



LANDSCAPE SCALE CONSERVATION IN THE EAST

WHO

Landscape Scale Conservation involves every employee in the Eastern area of the Forest Service. It's supported by the Forest Service Chief and leadership from all three branches of the Forest Service in the East - National Forest System (R9), State & Private Forestry (Northeastern Area State & Private Forestry), and Research & Development (Northern Research Station).

WHAT

Landscape Scale Conservation (LSC): is a framework to conceive, plan, finance, and manage projects with significant conservation value (ecological, economical, and social). The broad concept of Landscape Scale Conservation includes three basic features:

- Contributes to landscape goals or outcomes
- Connects separate but related actions thereby integrating internal programs
- Involves strong partnerships, a shared vision, and cross-boundary engagement with local communities and other landowners.



WHEN

Now! Conservation challenges we face today are more complex than ever before. And, now there are increasing opportunities to work collaboratively through organizations and partners in resource planning, tourism and economic development.

WHERE

National Forest System Lands in the East (14 forests and 1 tallgrass prairie); other public and private lands in the East. Basically from cities to rural areas and everywhere in between.

WHY

- With widespread threats such as invasive species drought, highly altered landscapes disturbance regimes, a changing climate, and large-scale habitat fragmentation, we cannot do it alone.
- Direction from the Forest Service Chief, “By focusing and coordinating our programs, expertise and partnerships, we help enhance and maintain landscapes that are functional and resilient in the face of multiple stresses and that contributes to the quality of American citizens.” - Chief’s 2015 direction
- Direction from Forest Service leadership in the East: Ref. [LSC Position Paper](#)

HOW

Through LSC projects getting done by our forests and prairie with support from the Regional Office, including expertise provided by Regional LSC core team members.

To get a sense of what this looks like, check out project proposals and some specific project accomplishments here: [link](#)

QUESTIONS?

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