



## Gulf Coastal Plains & Ozarks Landscape Conservation Cooperative

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## The Wide Angle View

*News from Greg Wathen, LCC Coordinator*

### Shared Knowledge: the Real Power behind Conservation in the 21st Century

A number of years ago I attended a Management Board meeting of the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture in Vicksburg, MS, in which much of the Management Board's time was spent peering at computer screens and learning how to operate a Geographic Information System. The Management Board was treated to the latest in geospatial information available through the LMVJV, and we got a crash course in how to view that data in a GIS. At the end of the meeting, we were all provided a set of CD's full of geospatial data, to carry back home with us, presumably to share with our colleagues and staffs within our own agencies. . .

[Read more](#) to learn what the GCPO LCC is doing to share conservation knowledge

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## From Under the Scope

*News from John Tirpak, LCC Science Coordinator*

### ASMT Continues to Make Progress on the GCPO LCC Integrated Science Agenda

The Adaptation Science Management Team has convened twice by conference call over the last few weeks to take the next steps towards making Strategic



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### ***Opportunities & Events***

[Register for the April 17 webinar demonstrating the GCPO LCC's new Conservation Planning Atlas tool](#)

[Attend the joint meeting of the GCPO LCC and Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership Steering Committees in Memphis June 4-6](#)

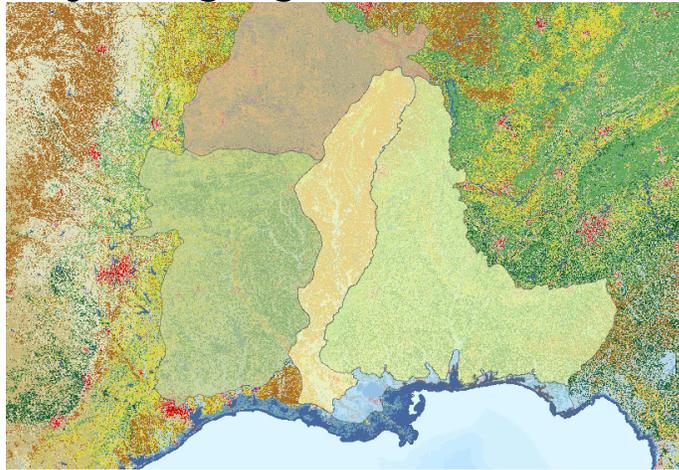
[All Hands meeting of the Gulf](#)

Habitat Conservation a reality in the GCPOLCC. The first call was on March 7th ([View a 30-minute recording of the presentation](#)) during which the Team reviewed the draft Integrated Science Agenda ([View the most recent version](#)) and its 7 science need themes. The group also discussed its work plan and some immediate next steps, including development of desired ecological states reflecting landscape and species endpoints for the priority habitat types within each subgeography.

[Read more](#) to learn about the most recent ASMT work product

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## **Project Highlight**



### **New Conservation Planning Atlas for the Southeast Provides most current, relevant & hard-to-find spatial datasets**

by Gregg Elliott

An effort that has been more than two years in the making has finally come to fruition with the opening of the Conservation Planning Atlas or CPA. Designed to allow everyone from GIS gurus to those with no GIS experience at all to make maps and perform analyses, the tool is accessible to anyone with an internet connection. The CPA was designed specifically to address three major problems plaguing those who wish to use spatial analysis tools . . .

[Read more](#) about the features of the CPA and how it was created

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[of Mexico Alliance June 25-27](#)

[2013 Walton Family Foundation grants for AR, LA, MS delta habitat restoration](#)

[Alabama Section 6 funding Request For Proposals](#)

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### **News You Can Use**

[EPA says more than half of nation's streams in poor condition, worst in Gulf Coast states](#)

[National Fish, Wildlife and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy, an NCTC-sponsored webinar](#)



### ***Our LCC Network (border LCCs & CSCs)***

[Read the Southeastern Conservation Adaptation Strategy: A Conservation Landscape for the Future](#), presented at the 2013 North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference

[A new group for LCC and CSC communicators to coordinate and improve communications](#)

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## **GCPO LCC Highlights**

**Bookmark & explore the GCPO LCC's new Conservation Planning Atlas on your own:**

<http://gcpolcc.databasin.org/>

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**Registration is **required** for the April 17 webinar demonstration of the Conservation Planning Atlas**

This event will be held 2:30 to 4pm CST, with attendance limited to 200. [Register here.](#)

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### **Relaunch of gcpolcc.org**

You asked for changes and we listened! In an effort to be responsive to the needs of our GCPO LCC web community, we relaunched [gcpolcc.org](http://gcpolcc.org) on April 6, 2013. The site was redesigned to make navigation more intuitive and to minimize the number of clicks required to take you to the most popular content. It now includes two major additions: a [Projects database](#) and a link to the [Conservation Planning Atlas](#) (CPA).

[Read more](#) or [send us your comments directly](#)

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## **From the Gulf Coast**

### **Gulf Coast Vulnerability Assessment Recorded Webinar Series**

The Gulf Coast Vulnerability Assessment (GCVA) Steering Committee held a series of webinars for project team members from Jan. 17, 2013 to Feb. 27, 2013. The purpose of these webinars was to share information about several ongoing projects that support the goal of the GCVA to provide a better understanding of the effects of climate change, sea level rise, and land use change on Gulf Coast ecosystems and their species. Below is information about the presentations given during each webinar and a link to each recording. I hope that you will find this information useful. Please feel free to contact me with any questions ([Laurie.Rounds@noaa.gov](mailto:Laurie.Rounds@noaa.gov)).

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