AppLCC Partner Phone Interviews

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1. **Participant information**

A1. What is your current occupation? Can you describe your role? (supervisory, research, policy and administrative, etc. what is responsibility)

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A2. What is the main focus of your work?

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A3. Of the following categories, which would you say occupies the bulk of your time?

* Management/Restoration
* Education/Outreach
* Partnership/Engage
* Science/Research

A4. How long have you been in this position? \_\_\_\_\_

A5. Can you describe your involvement in natural resource management, or stewardship and policy over the course of your career?

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A6. Does your work involve cultural resources? Can you describe this?

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A7. What is the mission of your organization?

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1. **Participant engagement/experience with AppLCC**

B2. How often have you been engaged in any of the following LCC-related activities in the past year? Past 5 years? Describe your involvement.

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| Engagement | Y/N 1 | Y/N 5 | Description |
| Phone calls |  |  |  |
| Webinar |  |  |  |
| Annual meeting |  |  |  |
| Work groups |  |  |  |
| Hosted meetings |  |  |  |
| Provided feedback on tools |  |  |  |
| Other engagements? |  |  |  |

B3. How long have you been on the steering committee? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B4. What factors led you to join the steering committee?

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B5. What is the function of your membership in the LCC for your home organization? How do you report back to your organization about your LCC engagement? (e.g. 1) I get on call no one ever hears about it. 2) I’m on a call and report out, 3) I get on call and am part of working group, 4) I get on call and actively report out on meetings and availability of tools)

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B6. Does being part of the LCC benefit your organization? What are the main benefits your organization has experienced by being part of the LCC?

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B7. What challenges have you/organization faced participating in the LCC?

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B8. How can the LCC be of more benefit/value to you, your organization, or partners?

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1. **Successes and Achievements of LCC**

C1. Given your experience with the LCC, what have been its main successes? (probe: can you list the top 3-4?)

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C2. What other ways could the LCC have been more successful? (what are some areas where the LCC was not as successful?)

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C3. I’m going to read you a list of some roles the LCC has filled. Could you rank them from 1-5 (5 being most successful) as to what extent the LCC been successful at each? Why has or hasn’t it been successful in this role?

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| Action | Rank | | | | | Explanation |
| Coordinating regional partners? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| Communicating science information? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| Developing decision-making tools? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| Funding partner research/management projects? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| Producing scientific information? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| Conserving cultural resources? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |

C4. 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?

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1. **Opportunities/limitations of LCC and large landscape partnerships**

D1. What types of conservation issues has the LCC addressed most effectively?

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D2. Tell me about a time when the LCC, working as a cooperative, was able to tackle a conservation problem that could not have been addressed at a smaller spatial or organizational scale.

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D3. Are there conservation issues the LCC cannot effectively address? Why not? Which type of organization/approach might be more effective?

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D4. What does success look like for landscape-level conservation?

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D5. How has the LCC worked to build trust among partner organizations?

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D6. What have been the most important contributions of the AppLCC to date (freelist). Tell me about X output. Should any of the prior projects or activities continue?

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D7. What are some ways the LCC could be improved? (list 3-4)

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D8. Out of the 5 roles in the following list, how central is each item as a main contribution of the LCC? Could you rank them from 1-5 (5 being the most important contribution, 1 being the least important). Why would you say this is the case?

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| Role | Rank | | | | | Explanation |
| Facilitating planning | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| Leveraging resources | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| Developing tools and strategies | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| Networking communities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| Building capacity | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| Other | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |

D9. 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?

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D10. Are you or your organization members of other partnerships in addition to the LCC? How is your involvement in other partnerships similar to or different from involvement in the LCC? How do these partnerships differ from the LCC?

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D11. Do you think Landscape Conservation Cooperatives play a distinct role in facilitating conservation at the regional scale? If so, how?

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**BB. Structure and priorities of LCC partnership**

BB1. In your opinion, who are the key partner organizations in the LCC?

1. In what ways are these members central to the LCC?

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1. You mentioned X organization, what are some of the ways they engage with the LCC? Why do you think they are involved?

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| Organization | Way involved, explanation |
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1. Is there anyone who is not a core partner, but should be? Why do you think they would benefit the LCC? (Why are they not currently involved? What would it take to involve them? How might they contribute to LCC?)

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BB2. What are the top priorities for your LCC? (freelist)

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BB3. What are the top conservation priorities for your LCC?

BB4. How do these priorities get decided?

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BB5. How has the AppLCC integrated cultural resources into its work?

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1. **Looking forward**

E1. Reflecting on the LCC model, what have you learned from that partnership for moving forward? What are the lessons moving forward?

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E2. What would the greatest loss be if the LCC no longer existed?

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E3. What do you hope is the legacy of the LCCs?

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E4. What do you see as the future of the LCCs?

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E6. 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 these changes relevant today and for the partnership moving forward?

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1. **Large landscape conservation in general**

F1. Thinking to the future, which conservation issues can be most effectively addressed at a landscape level that crosses partner boundaries? Why is this the case

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F2. Do you think there is a need to coordinate regional conservation efforts? What will this accomplish? [Can you explain to me the benefits of landscape conservation?]

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F3. What will it take to effectively conserve landscapes at multiple temporal and spatial scales?

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F4. What are the greatest threats to conservation in your region?

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F5a. Greatest threats to cultural resource conservation in your region?

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F5b. How are these threats being addressed?

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F6. If the LCCs were to continue for another five years, what would you want the cooperative to focus its efforts on?

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F7. Tell me about those landscape level conservation issues that you want the partnership to address in the next 5 years.

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F8. 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?

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1. **Additional LCC involvement questions**

G1. Were you involved with the LCC before joining the steering committee? If so, for how long and in what way? How did this differ from your current involvement?

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G2. Were you involved in drafting the 5-year work plan?

1. How did the work plan develop? Who decided on the conservation priorities?
2. Describe your involvement in the process.
3. Do you feel the goals of your organization were represented in the final work plan? Why or why not?
4. If this process were to begin again, who would you include who was not included the first time around?

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G3. Were you or your organization involved in the development of any LCC tools or research products?

* + - 1. What was the process through which this tool was developed? Can you explain the timeline and tasks that were required?
      2. Describe your involvement.

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G4. What questions would you like to ask partner organizations about their experience being involved in the LCC?