



INPUT NEEDED: FROM THE LCC NETWORK; STEERING COMMITTEES, COUNCIL, & PARTNERS

In 2014, Congress directed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to engage the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to review the LCCs. After considering significant input from state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders from the conservation community, the Academy released its *Review of the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives* in December 2015. The report is available [online](#).

Since the report was released in December 2015, the LCC Network has been conducting a deeper analysis of the review to fully distill the impact of the findings and recommendations to the LCC community. Ultimately, the LCC Network will use the report to set a trajectory for continual improvement; ensure the program is addressing landscape-scale conservation priorities; and demonstrate the benefits of landscape conservation and the LCCs to stakeholders and the nation.

NEXT STEPS TEAM & ACTION PLAN

The LCC Network has established a “Next Steps” team to develop and prioritize actions for addressing the NAS recommendations. The team includes four working groups: Strategic Plan and Performance Evaluation; Collaboration and Coordination; Landscape Conservation Design; and Communications. We expect to engage all elements of the Network - LCC steering committees, the LCC Council, States and other partners - in developing and implementing an Action Plan to continue to improve the LCC Network. As components of the Action Plan are developed, we will be seeking specific input and feedback from the Network. Our first request for input focuses on program evaluation. The Performance Evaluation team has developed an initial set of questions for Steering Committees and the Council to discuss and then provide input to their coordinator. This input will be used to help shape the process for developing LCC Network performance measures and for revising the [Network Strategic Plan](#). We expect to hold a workshop this fall to bring together those who are interested in participating in the development of LCC network performance measures. *Please provide input on these questions to your LCC coordinator or Elsa Haubold at Elsa_Haubold@fws.gov no later than May 21.*

SUMMARY OF LCC NETWORK STRATEGIC GOALS (for detail see the [Strategic Plan](#)):

Conservation Strategy; Collaborative Conservation; Science; and Communications.

QUESTIONS FOR STEERING COMMITTEES & LCC COUNCIL ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

1. What is important to this steering committee that we want to measure progress towards achieving?
2. Do you have recommendations for Performance Measures that are applicable for: 1) measuring conservation outcomes at the landscape-scale, and 2) measuring the benefits of collaboration? (*i.e., performance measure expertise and measurement systems*)
3. Given the NAS has concluded that developing Network-wide measures should be a high priority and that they should stem from the [LCC Network Strategic Plan](#).... (1) Is there anything not covered by the LCC Network Strategic plan that is important to measure across the LCC Network? (2) Each LCC is part of the LCC Network, what measures can be used to capture individual LCC contributions towards your LCC Network strategic plan goals and objectives?