



Great Lakes Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative

***Partnering for Watershed Restoration
Workshop***

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Outline

- LCCs and Connectivity Collaborative development
- March workshop
- Upcoming events, opportunities for involvement

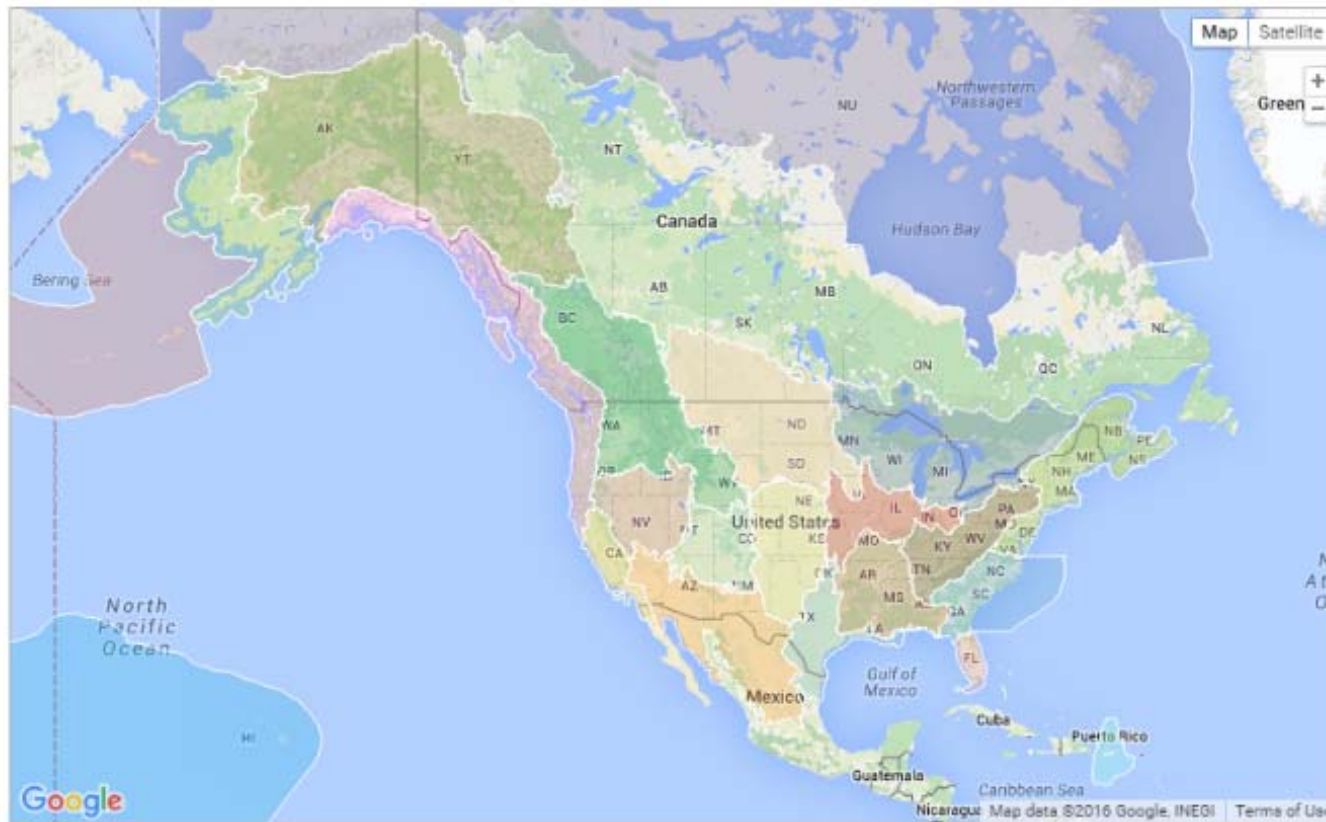


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Landscape Conservation Cooperatives

What are they?

Find my Landscape Conservation Cooperative



- Aleutian and Bering Sea Islands
- Appalachian
- Arctic
- California
- Caribbean
- Desert
- Eastern Tallgrass Prairie and Big Rivers
- Great Basin
- Great Northern
- Great Plains
- Gulf Coast Prairie
- Gulf Coastal Plains and Ozarks
- North Atlantic
- North Pacific
- Northwest Boreal
- Pacific Islands
- Peninsular Florida
- Plains and Prairie Potholes
- South Atlantic
- Southern Rockies
- Upper Midwest and Great Lakes
- Western Alaska

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Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Landscape Conservation Cooperative

Focal Areas:

- Aquatic Habitat Connectivity
- Coastal Conservation
- Ecological Places in Cities (EPiC)
- Forest Conservation
- State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAP)



Connectivity Collaborative Development

- Charter drafted and approved - 2015
- Join with the Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership - 2015
 - Landscape-level conservation planning and design (LCC) with delivery of conservation action (partnership)
- Benefit of leveraging resources





Connectivity Collaborative Development

- Charter mission: To work collaboratively within a diverse set of governments, industries, non-governmental organizations, and the public to establish connectivity targets and identify and address limiting factors within the Great Lakes basin based on the best available science.



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Connectivity Collaborative Benefits

- Relationship building around the basin
- Common language
- Data collection efforts, availability
- Management objectives, priorities, plans
- Directed conservation towards mutual priorities
- Inform decisions - project selection, regulatory
- Funding sources, objectives
- Leveraging funds

March Workshop Attendees





March Workshop

Additional Representation

- Academia – engineering program
- Angling representative / charter boat assoc.
- Chiefs of Ontario
- Commercial fishing representative
- Conservation Ontario
- Conservation Districts
- Conservation Resource Alliance
- County Road Commissions
- Drain Commissioner Associations
- Engineering/consulting firms
- FEMA
- Federal Highway Administration
- GLEAM
- Great Lakes Fishery Trust
- Hydroelectric
- Michigan Stream Team
- MSU/QFC
- Navigation
- NRCS
- Ontario Good Roads
- Ontario Waterpower Association
- Regulators – MDEQ and equivalents
- Railroads
- U of M Water Institute

March Workshop

- Project selection criteria





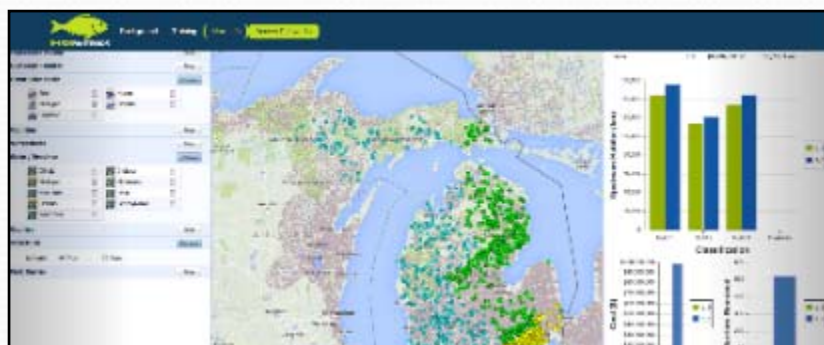
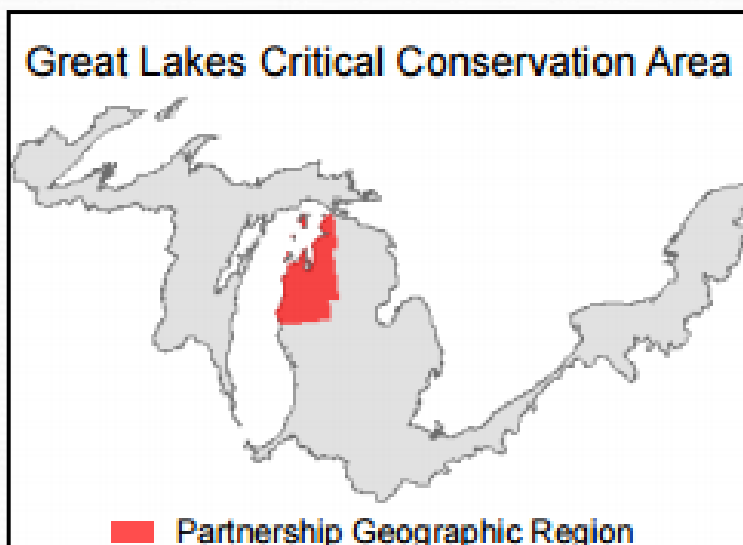
What's Next?

- Meet June 29-30 in Ann Arbor
- Develop and prioritize objectives
- Early communications strategy development
- Structure and terms of reference

- Information compilation
 - Charter vision
 - Best practices
 - Funding sources, priorities, research

What's Next?

- Michigan Fruitbelt "Portfolio" case study



Sea Lamprey Control Map

