**Interview questions which will be presented during December meeting.**

One aim of these interviews is to get interviewees to diagnose what works or doesn’t for the partnership. We will categorize interviewees based on if they are best described as: 1) management/restoration, 2) education/outreach, 3) partnership/engagement, or and 4) science/research. Interviewees will also be divided based on if they are in the south or north. The main roles/contributions of the LCC have been 1) facilitating planning, 2) leveraging resources, 3) developing tools and strategies, 4) networking communities, and 5) building capacity. The results from interviews will be presented in two sessions at the December meeting.

**Session 1: Stock-taking**

Based on your observations, did the LCC model, advance conservation in Appalachia and/or nationally, and if so, what aspects of conservation? Help me understand how this came to be? If not, why do you think it didn’t?

**Session 2: Partnership going forward**

1. Which conservation issues faced by your organization/agency can be most effectively addressed at a landscape level that crosses partner boundaries?
2. Tell me those landscape level conservation issues that you want the partnership to address.
   1. Are there conservation issues the LCC/ACP cannot effectively address? Why not? Which type of organization/approach might be more effective?
   2. If the inclusion of socioeconomic and/or cultural considerations is important to your work, what aspect of these should our partnership focus on in the future?
3. Based on your experience with the AppLCC, in the future how can we work together to build stronger trust among partner organizations?
4. What have been the most important roles/contributions of the Appalachian LCC to date, and should any of the prior projects or activities continue?
5. What have you learned from your engagement in the LCC?
6. I’m hearing that large landscape conservation is needed now more than ever, so what is the benefit of this? If it fails, what will be the conservation impacts? What would the greatest loss be if the LCC partnership no longer existed?
7. Can you describe for me what overall success might look like for an Appalachian conservation partnership? In the next 5 years how would you measure success?
8. If you could back up to the beginning of the LCC, is there anything you would do differently (in terms of mission/focus, structure, approach, participants, connection to other networks/efforts, research, products, etc.)? If there is anything you would do differently, are they relevant to today and moving forward?
9. How can the LCC be of more benefit or value to you, your organization and/or partners?