



AppLCC/TRGT Partners Meeting

April 24th 9:00am – 3:30pm

Outdoor Chattanooga, 200 River Street, Chattanooga, TN

For detailed meeting info (agenda, case study materials, directions, accommodations, etc.) click [HERE](#)

Purpose: Given the dwindling conservation dollars vs. the expanding threats to environmental conservation it is evident to truly be successful in conserving natural resources, we must work to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of all our efforts. To achieve this, it is essential we plan and work at a landscape level and engage a diversity of partners to leverage resources and prioritize science needs and conservation efforts. Most especially, it requires conservation planning at a landscape- or regional-level. The purpose of this workshop is to familiarize participants with the role and work of Appalachian LCC (collaborative member organization) and its work and resources available that can aide the broader conservation participants’ efforts to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of their local and regional conservation planning and management efforts.

9:00 – 9:30	Welcome, round-robin introductions, and workshop objectives	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are you looking to get out of this event and what do you bring / your perspective to today’s discussions • What is your exposure to the Appalachian Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) and similar landscape conservation approaches (i.e., beyond the administrative area of any single planning unit or organization) 	Rick Huffines (TRGT) Gillian Bee (AppLCC)
9:30 – 10:00	[Facilitated Group Discussion] Landscape-level Conservation	
	<p>Example Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we define “a landscape-level planning” and why do you see a need to work at a landscape-level? • Have you considered, or tried to implement a landscape-level planning effort or do you know of examples (what, where, scope, priorities)? 	Rick Huffines [Facilitator]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What barriers have you experienced or currently exist that influences your ability to work at a larger-scale? How have you been able to overcome those? 	
10:00 – 10:30	<p>[Presentation] Working at a Landscape-level & the Role of LCCs (Landscape Conservation Cooperatives)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What: Develop and deliver science to inform conservation actions at scales that make lasting difference for people and wildlife. • Why: Enhance quality of life, make communities resilient to environmental change and natural disasters and sustain the natural and cultural resources we care about. • How: Connect partners to connect landscapes - bring together different organizations, expertise, science and sectors to tackle long-term conservation challenges. 	Matt Cimitile (AppLCC)
10:30 – 10:45	Q&A	
10:45 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 11:15	<p>[Presentation] A Forum for Landscape Conservation Collaboration – Networking and Sharing Expertise, Innovation, and Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Key mission of LCC - Bringing diverse partners together to identify and work together on key needs and priorities that move landscape conservation forward • Networking and outreach resources available on Web Portal • Enhancing Partner Synergy in Focal Areas: Tennessee River Basin Example 	Matt Cimitile
11:15– 12:00	<p>[Presentation] AppLCC science-based resources to support the planning and actions of the conservation community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AppLCC Funded Research – a review of developed resources and tools to help guide conservation planning • Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment - a resource where users can view and search species by vulnerability 	Gillian Bee

	<p>scores, conservation status ranks, state and sub region of assessment, and higher taxonomy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Planning Atlas – a platform for data discovery, sharing and collaboration for stakeholders throughout the Appalachian LCC region. 	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch – Off-site or brown bag	
1:00 – 1:15	Q&A - on previous sessions	
1:15 – 1:45	[Presentation] AppLCC Landscape Conservation Design (LCD2)	Gillian Bee
1:45 – 2:00	Case Scenario – How TRGT can apply the LCD to their work	Rick Huffines
2:00 – 3:00	<p>[Facilitated Group Discussion] How AppLCC resources can enhance workshop participants’ work and how participants may apply these resources in their own conservation planning efforts.</p> <p>Example Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you think these resources can make your work more effective and sustainable? • Are there opportunities to utilized these resources to knock down barriers identified by the community? • How might these resources serve as guidance or be applied in the work plans to support your organization? 	Rick Huffines Gillian Bee Matt Cimitile Marilyn Knight [Facilitators]
3:00 – 3:30	Feedback & Wrap-up	Rick Huffines Gillian Bee