

## **2016 Survey: AppLCC Steering Committee & Partners** (Aug)

### **IMPROVE & LCD**

**Q16 IMPROVEMENTS:** Please share your thoughts on how the products ("deliverables") could be **enhanced** in presentation **or improved** for application to your work?

### **PARTNERSHIP – Serving the LCC Community & Engagement Roles and Communications (*Enhancing the Partnership*)**

1. Communications internally with staff
2. I think the products are too much of a science product and not implementable right now and because it is a science product that hasn't built off of what State have done I have witnessed deep frustrations from partners
3. I just need the 10-30 second sound bite on how the product will improve conservation and how people are using it to improve conservation, who likes it!
4. Communication strategy that could be used internally would be helpful. Outline of presentation topics or some other factsheet that could be distributed to staff would help. Key is to get enough information for staff to identify how the tools or research would be helpful to them.
5. I think that working with potential users to understand what the most useful to present these tools to them would be helpful.
6. Perhaps a 1-page summary sheet that outlines each tool and briefly summarizes what it can do. Then, distribute that Summary Document widely across the LCC so more folks learn about these tools.
7. Have a series of regional mini-conferences with presentation by all the PIs on these projects
8. Provide examples/case studies of application
9. I feel sometimes in the webinar that I am in a college class and I have missed half of the semester coming into a classroom and have missed over half the class, can feel very overwhelming
10. Workshop on applications relevant to my geography would be desirable.
11. present case studies
12. I think the webinar model works well. Could expand that as a delivery tool.
13. Previous comments apply here.

### **SCIENCE FRAMEWORK – Foundation & Forum Science Products and Delivery (*Science in the Hands of...*)**

14. Landscape Conservation Design- ability to drill down the underlying data or query at a parcel or local level in order to identify conservation/management opportunities

15. have heard comments from organizations about moving to using finer scale data to support their decision making than what our tools provide
16. Develop a 'catalog' of available tools that can be made available to administrative and field staff; provide opportunities for hand-on training in the use of these tools.
17. All of the modeling products suffer from a lack of uncertainty analysis/communication. There needs to be a better way to communicate limitations/uncertainty.

**PROGRAMMATIC – Conservation Vision & Purpose of LCCs**  
**Strategic and Operational Planning (*Sustaining the Partnership*)**

18. I think that we are doing very well considering our resources.
19. Need to be applicable to local level or even parcel level project implementation

(3 responses – NA / too early in tenure)

**Q18 STEPPING DOWN REGIONAL DESIGN (LCD): What in your opinion would be the most effective way to “step down” the large-scale plan or regional designs (LCD predictive modeling informed prioritization maps) to partners in the field? Describe:**

**PROGRAMMATIC – Conservation Vision & Purpose of LCCs**  
**Strategic and Operational Planning (*Sustaining the Partnership*)**

1. LCC steering committee reps collaborate and assist in setting up step-down discussion within their agencies and in regional partnerships they are engaged in. In areas without steering committee representation, like AL, develop outreach plan for key agencies and partners. Develop step-down communication and outreach plan with steering committee assignments, volunteer commitments, and accountabilities.
2. I don't think stepping down is necessary. The emphasis should be on how to understand the regional design in the context of a finer resolution - said another way, how a local federal unit can use the information in a regional scale design to their best advantage.
3. As you know this will be tough given the "boundaries" partners have are jurisdictional, by watershed, by watershed section, etc. A one size fits all has been a hurdle for our prioritization and partner engagement as well.
4. Need to figure out who can field implement the work into on the ground projects and the funding for those projects
5. I believe that one of the most effective ways to step down these models is by developing (a series of?) pilot landscapes, where the latest science and LCC tools can be applied in a coordinated fashion across a large partnership of collaborators. I have developed a series of these types of landscape-level partnerships and they

have proven very effective at bringing teams together and prioritizing as a group across the landscape. It's also proven quite effective at focusing limited resources (personnel, financial, etc.) on the highest priorities of the landscape, not just Agency X lands.

6. I see two distinct opportunities here. The first is to provide tools (and training to use them) that allow partners to apply models and data to their own particular geography \*at a variety of scales\*. The second is to play defense a little bit and be proactive in helping partners to prevent bad things from happening in bad places. We have focused on high priority lands for conservation, but we should also be providing data on things not to do and places not to do them.
7. It is super important question. In my view the best way to do this would be to identify priority areas at the region scale, and then within those areas downscale the LCD. Doing this would require reworking targets and goals with more local groups and feeding new, more local data (finer resolution, better local coverage) into completely new "within the boundary of priority geography" conservation models. Also this should include social-cultural integration.
8. Put the right bait on the hook for a few targeted audiences that the LCC believes can have the biggest impact on protecting lands within the LCD.
9. Identifying stakeholders within the region, facilitate communication among and meetings of these stakeholders, offer training AppLCC tools, and formulate conservation design.
10. step down to major drainage basins (example Potomac, Ohio River Basin, etc and any other large partnership areas (FHPs) that overlap, then move to political boundaries, etc.
11. Work with each state to implement SWAP plans and on the ground projects
12. I would start by stepping up the State Wildlife Action Plans and have them meet in the middle. The standardization of the last revisions should allow for Conservation Opportunity Areas to be stepped up into the LCD.
13. Finding coalitions of partners within the LCC that would logically work together, and augment their efforts.
14. Aquatic and riparian resources are the Corps biggest concerns and generally requires a more refined approach to prioritization based mostly on the needs of vulnerable species and secondarily on the needs of resource species. At this point I believe, this step-down process should proceed by identifying the needs of a number of "indicator species" in addition to the umbrella species approach used so far.

## **PARTNERSHIP – Serving the LCC Community & Engagement Roles and Communications (*Enhancing the Partnership*)**

15. providing ability to analyze user-delineated area to determine what the LCD indicates is important about that area; addressing in some way, not necessarily through further analysis, the linkage/meaning of the LCD to partners with different resource priorities
16. Create a web based visualization tool for them to examine the data in their area of interest. Also create a tool where they can enter attribute information about their

- species/habitat of interest and have the tool customize the results to reflect this information.
17. Encourage collaboratives to develop in sub-LCC geographies like watersheds. Provide technical assistance to these collaboratives to make info available at their scales.
  18. I think this is something the partners should think of how to integrate and develop with the LCC
  19. partners self-identify their role in the regional plan, act on it
  20. Demonstrate what role a site (refuge, park, etc.) plays in the landscape. Clearly articulate what steps can be taken at the local level that will translate to success on the landscape. It is not easy for on the ground managers to see their day-to-day actions fit into the larger big picture (landscape) planning.
  21. extensive in-person interaction and hopefully collaboration
  22. Must be a two-way street, not just a top-down approach. Present regional design products to partners for vetting, and get feedback from these partners on conservation priorities and other plan elements.
  23. Ask the partners! What do you provide? What do they need? and what is the gap that needs to be filled?
  24. Involve the partners, particularly important to include local and regional planners who are part of urban and county planning which is often where the rubber meets the road. Reach out to local land managers such as Refuges, states, NPS, and USFS.
  25. Involve State Wildlife Action Plan coordinators.
  26. engage with selected groups of partners to develop step-down options
  27. Partners need to be brought together and meet each other across state and local boundaries to start thinking at a regional scale, so maybe establishing and ALCC conference would help both publicize the tools and get people thinking about landscape scale conservation
  28. Engage experts to work with local partners on interpretation/implementation at the local scale
  29. Communications with tech supported staff
  30. Through webinars and in-person meetings.
  31. Adoption training/support
  32. Increase awareness by sending a staff person to key meetings to present on the LCD; then having staff available to support questions that follow.
  33. Design Charettes
  34. Conduct multiple, regional workshops that engage field staff.
  35. Provide workshops/webinars on using the tools and many examples of utilization

## **SCIENCE FRAMEWORK – Foundation & Forum**

### **Science Products and Delivery (*Science in the Hands of...*)**

36. Need to involve appropriate technical staff at smaller scales from the start, integrate their input in an adaptive format that ensures their data needs are being addressed
37. Iterate planning and design inside focal geographies

38. Describing the LCD, then showing how it can be used AND how higher resolution or other partner data can be used in conjunction with the LCD to make it "locALLY" relevant to conservation program implemented a. Also need to describe how the LCD allows you to use a multi scale landscape approach
39. Ensure that product can be used at the fine scale in a manner that will help identify priorities that if applied and successful will aid conservation at the landscape level. Have the LCD show how what can be done at the local level fits in to the bigger picture.
40. Facilitate application of LCD tools at nested scales and help partnerships at those scales refine and adapt the process and products to address their particular needs and interests.
41. use case studies to illustrate use, tie to current efforts and show how this can help achieve goals
42. Provide state-boundary based tools to state resource management agencies

(3 responses = NA / too early in tenure)