

HO_1 - Agenda

Appalachian LCC Steering Committee Meeting: Sept 3rd-5th 2014

Dates & Times: Sept 3rd, 4th and 5th
[8am-5pm; Sept 3rd, 4th]
[8am-12:00, Sept 5th]

Location: National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) in Shepherdstown WV. Conference Room 2011E (Instructional East, 2nd floor)

Conference Phone Line and WebEx URL: For those participants calling into the meeting, the conference line is 866-832-8172, Passcode – 4951847#. For the Human Dimensions Presentations on Thursday from 8-10:30am, the URL for the presentation is:

<https://mmancusa.webex.com/mmancusa/j.php?MTID=m0accf048bd3b3dbf520c7a499ada52e1>
Password: Landscape

Reservations are made by calling 304-876-7900 and say you are requesting a room for the Appalachian LCC Steering Committee Meeting room block. There are currently 28 rooms blocked for the meeting. For more information about checking in, rates, and additional lodging options visit:

<http://nctc.fws.gov/campus/lodging.html>

Directions to NCTC are available on there website: <http://nctc.fws.gov/campus/getting-here.html>

(HO_2 – Meeting Participants) (HO_3 – AppLCC Fact Sheet)

The goal of this workshop is to assist the AppLCC (Cooperative partnership) with the initial decision-making phase of conservation planning as captured in three workshop outcomes:

1. Steering **Committee identifies “Priority Resources”** for this LCC partnership and geography (e.g., species, habitats, ecosystems or ecological processes, and/or economic or cultural resources) to focus application of conservation efforts and resources.
2. As the initial phase in what is anticipated as a year-long landscape-level modeling research effort, the Steering **Committee states preference regarding modeling approach and defines model inputs** to best inform planning efforts to conserve identified Priority Resources.
3. Steering Committee **provides direction regarding integration of socio-economic values or indices data and geospatial cultural datasets** in subsequent conservation planning and modeling.

Tue. Sept 2nd -- Check-in at NCTC

Afternoon-evening: Check-in at NCTC (*require photo ID to get onto property)

- Your lodging provides you with a meal pass (ID name tag) that covers all meals while at NCTC. The Commons (restaurant) will not be open for lunch but will be open for dinner on the 2nd. It resumes 3-meals a day service on the 3rd.
- If you are staying off-site you may purchase a daily meal ticket or pay for individual meals. You can either pay a la carte at the register in the dining hall (cheaper) or you can purchase a meal

pass at the Gift shop, which opens at 11am daily. The current per diem for lunch is \$13 and dinner is \$29.

6:00-8:30pm - Interpretive Kayak Paddle on the Potomac River - On Tuesday evenings the Friends of NCTC hosts a weekly interpretive kayak paddle on the Potomac River. Departing at 6:00 PM, SHARP, from the traffic circle adjacent to the Commons (next to the Social Science Lab - Lounge), paddlers will be shuttled to the NCTC boat ramp for a two-hour paddle/float around Terrapin Neck. Take-out is on the Maryland side of the river at Taylor's landing. For more information on costs, reservations, and points of contact, visit: <http://www.friendsofnctc.org/paddling.htm>

Wed. Sept 3rd -- Workshop (Day 1)
<p>8:00-8:30 -- Welcome & Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (30 min) [David Whitehurst/Chair] – Welcome & Intro New Members and Guests - Workshop Objectives & Outcomes [Jean Brennan/Coordinator] <p>8:30 - 9:50 (80 min) “Setting the Stage” for the Next 3-Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (20 min) [Danny Lee/FS] – Partner Perspective -- shared vision and “the Why” (20 min) [Ken Elowe/FWS] – Conservation Framework: Planning, Design, Delivery (20 min) [Paul Kazyak/AppLCC] – Review of other LCC’s Designation Priority Resources (20 min) [Dan Odess/NPS] – DOI LCC Focus for Natural Resources & Cultural Resources. DOI Initiative- Approach to SO3330. Introduction – CR / Mitigation and Landscape-level Planning] <p>9:50-10:00 (10 min) Q&A and Discussion</p>
10:00-10:30 Break (30 min)
<p>10:30-11:45 (75 min)-- Cultural Resource – Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (45 min) [Perry Wheelock/Jennifer Talken-Spaulding/NPS-NCR] -- AppLCC SC-tailored Introduction to Cultural Resources [Legal Framework from NHPA and Heritage Resources at the landscape level] (HO_4 – NPS Rural Landscapes) (30 min) Intro to CR-GIS (Quality of the data/ intro data sources) – Deidre McCarthy <p>11:45-12:00 (15 min) Q&A and Discussion</p>
12:00-1:00 Lunch (1 hour)
<p>1:00-2:00 (1 hour) -- Cultural Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (30 min) [Martha Raymond/NPS-NHA] – Introduction to the National Heritage Program (HO_5 – NPS NHA within AppLCC) (HO_6 – NHAs in Brief) (30 min) [Allen Sachse/Delaware & Lehigh Nat’l Heritage Corridor] <p>2:00-2:30 (30 min) Q&A and Discussion</p>
2:30-3:00 Break (30 min)
<p>3:00- 3:30 (30 min) Heritage Resources (part 1 – see Sept 4th part 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional Cultural Properties; People on the Land and along the Water – Jennifer Talken-Spaulding/NPS
<p>3:30-5:00 (1 hr 30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated Discussion on Day’s Sessions - with SC lead by Beth Porter/NPS and Dan – “seeded”

questions to develop + “parking lot” questions about cultural resources

Thur. Sept 4th – Workshop (Day 2)

8:00-8:20 Introduction/Recap - Mid-Atlantic/Appalachian -- Dan Odess

Vulnerable cultural resources; example and useful example of CR-GIS; impacts (including energy development) to natural resources that are also cultural resources; info from resources that we may need as we make decisions going forward; sensitivities associated with traditional cultural properties (*HO_7 – NPS Climate Change*)

8:20-9:00 (40 min) Heritage Resources (part 2)

- Traditional Cultural Properties; People on the Land and along the Water – Tim Murtha/NPS

9:00-9:30 (30 min) Q & A and Discussion

9:30-10:15 (45 min) -- Social Values & Socio-Economics: Introduction to the Vitality Index Tool [Live Webinar Broadcast]

- (25 min) [Rick Durbrow/EPA & Jim Fox/UNC-Asheville] – **Intro. SAMAB** (Southern Appalachian Man & the Biosphere) & **Vitality Index**
- (20 min) [Angie Chandler/Blue Ridge National Heritage Area] – Blue Ridge Use of Vitality Index Tool

10:15-10:30 (15 min) Q & A and Discussion

10:30-11:00 Break (30 min.)

11:00-11:15 – Revisit Workshop Objectives (Terms, Definitions) [Rob w/ PK]

11:15-11:30 (15 min) Rob Baldwin - Conservation in the Appalachians

- (Continuation of Day 1 “setting stage”) Spatial Prioritization

11:30-12:00 (30 min) Paul Leonard -- No Regrets

- (15 min) Quick intro of existing plan comparison
- (15 min) **Discussion: quick review of No Regrets results**

12:00-1:00 Lunch (1 hour)

1:00 - 1:45 (45 min) -- Planning Approaches

- (20 min Rob) Overview of systematic conservation planning methods: focus on regional (e.g., multi-state) projects
- (25 min) **Discussion: Clarity on competing approaches, strengths and weaknesses**

1:45 – 2:15 (30 min) -- Model Overview

- (20 min Rob) Focus on the ‘straw dog’: Site selection and connectivity modeling for the Appalachians
- (10 min Rob) Structure of workshop

2:15-2:45 Break (30 min)

2:45-3:45 (60 min) Paul Leonard -- Modelling Runs – (1st ‘generation’ “straw man’ model)

- “Straw man” results: site selection with Marxan and connectivity with Circuitscape

<p>3:45 – 4:00 (15 min) <u>Reflecting on Priority Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner Input as expressed by: Science Needs Portfolio, Data Needs SWAP Analysis, 103 Report/Program Analysis
<p>4:00 – 5:30 (1 hour 30 min) <u>Model Refinement /SC Inputs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (30 min) Rob Baldwin - Facilitated Discussion - Steering Committee offer, refine modeling input/stated priorities for live analysis on Day 3) (20 min) Rob and Paul Leonard -- Discussion – clarify any issues from the day <p>Send final Run to Palmetto Cluster Overnight [Paul]</p>
<p>Bonfire Event: [Matt] Announcement</p>

<p>Friday Sept 5th – Workshop (Day 3)</p>
<p>8:00-9:00 (60 min) -- <u>Continuation – Modeling Scenarios</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (20 min Paul) View and Compare Results from overnight Scenario Runs (20 min Rob) Discussion on yesterday’s presentation –new thoughts (20 min Rob and Paul-L) Gathering of ideas for Steering Committee on how to modify “straw man” model inputs/stated priorities (scenarios)
<p>9:00-10:00 (60 min) -- <u>Facilitated Discussion – (Paul Johansen, Vice-Chair AppLCC Facilitator)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (30 min) Rob Baldwin and Paul Leonard -- Ideas for how to improve SC scenarios including possible integration of Cultural, and Socio-Econ data & Vitality Index tool as part of planning process.
<p>10:00-10:30 Break (30 min)</p>
<p>10:30-12:00 – Steering Committee Business Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Plan: Reflection on the 5-Year Work Pan – review this year’s staff work plans (<i>HO_8-11 – Goal 1-4 Work Plan Report Card</i>) Science Investment: Update on funded research projects (<i>HO_12 – AppLCC Funded Research Projects</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by Lars & Danny [FS-AppLCC Collaborative IAA Research Project] Review of Final Deliverables from FY11/12/13 funded research Budget: FY14 Project funds, budget, & staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Science Coordinator position “State Adjunct” position – Science and Community Liaison Outreach – Paul Kazzyak Planning Portal: Enhanced functionality of AppLCC Web Planning Portal (Tool) Communications Workshop – Todd Fearer & Matt Cimitile Administrative Issues and Next Meeting