

LCC Staff Action Items

- LCC staff will work with the RCOA team to compare initial RCOA results with individual state COA results and analyze differences and reason for those differences.

Specific analysis comparing RCOA results to those of individual states' COA results has been done in collaboration with agency staff in NJ and NH, and the consistency and/or complementarity of the products was found to be good. In other instances, LCC staff have performed cursory comparisons of RCOA results with other states' conservation network products, finding consistency and complementarity to be the norm. But specific analysis in collaboration with agency staff has not yet been done in these states. Such comparisons, performed in collaboration with agency staff, are intended to be performed for each Northeast state.

This is at the heart of the direction and guidance provided by the SC, to focus on science delivery and landscape conservation design as high priorities. The culmination of the RCOA work, and the Northeast Region Landscape Conservation Design it produced, will be presented at this SC meeting. It represents a heroic amount of work by LCC member organizations' staff. This accomplishment should be acknowledged, and celebrated, as a clear turning point in the growth and evolution of the North Atlantic LCC.

- LCC staff will work with New York State DEC and other interested agencies and organizations to schedule workshops on available information and tools from the North Atlantic LCC based on input and requests from steering committee members.

It was generally and collectively agreed that State agencies and other partners would rely on the many RCOA workshops, webinars and other interactions that presented opportunities to become informed about the availability and use of LCC information and tools. These venues and processes proved to be much more efficient to help multiple SC member/partners become familiarized with the tools. Workshops were hosted in NY and several other states, and other opportunities to share and promote LCC work were taken throughout the year, and across the Region.

- LCC staff will attend the Chesapeake Bay Habitat Goal implementation Team in May to contribute to discussions on conservation design using available information and tools and be available to attend Chesapeake Bay science team meetings.

LCC staff provided technical support materials from the RCOA process, and led discussion during the meeting which resulted in agreement to use the RCOA products as a basis for defining and mapping priority areas in which to focus Chesapeake habitat conservation/restoration actions in the coming years. The team will meet again in early November, likely in Pennsylvania, to focus on how it can help implement a Chesapeake set of RCOAs on the ground. In addition, LCC staff have participated in and supported several high profile Bay Program meetings.

- LCC staff will work with the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative to assess the feasibility and options for including a terrestrial passage module into the existing aquatic connectivity assessments, database and prioritizations.

The Collaborative is developing a module to consider Terrestrial Passage as part of the assessment of road-stream crossings, recognizing that terrestrial organisms also use streams and riparian areas as corridors for movement. A rough draft has been prepared and will be reviewed by users.

- Bridget Macdonald will be reaching out to meeting attendees who volunteered to share success stories and case studies from your organizations during our meeting.

NALCC has reached out to some of the Steering Committee members who volunteered to share success stories, but not all. The process is ongoing, and submissions are welcome. Currently, we are focusing on case studies that highlight potential applications for RCOAs, which are being developed as Testimonials for a public web site.

- LCC staff will develop and distribute a short survey to gather input needed to inform next steps as a result of the National Academy of Sciences Report. The compiled results of the survey will be provided to the steering committee and to the National LCC office.

The NALCC developed a survey in May to gather input on Performance Measures for LCCs, and the results were provided to the National LCC office by the comment period. If you would like to view the responses, with names withheld, please contact Bridget Macdonald.

LCC staff will post files from federal agency presentations given at the meeting to the LCC website.

[Link to posted files.](#)

- LCC staff will work with Northeast Climate Science Center, NOAA, and others to explore existing websites or opportunities for a new or revised website that describes available climate adaptation tools and provides links.

Underway. Climate adaptation tools are developing at such a great rate that a maintaining a current catalogue of what is available is challenging. However, NALCC tools have been included in climate clearinghouses developed by NOAA, FWS, and states. This summer three Hurricane Sandy-funded tools were added to U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit, developed by NOAA, which already featured an LCC-supported Science Delivery project within its "Taking Action" Case Studies. Last month the Fish Habitat Decision Support Tool was added to the new FWS Climate Change Portal.

- Andrew Milliken will outline proposed next steps and opportunities for engagement in a strategic plan update.

Our emphasis on completing the RCOA and Regional Design work prioritized by the Steering Committee put several items on a back burner, this being one. Importantly, staff discussion of this topic helped clarify that development of specific next steps and opportunities could be informed by what is learned through early efforts to test and use the tools. Such insights will be important, for instance, to any effort to frame/describe a process to organize and mobilize science delivery efforts.

- LCC staff will develop two fact sheets, one on how the North Atlantic LCC relates to and complements the Northeast Climate Science Center and one on how the LCC relates to and complements the joint ventures and fish habitat partnerships in the LCC region.

This remains a priority, but until now has been overtaken by the events described above. It will be returned to the “front burner.”