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Dear Network Friends and Partners,

Inspired. Energized. Re-committed. These are a few of the descriptors that reverberated as we concluded the Network's annual strategic retreat in Lake Tahoe in April. As we reflected on our progress over the last year, it was clear the Network is growing in a positive direction. We've added two staff members, expanded our **leadership team** to more than 25 experts from across sectors and geographies, and grown our partners to **more than 80 organizations**. We've accelerated the Network's work, launching a **pilot peer exchange program**, expanding our policy work, and undertaking a new survey of landscape



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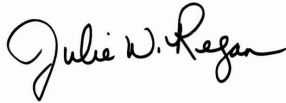
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conservation initiatives. You'll enjoy reading those results soon.

Our leadership team used the Tahoe meeting to set an ambitious agenda for the coming year, including hosting a major forum this fall to advance landscape conservation nationally.

As I reflect on the April retreat, I am reminded of the importance of connecting with fellow practitioners as we build this pivotal conservation approach. We hope the Network's community of practice continues to add value to those working on the ground to promote collaborative conservation across the country, continent, and beyond.

All the very best,



Julie Regan
Network Co-Chair
Chief, External Affairs, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

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Featured News

Landscape Conservation Cooperatives threatened by proposed budget cuts

As outlined in a [recent E&E News article](#), the administration's proposed budget eliminates funding for the Landscape Conservation Cooperative program, despite the Department of Interior's stated goal of improving and increasing coordination on conservation across federal bureaus.



**LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION
COOPERATIVES**

The value of both conservation at the landscape scale and the LCCs has been reaffirmed through an [in-depth 2015 review](#). Just last month the LCC Network was recognized with the [Distinguished Landscape Practitioner Award](#) from the Association of Landscape Ecology (U.S. Chapter). As one LCC participant is quoted in the E&E News article, "Problems with natural resources and cultural resources are really difficult to solve, and any one agency can't really get us all the way to a solution. Having LCCs there to get the right conversations going and get the processes happening across boundaries is working."

In light of the uncertain funding future of the LCC program, organizations have voiced support for continued funding for the 22 Landscape Conservation Cooperatives in FY2018 - [read the letter](#), spearhead by the Trust for Public Lands and signed by many Network for Landscape Conservation partners, that was submitted to congressional Appropriations Subcommittees last week.

TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT LCC FUNDING

The map illustrates the U.S.-Mexico border with various types of fencing and protected areas. The legend indicates:

- federal and state protected land
- pedestrian fence
- vehicle fence
- no fence

The map shows the border running from Tijuana, California, through Arizona and New Mexico, to El Paso, Texas. The Rio Grande is shown flowing into the Gulf of Mexico. A scale bar indicates 100 miles.

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EXPLORE DECISION GUIDE

*Perspectives: Landscape Conservation in Action***Emerging landscape conservation trends from the George Wright Conference**

In April, the [George Wright Society](#) held its biennial conference, a gathering of managers, scientists and professionals focused on protected areas. Brenda Barrett, a member of the NLC leadership team, was on hand at the [Connections Across People, Place and Time](#)

conference, and was struck by the many ways in which the landscape conservation concept and approach is emerging as essential within protected areas conversation. In this month's "Perspectives" piece, Brenda shares brief reflections from a landscape conservation perspective on themes that she heard bubbling up during the three-day conference, including the indivisible connection between nature and culture, the importance of the urban interface, and the recognition of indigenous peoples' connection to landscape.

Note: this piece was originally published through and is used courtesy of the [Living Landscape Observer](#).



READ THE REFLECTION PIECE

Additional Landscape Conservation News

The Outdoor Industry Association's newly released third edition of its *Outdoor Recreation Economy Report* documents \$887 billion in annual consumer spending on outdoor recreation, which supports 7.6 million direct outdoor recreation jobs [Explore the report](#)

The Nature Conservancy's *Beyond the Source* report analyzes 4,000 cities to demonstrate the health, climate and biodiversity benefits of source water protection [Learn more](#)

Envision the Susquehanna: A Vision for the Susquehanna Watershed, released by the Chesapeake Conservancy and many partners, presents a shared vision for the river and its watershed, capturing locally supported conservation priorities and recommendations that emerged through a multi-year community engagement and data analysis effort

[Learn more](#)

"Ecosystem Earth," a Special Issue of *Science*, examines the human impacts on the integrated ecosystem that is Earth, seeks to understand barriers to change, and explores potential solutions

[Explore the special issue](#)

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy releases new publication, *Minnesota's Road to a Legacy Amendment*, as a case study in using a state constitutional amendment to generate conservation funding at the state level

[Read the publication](#)

Highstead funds launch of Regional Conservation Partnerships Exchange Program in New England

[Learn more](#)

Sustainable Forestry Initiative Inc. announces 11 community grants featuring collaborations of more than 50 organizations to advance quality of life in communities across North America

[Learn more about the grants](#)

Conservation Corridor collates recent research that looks at the effectiveness of urban habitat connectivity and provides new methods for planning and implementing connectivity corridors

[Explore the research](#)

Article highlights the importance of maintaining connectivity between habitats as a key strategy for conserving wildlife populations in face of changing climate

[Read article](#)

Coordinators of State Wildlife Action Plans (updated last year) from across the Northeast are exploring opportunities to collaborate strategically across jurisdictions

Read more [here](#) and [here](#)

New report from the Conservation Finance Network employs a market development framework to understand the private capital investments and markets for working lands conservation

Read [synopsis](#) or [full report](#)

Recent meta-analysis suggests that fences are most effective mitigation strategy for reducing wildlife roadkill

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Conferences & Opportunities

June 12-16, 2017 -- [Conservation Finance Boot Camp](#)

Durham, North Carolina

July 23-27, 2017 -- [International Congress for Conservation Biology](#)

Cartagena, Columbia

August 1-3, 2017 -- [Borrowing Money Boot Camp](#)

Adamstown, MD

October 3-5, 2017 -- [10th Annual Private Lands Partners Day](#)

Bangor, ME

October 23-25, 2017 -- [Roads, Wildlife & Adaptation to Climate Change: From Research to Action](#)

Quebec City, Canada

October 26-28, 2017 -- [Land Trust Alliance Rally](#)

Denver, CO

Webinars & Additional Resources

[America Adapts: The Climate Change Podcast](#)

A weekly podcast that explores the challenges presented by adapting to climate change and the approaches the field's best minds believe are already working.

[VELMA: a Scalable, Transferable Ecohydrological Model for Watershed Restoration Planning](#)

A Conservation Biology Institute webinar

June 13, 2017

[Conservation, Wetlands, and National Park Service Banking](#)

A National Park Service "Scaling Up" webinar

June 21, 2017

[Navigating the Data Basin Platform: A Guided Tour](#)

A Conservation Biology Institute webinar

June 22, 2017

[Hawai'i Volcanoes NP and the Three Mountain Alliance](#)

A National Park Service "Scaling Up" webinar

July 19, 2017

[The Northwest Climate Toolbox: Mapping Climate Information for Multi-sectoral Stakeholders](#)

A Conservation Biology Institute webinar

August 24, 2017

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The Network for Landscape Conservation is the community of practice for practitioners advancing collaborative, cross-boundary conservation as an essential approach to protect nature, community, and culture in the 21st Century.

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Contributions of news, upcoming events, and resources for future Bulletins are welcomed.

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