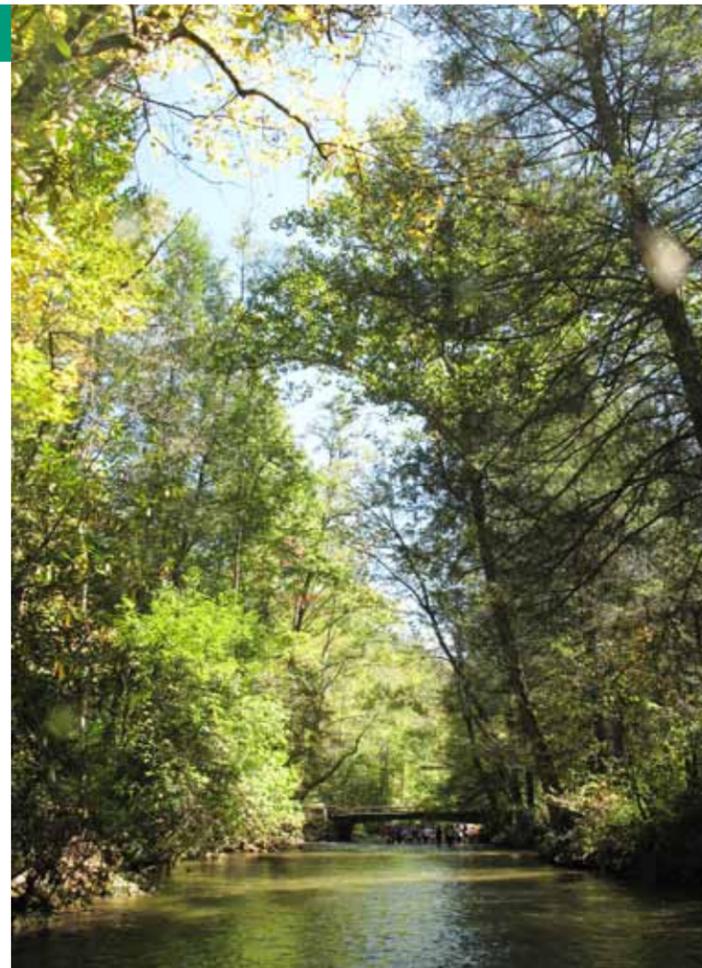


# Strategic Habitat Conservation Workshop Appalachian Landscape Conservation Geography

*Johnson City, Tennessee*

*January 26-28, 2010*

## Agenda



*North Fork Mill River by Gary Peeples/USFWS*

- 3 pm Break
- 3:30 pm Group Reports from Breakout Session – All  
Each group will have 10 minutes to summarize the highlights of discussions and responses to questions posed
- 4:30 pm Adjourn

### Thursday, January 28

**Moderator:** Maureen Gallagher, Coordinator, National Fish Habitat Action Plan

- 8 am **Landscape Conservation Cooperatives Development – What is an LCC?**  
Bill Uhlein, Lower Mississippi Joint Venture, MS
- 8:45 am **Landscape Conservation Cooperatives The South Atlantic Example**  
Pete Benjamin, Raleigh ES Field Office, NC, Southeast Region
- 9:15 am **Linkages between Landscape Conservation Cooperatives and Joint Ventures**  
Dean Demarest, Migratory Birds, Southeast Region
- 9:45 am Questions and Answers of three previous presenters.
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:45 am **Our Opportunity – The Appalachian Landscape Conservation Cooperative**  
Breakout discussions addressing following questions:  
What are we currently doing well related to SHC?  
Where are our shortcomings?  
How can we fill these gaps, advance SHC, and take conservation to the next level?  
What specific functions would an LCC address and why vs. other actions or initiatives?



*White-tailed deer by Steve Hillebrand*

How do you want to contribute to setting priorities in the LCC?

How would the Appalachian LCC interact with other LCCs?

12 noon Lunch

- 1 pm **Our Opportunity - The Appalachian Landscape Conservation Cooperative (continued)**  
Each group will have 10 minutes to report top three to five issues from discussion
- 2 pm **LCC Development in the Appalachian**  
Sherry Morgan, Assistant Regional Director, Migratory Birds and State Programs
- 2:15 pm Break
- 2:30 pm **What are Our Next Steps?**  
Group Discussion (Led by Patrick Leonard, Linda Kelsey, Sherry Morgan, and Maureen Gallagher)  
What specific actions need to be taken to keep this dialogue going and move this effort forward?  
How should we broaden the dialogue and who needs to be included?  
What relationships do we need to build?  
What opportunities are on the horizon and are there specific time tables we should strategically synchronize with ours (e.g., FY10-11)?  
Summary of Next Steps

3:30 pm Adjourn

**Friday, January 29**  
Travel

### Goals for the Workshop

*Discuss Strategic Habitat Conservation and ensure a common understanding of this conservation approach.*

*Identify which of the five elements are being addressed to some degree and where gaps in SHC implementation are clear.*

*Begin to develop a common vision for SHC in the Appalachian Geographic Area, including the functions of a Landscape Conservation Cooperative, and outline a clear set of next steps for broadening the discussion as appropriate and finalizing our vision.*



*by Gary Peeples/USFWS*

**Monday, January 25**  
Travel to Johnson City, TN

### Tuesday, January 26

8 am **Welcome and Introductions**

Expectations, Roles, Responsibilities, and Ground Rules. Question cards will be made available

Linda Kelsey, Assistant Regional Director, Fisheries, Southeast Region

Sherry Morgan, Assistant Regional Director, Migratory Birds and State Programs, Northeast Region

Patrick Leonard, Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Southeast Region

Maureen Gallagher, Coordinator, National Fish Habitat Action Plan, Midwest Region

**Moderator:** Jack Arnold, Deputy Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Southeast Region

8:30 am **Five Elements of SHC, Why They are Important, and Opportunities on the Horizon**

Mike Millard, Northeast Fisheries Center, Northeast Region

9 am **Panel Discussion: Using SHC as the Service's Approach to Meeting Conservation Challenges: What's Been Done and What's Our Vision for the Future?**

Elizabeth Souheaver, Refuge Supervisor, Area II and Guiding Coalition Chair, Southeast Region



Maureen Gallagher, Midwest Region Coordinator, National Fish Habitat Action Plan

Sherry Morgan, ARD, Migratory Birds and State Programs, Northeast Region

9:45 am **The Climate Change Connection: What's Been Done and What's Our Vision for the Future?**



Anita Goetz with Appalachian Elktoe Mussels by Gary Peeples, USFWS

Cindy Bohn, Ecological Services, Southeast Region

10:15 am Break

10:30 am **High Elevation Plants**

**Applying Five Functional Elements of SHC**

Brian Cole, Asheville ES Field Office, Southeast Region

11 am **Critical Watersheds**

**Applying Five Functional Elements of SHC**

Mary Jennings, Cookeville ES Field Office, Southeast Region, and Brent Harrel, Kentucky ES Field Office

12 noon Lunch

1 pm **At-Risk Fish and Mussel Species: A Watershed Approach, Applying Five Functional Elements of SHC**

Brian Cole, Asheville ES Field Office, Southeast Region and Roberta Hylton, Southwest Virginia ES Field Office, Northeast Region

2 pm Break

2:30 pm **Appalachian and Central Hardwoods Joint Ventures**

**Developing and Implementing a Vision of Landscape Sustainability through Strategic Conservation**

Jane Fitzgerald, Central Hardwoods Joint Venture

3:15 pm **Questions and Answers: Applying Five Functional Elements of SHC**

Previous Presenters, Participants, Moderator  
How do we measure up with respect to what SHC asks of us?



Bog turtle by Gary Peeples/USFWS

4:30 pm Adjourn

**Wednesday, January 27**

**Moderator:** Sherry Morgan, Assistant Regional Director, Migratory Birds and State Programs, Northeast Region

8 am **Landscape Conservation Leadership by the Tennessee Valley Authority**

Jason Mitchell, Tennessee Valley Authority, TN

8:30 am **Landscape Conservation Leadership by Our State Partners**

Bill Reeves, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, TN

9 am **Landscape Conservation Leadership within National Park Service**

Joe Deviva, National Park Service, GA

9:30 am **Landscape Conservation Leadership by Southeast Aquatic Resource Partnership**

Scott Robinson, Coordinator, Southeast Aquatic Resource Partnership, GA

10 am Break

10:30 am **Landscape Conservation Leadership by the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture**

Callie McMunigal, Appalachian Partnership Coordination Office, WV

11 am **Landscape Conservation Leadership by the Ohio River Basin Fish/Mussel Habitat Partnership**

Rob Simmonds, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office, IL

11:30 am Questions and Answers

12 noon Lunch

1 pm **Implementing SHC in Appalachian Geographic Area**

Five breakout groups, rooms permitting. Each group will be provided with 90 minutes (+/-) to explore a series of questions intended to stimulate thinking about SHC... things like the relationships and interdependence among the various elements/activities of SHC, the scales at which these elements/activities need to be addressed, who addresses them, and the importance of partnership approaches in addressing them.

Each breakout group will explore the same series of questions, guided by a facilitator, and will be provided with time to share their thoughts and findings with the entire audience for further discussion and learning.



Gray's Lily by USFWS

**Facilitated Breakout Session (Facilitators:** Cindy Bohn, Patrick Leonard, Sherry Morgan, Maureen Gallagher, Roxanna Hinzman, other folks)

1:15 pm **Implementing SHC in Appalachian Geographic Area – Breakout Discussions**

Questions for each breakout group to explore:

■ **Biological Planning**

What is its core purpose, what activities comprise it, and what does it result in?

a) What is/are the appropriate scale(s) from which to address Biological Planning?

b) What people, organizations or partnerships are best positioned to address Biological Planning activities?

c) What information or resources are necessary for effective Biological Planning?

d) Is there a particular aspect of Biological Planning that seems most important? Why?

■ **Conservation Design**

What is its core purpose, what activities comprise it, and what does it result in?

a) What is/are the appropriate scale(s) from which to address Conservation Design?

b) What people, organizations or partnerships are best positioned to address Conservation Design activities?

c) What information or resources are necessary for effective Conservation Design?

d) Is there a particular aspect of Conservation Design that seems most important? Why?

■ **Conservation Delivery**

What is its core purpose, what activities comprise it, and what does it result in?

a) What is/are the appropriate scale(s) from which to address Conservation Delivery?

b) What people, organizations or partnerships are best positioned to address Conservation Delivery activities?

c) What information or resources are necessary for effective Conservation Delivery?

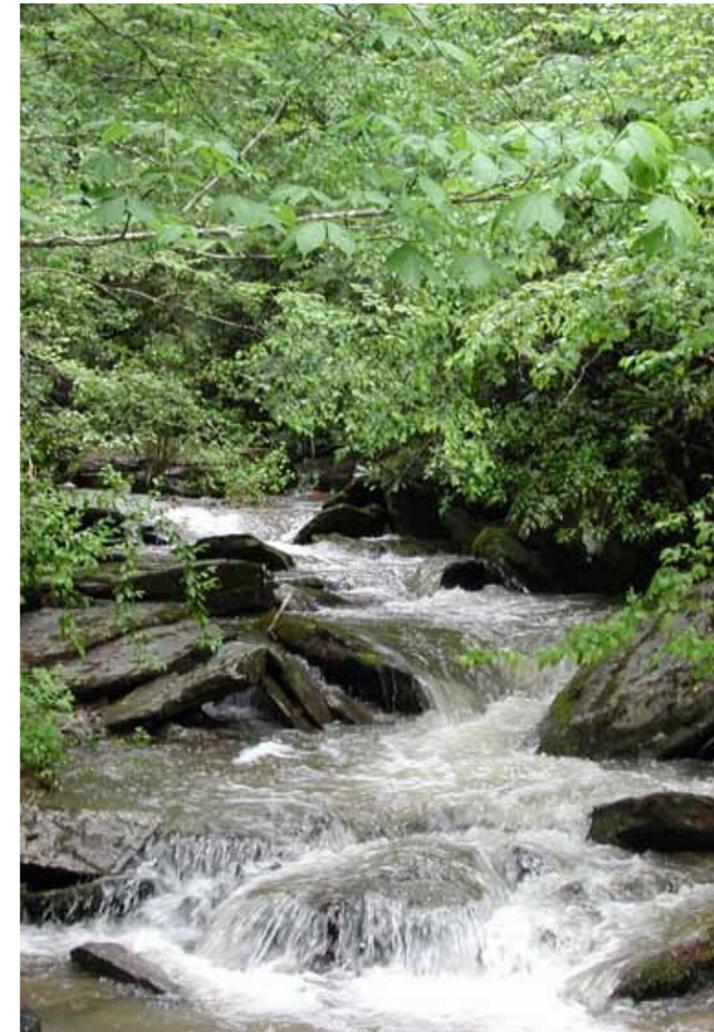
d) Is there a particular aspect of Conservation Delivery that seems most important? Why?

■ **Assumption Driven Research**

What is its core purpose, what activities comprise it, and what does it result in?

a) What is/are the appropriate scale(s) from which to address Research?

b) What people, organizations or partnerships are best positioned to address Research activities?



Tributary to Abrams Creek by Gary Peeples/USFWS

c) What information or resources are necessary for effective Research?

d) Is there a particular aspect of Research that seems most important? Why?

■ **Outcome-based Monitoring/Evaluation**

What is its core purpose, what activities comprise it, and what does it result in?

a) What is/are the appropriate scale(s) from which to address M/E?

b) What people, organizations or partnerships are best positioned to address M/E activities?

c) What information or resources are necessary for effective M/E?

d) Is there a particular aspect of M/E that seems most important? Why?

■ In terms of the Appalachian landscape, what are some ways to ensure that all of the functional elements of SHC are systematically addressed and progressively refined?

■ What are some "lesson's learned" from this exercise?