**North Atlantic LCC Steering Committee**

**Summary of Training Delivered**

The North Atlantic LCC has hosted five Science Delivery trainings in 2014. Four of the trainings were held in the Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office in February, March, June and August. One additional training was offered at the National Conservation Training Center in March. These trainings were conducted by Lori Pelech (Geographer and GIS Specialist), Renee Vieira Farnsworth (Spatial Data Manager), and Steve Fuller (Conservation Design Specialist) with the support of other LCC staff including Scott Schwenk (Science Coordinator) and BJ Richardson (GIS Coordinator, Region 5). Guest demonstrations and lectures were provided by UMass Amherst Landscape Ecology Lab staff member Joanna Grand and Chesapeake Conservancy staff members Joanna Ogburn and Jeff Allenby.

In the training sessions, which were attended by representatives of twelve of the thirteen Northeast states (listed below), participants learned about the ways in which to acquire and analyze data hosted by the North Atlantic LCC, as well as details regarding the available datasets. Platforms for downloading and visualizing data are comprised of the North Atlantic LCC’s Data Basin Conservation Planning Atlas and the spatial data repository on the North Atlantic LCC site. Datasets introduced to participants included species and climate models generated by the UMass Amherst Landscape Ecology Lab, in addition to a full suite of other environmental base data created by that lab in conjunction with the Designing Sustainable Landscapes project. Datasets created by The Nature Conservancy, including resilience and summarized statistics of environmental conditions by major road bound blocks were also discussed and demonstrated using analysis tools created by The Nature Conservancy and Chesapeake Conservancy. Additional datasets created and compiled by the North Atlantic LCC were also discussed and provided to participants.

Participants received a current version of available data at each training session via external hard drive, and were provided instructions on how to receive future additions to the suite of data being developed or any updated versions.

Please contact Lori Pelech (Lori\_Pelech@fws.gov) or Renee Vieira Farnsworth (Renee\_Vieira@fws.gov) if you would like additional information on these training sessions or want to request support.

**State Attendees to Science Delivery Training**

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Katie Callahan

Pete Bowman

Pete Steckler

**VT: None**

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MA:

Jonathan Brooks

CT:

Kate Moran

RI:

Amanda Freitas

Paul Jordan

PA:

Cathy Haffner

Joe Bishop

Diana Day (non-GIS attendee, phone)

NJ:

Pat Woerner

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Kevin Kalasz

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Chris Burkett

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