



LCC NETWORK PROGRESS REPORT: January 2017

Accomplishing Recommendations in the National Academy of Sciences Review of the LCCs

When the *Review of the LCCs* was released in December 2015, the LCC Network committed to reporting on our progress in responding to the National Academy of Sciences' recommendations. The LCC Network assembled a "Next Steps" team and drafted an Action Plan to set a trajectory of continual improvement. Implementation of the Action Plan is expected to take approximately two years, with many of the activities intended to be ongoing such as developing living documents and fostering ongoing, collaborative relationships.

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Strategic Plan & Performance Evaluation

OBJECTIVE: Update LCC Network Strategic Plan and improve performance measures

COMPLETED:

- Hosted two-day workshop with expert panelists from the NAS review team on value-focused thinking for strategic planning and evaluation
- Facilitated multiple input and review sessions with LCC staff
- Produced (3) rounds of revisions to Strategic Plan for LCC and partner feedback
- Hired consultant to lead the development of the LCC Network's formative and summative performance evaluation processes

TO DO:

- Finalize and release updated LCC Network Strategic Plan (end of 2017)
- Revisit existing LCC performance metrics to better align them to updated LCC Network strategic goals (TBD)
- Pilot the performance evaluation process (TBD)

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Collaborative Conservation

OBJECTIVE: Implement actions that improve the ability of LCCs to work collaboratively and coordinate landscape-scale conservation

COMPLETED:

- Completed a database identifying cross-representation of staff and partners on LCC, Joint Venture (JV), Fish Habitat Partnership (FHP), and Climate Science Center (CSC) steering committees and work groups
- Identified LCC projects where JVs, FHPs, and CSCs are contributors; summarized common themes of collaborative projects, and highlighted case examples
- Interviewed LCC, FHP, JV, CSC staff to assess state of collaboration and identify practices and considerations for collaboration success
- Convened monthly federal interagency meetings
- Consulted with states and initiated implementation of the recommendations from the Assoc. of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 2016 President's Task Force on LCCs

TO DO:

- Produce Best Practices and Standard Operating Procedures documents (TBD)
- Finalize Collaborative Conservation Plan with LCCs, FHPs, JVs, and CSCs (TBD)

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Landscape Conservation Design

OBJECTIVE: Develop clear guidance on LCC-supported Landscape Conservation Design (LCD)

COMPLETED:

- Consulted with expert, Craig Groves, used his research as a foundation for LCC guidance
- Held multiple info-gathering and review sessions with LCC staff and partners
- Defined LCC-supported Landscape Conservation Design
- Developed list of (8) Characteristics of LCC Design
- Reported to the U.S. Dept. of the Interior on the number of LCC-supported Designs available for use
- Created interactive, online LCD Mapper

TO DO:

- Produce Best Practices document for LCC Landscape Conservation Design (in progress)
- Continue to integrate with programs within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other federal agencies, and serve as a resource (ongoing)