

## Appendix 4b :

### **The Cooperative Members Develop Major Goals and Objectives of Next 5-Year Work Plan**

In early 2017, two work groups consisting of Steering Committee members and dedicated researchers and managers across our geography hosted a series of calls to produce a framework document of major landscape conservation goals and key objectives we will work towards achieving in the coming years. These teams helped to polish and refine our next 5-Year Work Plan around goals focused on achieving widespread use of LCC-funded data, tools, and our Landscape Conservation Design (part of the “NatureScape” tool suite); strategically collaborate and plan to achieve landscape conservation; and enhancing the financial foundation of the LCC and capacity of its membership. The Plan will now be finalized and approved for adoption at the next annual Steering Committee meeting on October 17-19, 2017.

The initial goals of our next Work Plan were developed via in-depth online surveys and focused discussions during sessions at our 2016 Steering Committee meeting.

#### **Strategic Goal for the 2<sup>nd</sup> (5-Year) Work Plan:**

*The Appalachian LCC supports strategic planning, investment, and coordination to deliver beneficial and effective landscape science, tools, and resources to enhance partner’s capacity and achieve local and landscape-level conservation goals.*

**Goal 5** - Build necessary capacity to achieve Appalachian LCC priority goals

**Goal 6** – Effectively achieve landscape conservation through strategic collaboration and planning

**Goal 7** – Promote and achieve widespread use of LCC science and tools across our geography to inform management and conservation planning decisions

**Goal 8** – Integrate social and cultural assets and services into landscape planning