**Agenda**

Connecticut River Landscape Conservation Design Pilot – Core Team Meeting

February 24, 2014

**Welcome, Logistics (facilities, snacks, lunch, sign in sheet, etc.)**

**Introductions**

**Overview of Agenda**

**What is this project about? – Overview (Nancy and Ken) (15-20 min)**

* Landscape Conservation Design
* Initiating Pilot Project
* Proposed Process for Conducting Pilot
* Relationship to Silvio O. Conte Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan

**What is history and context and what information and tools are available? (Andrew and Scott) (60 min)**

* North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) Overview
* Next Steps for Conservation Design
* LCC and Partner Tools and Proposal for Integrating Them in Landscape Conservation Design

**[Q&A’s on morning’s presentations]**

***\*\*\*\*Break to gather Lunch (20 minutes)\*\*\*\****

**Discussion on tools and process (80 minutes)**

* Process to Develop Objectives and Potential Strategies
	+ Proposed goals
	+ Developing objectives by working in three subgroups (Ecosystems, Terrestrial, Aquatic) and getting back together with the full core team to review and prioritize
	+ Proposal for structure/content for objectives and strategies
	+ Other tools out there that we should consider
	+ Species lists (terrestrial and aquatic)

**What is role and time commitment for team members? (Nancy) (20 min)**

* Core Team vs. Extended/expanded Team Roles
* Commitment to Working Groups, Reviewing Information, Participating in Core Team Meetings
* Need for Significant Progress in Six Months but Pace Dictated by Team

**What is next? (David and Nancy) (15 minutes)**

* Communications
* Team Meetings

**Closeout (10 minutes)**

* Were outcomes met?
* Did questions get answered? Follow-up response?

**Questions to Group**

* Who (or what expertise) do you think is missing from the core team
* Do you understand the difference between being a core vs expanded team member?
* Do you agree with the Measures of Success? Would you add anything?
* Do you understand (and agree with) the scope of the pilot project and the basic process we suggest following?
* Do you understand what your involvement will be, and what comes next?
* What do you think of the two goals presented, and/or what additions or modifications would you make?
* Do you support the idea of splitting into three sub-working groups for developing objectives (e.g. ecosystem, terrestrial, aquatic?)
* Do Hadley and/or Turners Falls work for meeting locations?

**Desired Meeting Outcomes**

* Attendees support the project scope and the general process outlined
* Attendees understand what their role is
* Attendees agree on a framework for goals and objectives
* Attendees have familiarity of what resources/tools are available
* Attendees agree on list of species under consideration