9:20 a.m.</b>

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<p><b>5. Science Project and Product Updates</b> Review of recently completed projects and available products; <i>Expected Outcome:</i> Awareness of latest science projects and products and budget status</p>	<p>Scott Schwenk (LCC), Megan Tyrrell (LCC), Scot Williamson (WMI), All <i>Handout 9 – Science Project and Product Updates</i> <i>Handout 10 – Project Budgets</i> <i>Presentation: Update on Science Projects and Products</i></p>	<p>9:40 a.m.</p>
<p><b>6. Landscape Conservation Design Updates</b> Review of implementation of <i>Connect the Connecticut</i> conservation design effort and development of <i>Regional Conservation Opportunity Areas</i> <i>Expected Meeting Outcome:</i> Understanding of status and next steps for conservation design in the LCC and input on making designs useful for partners.</p>	<p>Scott Schwenk, Steve Fuller (LCC) <i>Handout 11– Regional Conservation Opportunity Areas progress report</i> <i>Handout 11a- Putting regional science to work for Northeast states</i> <i>Handout 12 – Conservation Design Review Process</i> <i>Presentation: RCOA Update</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m.</p>
<p><b>7. Implementing State Wildlife Action Plans</b> Discussion of how LCC member agencies and organizations could help implement State Wildlife Action Plans in each state in LCC <i>Expected Meeting Outcome:</i> Exchange ideas on how LCC can help with SWAP Implementation</p>	<p>Cathy Sparks (RI DEM), State Agency members, All</p>	<p>10:20 a.m.</p>
<p><b>8. Applying Conservation Designs</b> Examples of application of conservation designs in land trust planning, implementing NRCS grants, and NWRs land acquisition planning <i>Expected Meeting Outcome:</i> Understanding of how conservation designs are being applied.</p>	<p>Bill Labich (Highstead), Mike Slattery (FWS), Andrew Milliken and other partners. <i>Presentation: Application of Conservation Designs</i></p>	<p>10:40 a.m.</p>
<p><b>9. Science Delivery Updates</b> Review of progress on major categories of science delivery and science delivery projects <i>Expected Meeting Outcome:</i> Opportunity for input on science delivery.</p>	<p>Steve Fuller, Bridget Macdonald (LCC) <i>Handout 13- Summary of progress on science delivery</i></p>	<p>11:10 a.m.</p>
<p><b>10. Science Delivery to Towns</b> Presentation on Delivering LCC Science to Towns <i>Expected Meeting Outcome:</i> Understanding and input on how LCC information can be used by towns</p>	<p>Michale Glennon (WCS) <i>Presentation: Science Delivery to Towns</i></p>	<p>11:30 a.m.</p>

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<p><b>11. Delivering Climate Science in a State</b> Update on the Massachusetts Climate Action Tool <i>Expected Meeting Outcome:</i> Understanding of how state agencies can organize and deliver climate information</p>	<p>Jack Buckley (MA DFW) <i>Presentation: Update on the Massachusetts Climate Action Tool</i></p>	11:50
<b>LUNCH (provided)</b>		<b>12 noon</b>
<p><b>12. Steering Committee Roundtable</b> Each Steering Committee member to provide input on how we can help support who (staff, programs, partners) with information and tools to guide conservation on the ground from their agency or organizations perspective. <i>Expected Meeting Outcome:</i> Exchange of information on how to deliver science to best support programs in member agencies and organizations</p>	<p>Patty Riexinger (NYS DEC), Steering Committee Members <i>Handout 14 – LCC Science Products Summary Table</i> <i>Handout 15 – Updated State Fact Sheets</i></p>	12:45 p.m.
<b>BREAK</b>		2:15 p.m.
<p><b>13. Communications Updates</b> Review progress on communications and alternatives for Steering Committee consideration. <i>Expected Meeting Outcome:</i> Improved facilitation of helping Steering Committee communicate with their staff about LCC products and activities.</p>	<p>Dave Eisenhower (FWS), Bridget Macdonald (LCC)</p>	2:30 p.m.
<p><b>14. Forum on Sharing and Leveraging Resources</b> Hearing from federal and other Steering Committee members on what resources partner agencies and organizations can offer to assist other LCC agencies and organizations <i>Expected Meeting Outcome:</i> Understanding of what resources are available to help LCC partners</p>	<p>Pete Murdoch (USGS) and Mary Ratnaswamy (USGS-NECSC) Bill Jenkins (U.S. EPA) Katrina Krause (USFS/NE Climate Hub) Ellen Mecray (NOAA) <i>Presentations: Resources federal partner agencies can offer to LCC</i></p>	3:00 p.m.
<p><b>15. Other Business</b> <b>Next Call/Meeting</b></p>	<p>Ken Elowe, all</p>	3:50 p.m.
<b>ADJOURN</b>		<b>4:00 p.m.</b>

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