



SOUTH ATLANTIC

LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION COOPERATIVE

Year 3 (2014-2015) Operations Plan

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Italicized text = Strategic plan objectives

Blueprint development- Complete v2.0 by June 2015

- Develop v2.0 of the Blueprint as a hybrid between v1.0's expert knowledge and a more data (indicators) driven approach:
 - Integrate/optimize across indicators;
 - Continue to build and improve predictions of future condition of indicators in relation to established targets;
 - Revise natural and cultural resource indicators and targets as needed (w/SC approval);
 - Build and improve the ability to model the impact of specific conservation actions on indicators and targets;
 - Build/validate models that allow the Blueprint to target conservation actions for priority (as determined by SC) rare and at-risk-species.

- *Link South Atlantic LCC blueprint to other LCCs and partnerships to achieve a seamless North American conservation network:*
 - Merge with Peninsular FL design (CLIP 4.0);
 - Continue to support Gulf Coast Vulnerability Assessment;
 - Support development of a Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy effort.

- Provide transparency about how the Blueprint is resilient to climate change:
 - Connect climate science literature to natural resource indicators (presentation & content);
 - Crosswalk Blueprint with National Fish Wildlife and Plant Climate Adaptation Strategy, i.e., How does the Blueprint address the Strategy?

Provide support for conservation investment decisions - Facilitate Blueprint Implementation

- *Develop a formal process for understanding and responding to the needs and requirements of key partners:*
 - Work with individual SC partners to identify an opportunity to test how Blueprint v1.0 can inform a relevant conservation decision within their organization.

- *Provide support that spans decision-making needs from policy makers to local managers:*
 - Support members of the User Team in their use (and testing) of Blueprint v1.0 to inform a relevant conservation decision.
- *Facilitate understanding and effective use of available conservation planning and decision support tools and assist conservation managers in planning for change:*
 - Use Blueprint v1.0 and its component parts to support State Wildlife Action Plan coordinators in their 2015 revisions.
- Develop and implement an approach to measure the success of different types of support.

Facilitate collaboration to maximize conservation investment

- *Coordinate conservation actions that integrate and enhance existing partnerships:*
 - Test Blueprint v1.0 in informing northern bobwhite quail initiative across South Atlantic LCC states;
 - Scope potential interest in supporting:
 - Eastern NC Southeast VA team/Southeast Natural Resources Leadership; Group/Albemarle Pamlico National Estuary Program w/r to a Roanoke retreat corridor?
 - Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability - Living shorelines?
 - Other corridors.
- *Identify & communicate priority shared science needs to DOI Climate Science Centers.*

Promote data integration and sharing

- Continue to update and improve the Conservation Planning atlas by:
 - Making SALCC project data sets available;
 - Improving Blueprint access/usability;
 - Including other data (if it is related to the blueprint)
 - Integrate data on past and current condition of SALCC indicators;
 - Work with individual data managers to integrate the Conservation Planning Atlas into other sites.

Evaluate and report

- Mission Accomplishment
 - Continue to test the ability of South Atlantic LCC indicators to represent other ecosystem components (species, habitats, ecological processes, etc.)
 - Continue to build and improve report card for past and current condition of SALCC indicators (State of the South Atlantic);
 - Track the use of the Blueprint and how decisions are changing based on it;
 - Initiate monitoring team discussions on tracking indicators, landscape change, etc.

- Operational Effectiveness
 - Evaluate performance of the Cooperative and develop annual report card.

Business processes

- *Support National Network efforts to develop consistent approaches and communicate successes:*
 - LCC Network strategic planning;
 - LCC Network “ecologically connected network”;
 - LCC Council;
 - Share approaches and lessons learned with other LCCs and partnerships.
- *Develop additional partnership processes to ensure effective collaborative governance and transparency:*
 - Develop a more formal and transparent process to inform Climate Science Center of South Atlantic LCC needs.

Communications

- Maintain major LCC communication avenues (Newsletter, Web Forum, Website);
- Redesign South Atlantic LCC website;
- Develop focused messaging on the value of LCC efforts;
- Develop 10 min powerpoint brief for use by Steering Committee members and others;
- Continue to produce recorded tutorials on features of the Conservation Planning Atlas;
- Clarify how the Cooperative can inform a diversity of use cases (land planning, land acquisition, infrastructure) and if you have those needs how do you get help.