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NON-GOVERNMENTAL {that manage lands or natural resources - or support regional conservation initiatives}

National conservation organizations, such as The Nature Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, Quail Unlimited, and the Wild Turkey Federation also have an impressive track record of conserving habitats for rare and important species. Non-government organizations also play an important role in advocating for new guidance, programs, policies and regulations to adapt current government approaches to new conservation challenges or paradigms. The AppLCC leadership engaged the NGO community strategically in this initial ramping-up phase to engage those organizations that manage lands and resources or coordinate large-scale regional initiatives. Three NGOs serve on the Interim Steering Committee: The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Wildlife Management Institute (WMI), and the American Bird Conservancy (ABC).



- The Nature Conservancy (<http://www.nature.org/>) is a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. TNC has had a significant history in conservation of Appalachian species and ecosystems, and owns or manages thousands of acres within the AppLCC boundary. TNC has written Conservation Action Plans for the Clinch River Valley, Central Appalachians (http://gis.tnc.org/data/MapbookWebsite/map_page.php?map_id=203&sType=TITLE&sKind=central%20appalachian). TNC also is leading the Clinch-Powell Clear Rivers Initiative, which is a partnership that reviews existing science and identifies and conduct new studies to strengthen our understanding of threats to these riverine ecosystems (<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/virginia/explore/mussels-count-clinch-powell-clean-rivers-initiative.xml>). Lastly, TNC has strong links to relevant industries in Appalachia and talented research staff to support science needs in the region.



- The Wildlife Management Institute (<http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org/>) is assisting the Appalachian LCC in project management and oversight for research projects funded under our 2011-12 Request for Applications. This work encompasses four study topics: Ecological Flows, Aquatic Habitat Classification, Forecasting Energy Development, and a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment.



- The American Bird Conservancy (<http://www.abcbirds.org/>) is a strong partner of the Migratory Bird Joint Ventures, and employs staff who serve both the Central Hardwoods and Appalachian Mountain Joint Ventures (see Management Community - Partnerships).

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