



# THE LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP PORTAL

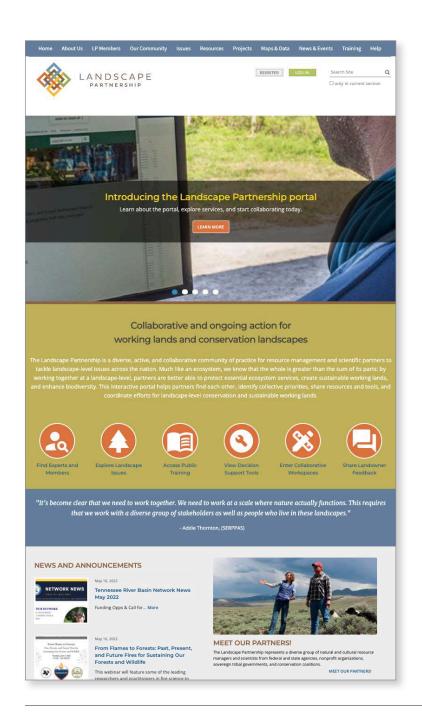
A Guide to Collaboration and Communication Tools



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# What is the Landscape Partnership portal?

# A Landscape-scale Conservation Approach

**The Landscape Partnership portal** is a diverse, active, and collaborative community for resource management and scientific partners to tackle landscape-level issues across the nation.

Much like an ecosystem, we know that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts: by working together at a landscape-level, partners are better able to protect essential ecosystem services, create sustainable working lands, and enhance biodiversity.

This interactive portal helps partners find each other, identify collective priorities, share resources and tools, and coordinate efforts for conservation and sustainable working lands.

Portal visitors can share technical information, host GIS mapping products and a variety of decision-support tools, view and download online learning materials, find out about partnership activities and newly funded projects, and identify technical experts who are available to provide assistance. Some tools require visitors to register and login to have deeper access to certain applications, tools, and workspaces.



# This catalog outlines services, tools, and apps offered to LP Members and affiliated users

All Landscape Partnership (LP) Members, as well as their affiliated users, can receive curated services from the Landscape Partnership staff and support to use all the existing tools and apps outlined in this Catalog, as well as build their own tools and apps on the portal. These state-of-the-art tools and apps can help aid knowledge management, data storage and visualization, cross-organization collaboration, and GIS-based decision-making.

LP Members are agencies, organizations, and partnerships whose web presence is primarily within the Landscape Partnership portal. To learn more about becoming an LP Member and its offerings, please get with the team at <a href="mailto:info@landscapepartnership.org">info@landscapepartnership.org</a>.

# Priority Issues in the Landscape Partnership



# LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION

Working with partners beyond boundaries to conserve priority landscapes that sustain people, wildlife, and natural and cultural resources.



# COASTAL & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Working with partners to help strengthen natural areas to protect coastal communities against change and natural disasters.



#### **AT-RISK SPECIES**

Working with partners to conserve and recover important species and habitats that provide natural benefits to people.



# AQUATIC CONNECTIVITY

Working with partners to conserve rivers and river systems that are healthy, safe and connected.



#### WILDLAND FIRE

Working with partners and the broader fire community to support prescribed burning, new fire science, wildfire management, and advanced training.

# Collaboration and Communication Tools on the Landscape Partnership Portal

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# Supporting Collaboration

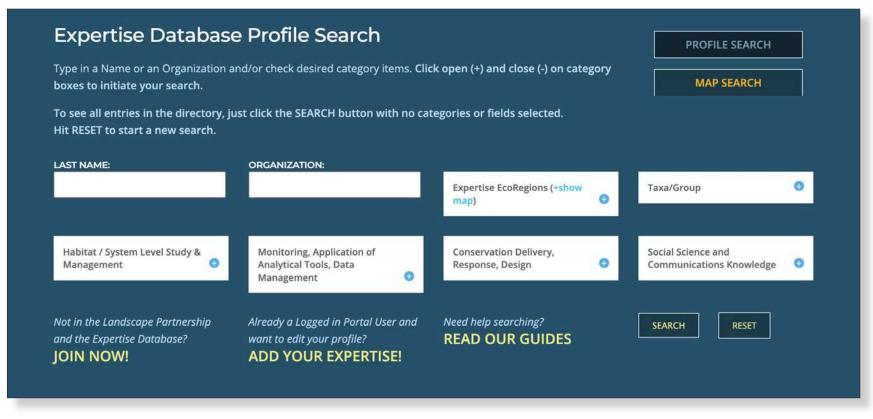


**Expertise Search Organization Search** Workspaces **Partner Meetings Blogs Contests and Competitions** 



# Expertise Search

The Expertise Search allows users to find other experts who use and share information on the Landscape Partnership portal. Search filters let you search for users by areas of expertise and geographic focus. Registered users on the portal can make their own Expertise profile.







# Expertise Profile Sample

Below is an example of an Expertise Profile in the Expertise Search. This shows how they use the portal and the topics they work on. Contact information provided here helps make users more accessible to one another.

# Lucas Furman



The Longleaf Alliance
Florida
GIS Coordinator
Send e-mail
Fire Science

Lucas Furman has been with the Longleaf Alliance since July 2016, initially serving as a member of the Gulf Coastal Plain Ecosystem Partnership's Ecosystem Support Team, transitioning to the role of GIS Support Specialist and now serving as the organization's GIS Coordinator. Lucas has an extensive working knowledge of longleaf ecosystem management and GIS applications, having worked in numerous wildland fire and GIS positions in Federal, State, County, NGO and Contract capacities over the last 10 years.

In his current role, Lucas facilitates GIS capacity within range-wide conservation and planning projects, supporting Local Implementation Team (LIT) and partner initiatives. GIS is an invaluable communication and analysis tool, not only improving communication between stakeholder groups, but also in understanding landscape context and improved management. Utilizing his diverse background across stakeholder groups, Lucas supports a variety of ecosystem assessment and prioritization efforts, building effective communication tools for planners, practitioners, scientists and GIS managers.

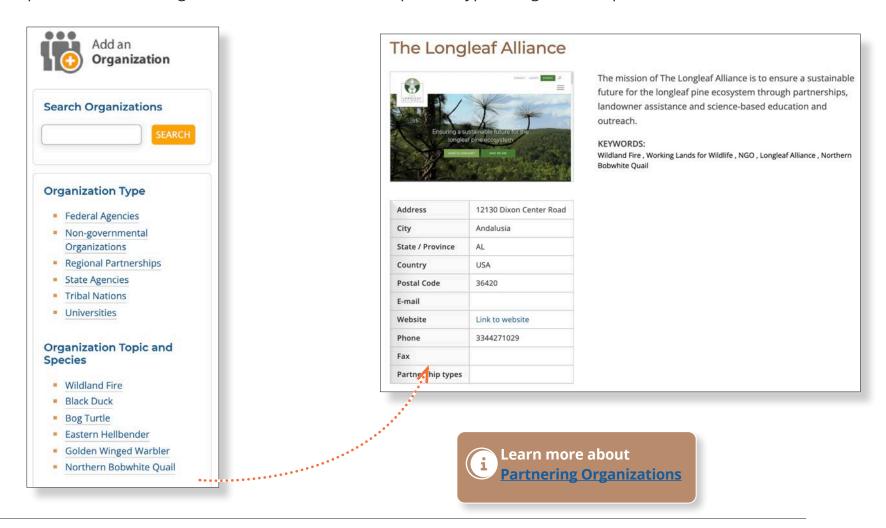
### Expertise

Disturbance-dependent communities (e.g., fire-dependent forests, etc.) Longleaf Pine Ecology Longleaf Pine Growth & Yield Fire Ecology Geospatial (GIS) Remote sensing (LiDAR) Remote sensing and photo interpretation (cartography, etc.) Forest/natural cover management, restoration Clean Water | Environmental education, interpretation, and educational outreach | Fire Science



# Organizations Search

The Organization Search allows users to share important organizations working on these topics. You can add in your own organizations on the Organizations Page. Using the Search Bar, users can filter by organization name, type, or topic to find certain organizations. Below is an example of a typical Organization profile.



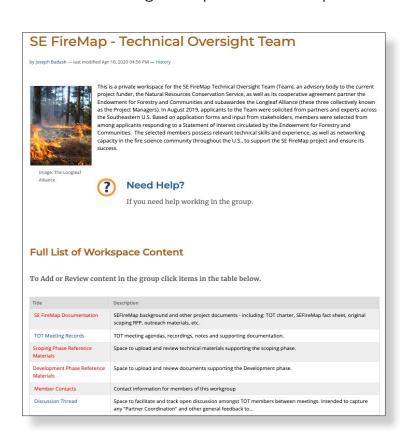


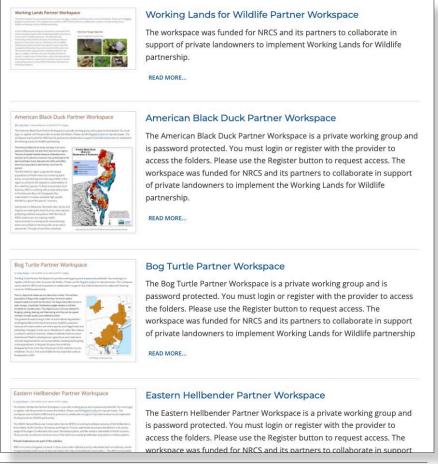
# Workspaces



Workspaces help partners collaborate together more effectively. They provide online infrastructure and space for partners to share their expertise with one another, exchange resources and ideas, and plan work together.

Workspaces are password protected areas that you can use to share files and data and troubleshoot problems together using databases, events and calendar invites, spatial data, and other resources. Users can request access to existing workspaces or can request to start their own.







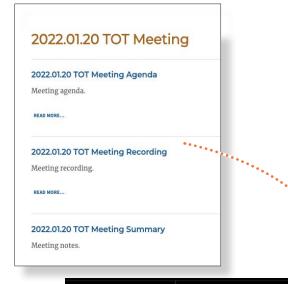
# Meetings through Workspaces

The Landscape Partnership can also support you to host meetings and meet with other experts. Through the portal you can register participants to attend events, share a calendar of events, and request meeting support from the Landscape

Partnership team.







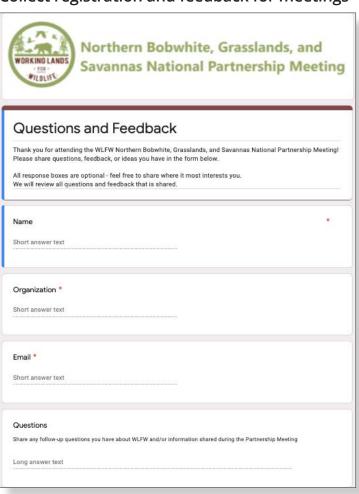




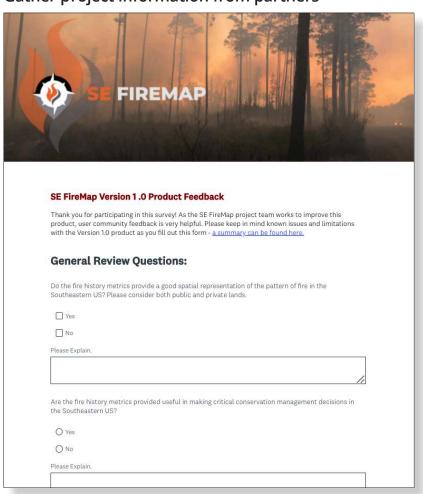
# Customized Surveys for Meetings

Users can request support from the Landscape Partnership to develop surveys to share in Workspaces to collect meeting registration, gather feedback and questions after a workshop, and receive project insights from collaborators.

### Collect registration and feedback for meetings



### Gather project information from partners





# **Blog Posts**

Users can create blog posts in the workspaces to share news, events, and updates with other practitioners and the wider conservation community.

# National Association of State Foresters Weekly Newsletter March 4, 2022

NASF launches Carbon Network webpage...

**Original Source** 

#### **NASF News**

NASF launches Forest Carbon Network digital clearinghouse [NASF Blog]

NASF is pleased to announce the launch of a new digital clearinghouse for state forestry agencies that includes forest carbon and forest carbon market resources. New Smokey Bear PSAs feature fictional AI Assistant to remind Americans of important wildfire prevention tips [NASF Newsroom]





"Have you ever wondered: 'what would Smokey Bear do?' State forestry agencies want to make sure you have all the answers when it comes to wildfire prevention," said Jay Farrell, NASF executive director.

"Smokey's AI Assistant has answered some of your questions, but we know you have more. Consider asking your state forestry agency for help or visiting SmokeyBear.com for step-by-step safety guides on equipment maintenance and debris burning."

#### In Your State

To save the Pinelands, New Jersey officials must burn them [Press of Atlantic City]

Prescribed burnings are routine, albeit a crucial part of fire management used around the world. The technique is especially important in the Pinelands, an ecologically fragile 1.1-million acre nature reserve in the center of the most densely populated U.S. state. Waterville, Maine, holds demonstration on removal of browntail moth nests [Central Maine]









# Blog Post Examples

Below are several examples of sites that use Blog posts to emphasize important messages and stories. The team can help you customize blog categories and tags to help map to your project search filters.



Fire Adapted Communities - Blog https://fireadaptednetwork.org/blog/



**USAID Biodiversity Links - Stories** https://biodiversitylinks.org/stories



**Earth Journalism - Stories**<a href="http://earthjournalism.net/stories">http://earthjournalism.net/stories</a>



Quail Forever - Example Blog Post https://quailforever.org/BlogLanding/ Blogs/Quail-Forever/Quail-Nesting-Fun-Facts.aspx



ClimateLinks - Blog https://www.climatelinks.org/blog

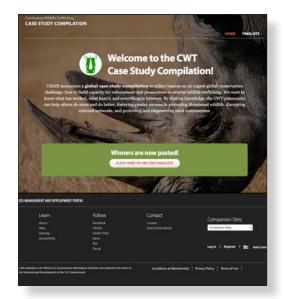


**CI - Example Blog Post**<a href="http://blog.conservation.org/?ga=1.143">http://blog.conservation.org/?ga=1.143</a>
<a href="590901.1304358892.1489419558">590901.1304358892.1489419558</a>

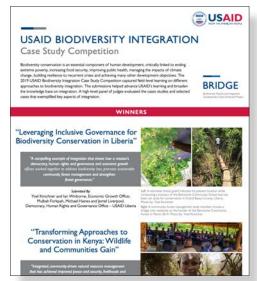


# Contests and Competitions

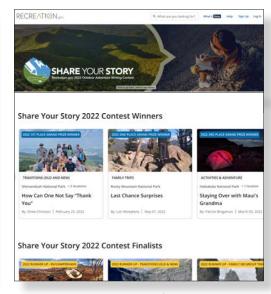
The Landscape Partnership team can help users create and manage contests, competitions, and project compliations on the portal. Such contests and competitions can help inspire and connect wider conservation communities and stakeholders and encourage greater collaboration between practitioners.



Source: Combating Wildlife Trafficking
Case Study Compilation



Source: <u>USAID BRIDGE Competition</u>



Source: Recreation.gov 'Share Your Story'
Contest



# Example Partner Communication and Outreach

### Communication & Outreach

by Web Editor - last modified Jun 13, 2022 11:16 AM - History

A primary goal of the Tennessee River Basin Network is to enable better coordination and cooperation between partners. Greater coordination allows everyone to better understand what is happening, where, and by whom. This enables more effective and aligned projects to enhance natural resources and deliver conservation. The Network also aims to engage the broader community and public in the region on the many values of nature (or ecosystem services) that the River Basin provides communities and wildlife, from drinking water to habitat, recreational access to economic development.



#### VIDEOS AROUND THE BASIN

Through this collection of over 40 videos about the ecology, threats, conservation efforts, and pride within the Tennessee River Basin, we are sharing film resources among partners in the Network as well as increasing awareness of conservation and natural resource management taking place in the region.

- Threats
- · Conservation Efforts
- · Pride of Place
- TRB Ecology 101

# The Purpose of the Communication and Outreach Team includes:

- Developing and marketing a "Pride of Place" message and branding for
  the identity of the Tennessee River Basin accomplished through the
  inventorying and promotion of existing films and multimedia products
  about the Tennessee River Basin and the development of a region-wide film
  about the many benefits of the River Basin to human communities.
- Connecting key natural resources and conservation groups to this
  region-wide initiative, with the focus on healthy watersheds as an economic
  driver accomplished through the Networking characteristic of this
  partnership and achieved by yearly meetings, quarterly webinars, and
  additional collaborative opportunities.
- Educating the public about the importance of clean water part of the activities of the Education sub team.
- Working towards public behavior change part of the activities of both the Marketing and Education sub teams.
- Assembling and marketing funding opportunities and leveraging resources among Network members - part of the activities of the Funding sub team.

# Partners working within the Network's Communication and Outreach Team:

- · Landscape Partnership
- · Caribbean and Tennessee Student Environmental Alliance
- · Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
- · Flint River Conservation Association
- · Haywood Waterways Association
- North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
- South Chickamauga Creek Greenway Alliance
- Southeast Tennessee Tourism Association
- Southeast Watershed Forum
- Tennessee Aquarium Conservation Institute
- Tennessee Valley Authority
- Tennessee Valley Wild Ones
- · Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
- The Land Trust for Tennessee
- · The Nature Conservancy
- · Tennessee Department of Agriculture
- Volkswagon



# Develop, Facilitate, Share, Training



Workshops Webinars The Learning Network



# Workshops & Live Webinars

Users in the workspaces can receive support to prepare, host, and share workshops and live webinars on the portal. The Landscape Partnership can help you set up a virtual meeting, create a registration page for participants, and support with facilitation efforts during your workshops.

On the portal, meeting organizers can share event details, store and share meeting files, and upload recordings after meetings to share back with attendees.

# Webinar: Native Warm-Season Grass Forages and Grazing Management for Bobwhites

by WLFW — last modified Nov 30, 2021 02:27 AM — History Contributors: (Author?)

Join us for a two-day webinar discussing native warm-season grass forages in the eastern U.S. and integrating grazing management for Northern Bobwhites.

A two-day webinar discussing native warm-season grass forages in the eastern U.S. and integrating grazing management for Northern Bobwhites will be presented on December 1 and 2, 2021 from 2: 00 – 3:40 PM EST.

Dr. Pat Keyser, Professor and Director for the Center for Native Grasslands Management at the

University of Tennessee, and Jef Hodges, Grasslands Coordinator for the Nationa Conservation Initiative, headquartered at Clemson University, will provide scienc related to native warm-season grass forages, their attributes, proven establishment management guidelines and integrating grazing management with bobwhites.

REGISTRATION: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_u25gZw-vR-ysHv

Participants will be provided with a foundational understanding of native warm-s establishment and management, and how to integrate grazing and bobwhite ma



Webinar: Native Warm-Season Grass Management for Bobwhites

# Field Day at Mountain Research Station

The Field Day at the Mountain Research Station in Waynesville, NC will be a great event for agricultural producers to get the latest updates on agricultural research and to see the latest and best available tools and equipment at the trade show. The NRCS Partner Biologists for the Hellbender Working Lands for Wildlife Initiative will be in attendance with information about the program.

When	Jul 18, 2019
	from <u>02:00 PM</u> to <u>07:00 PM</u>
Where	Mountain Research Station,
	265 Test Farm Road,
	Waynesville, NC
Contact Name	Katie Freeman
Add	<b>□</b> vCal
event to	<b>□</b> iCal
calendar	

Registration and trade show open at 1:30 pm Opening remarks start at 2:30 pm

Educational session on forage fertility and alternative lime sources from 2:45 to 3:45 pm

Learn more about Landscape Partnership and partner Events

Two field tours: Beef & Forage (winter feeding areas, crabgrass variety trial, hemp grain variety trial, and bull test and scoring) or Crop Production (tomato disease management, tomato breeding, and cucurbit downy mildew), from 4:00 to 5:30 pm

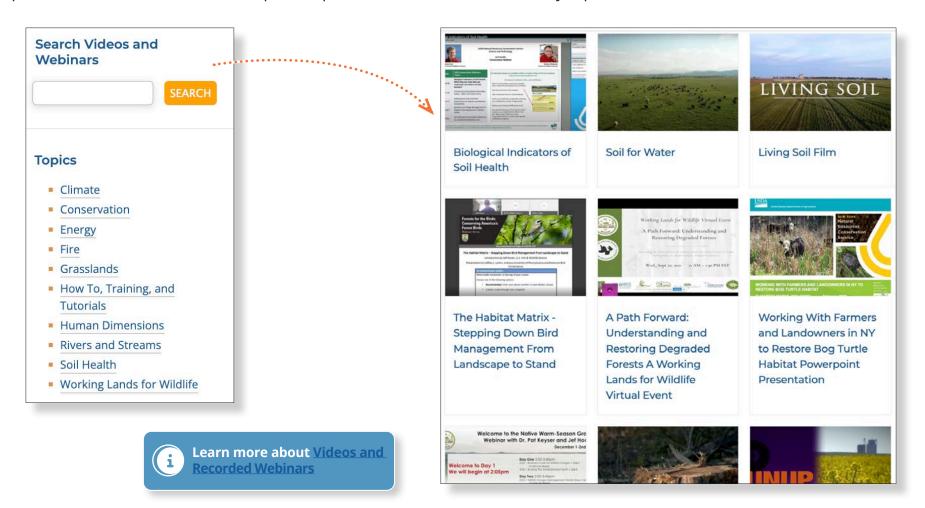
Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm

Location: Mountain Research Station, 265 Test Farm Road, Waynesville, NC For more information, contact: Katie Freeman at katie.beam@ncagr.gov More information about this event...



# Videos and Recorded Webinars

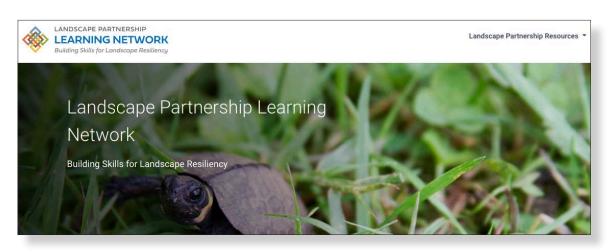
On the portal, users can access conservation and working lands videos and webinars developed by partners. These videos are meant for a wide range of audiences — from technical experts and practitioners to landowners and the public. The Search feature can help users pursue videos and filter them by topic.



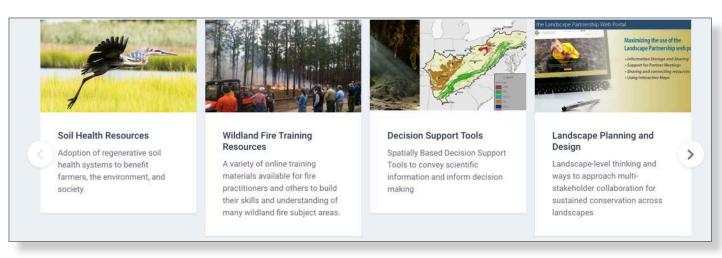


# The Learning Network

The LP Learning Network hosts virtual courses that support landscape-level conservation. Through these trainings, practitioners and landowners can learn about decision-support tools, science-led conservation techniques, research applications in the field, and ways to improve landscapes in partnership with other stakeholders.



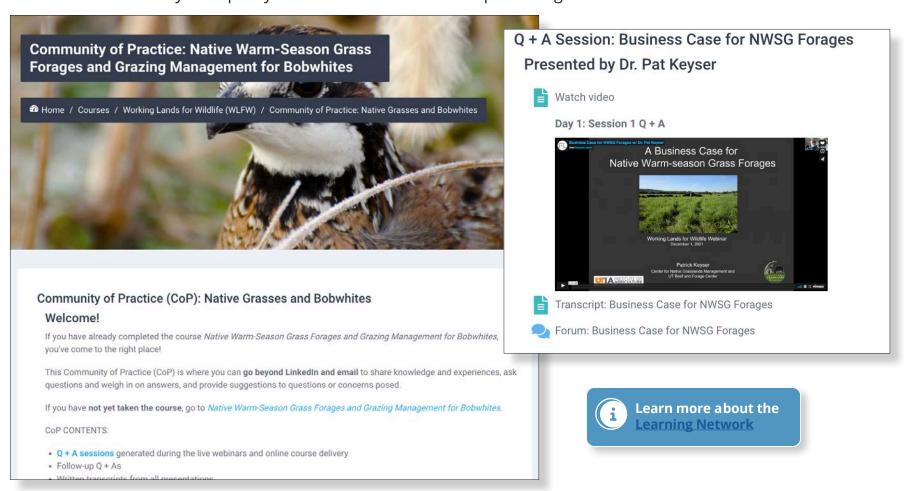






# The Learning Network - Courses

Find free courses on wildland fire, enviornmental decision-making, science applications, at-risk species, and other topics on the Learning Network. An example of an existing course with video sessions and forum discussions is shared below. Course participants can receive certifications for completing a course from the Landscape Partnership and some courses may also qualify for educational credits with partnering academic institutions.





# Shareable Projects, Products, and Resources



Projects
Products
Resources
Podcasts
Print-ready materials





# Projects and Products

Users can access a database of conservation projects and products on the Landscape Partnership and upload and share their own projects and products for others to use.

Projects include scientific reports and research. Products include maps, spatial datasets, assessments, plans, and models that partners can use to make conservation decisions and prioritize actions. The databases have many search filters to narrow in on the topics, regions, and impacts that most interest users.

What are Partners Doing?

#### **PROJECT SEARCH TOOL**



Learn more about

**Projects** on the portal

What are the Projects Accomplishing?

#### **PRODUCTS SEARCH TOOL**





# Projects

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The database has many search filters to narrow in on the Resource Types, Conservation Targets, Frameworks, Threats/Stressors, and Actions that can be taken with the Product.

# Sample Partner PROJECT Entry in the Portal

**Projects** connect to hyperlinked **products**, people, and other relevant information

Project metafields enable linking to internal and external products

#### Decision Support Framework for Sea-level Rise Impacts Loss of land as a result of increasing sea level is among the gravest threats that climate change poses to coastal areas, and one of the most difficult to prepare for because different beaches, barriers, and marshes can respond to sea level rise in various dynamic ways. By distinguishing between areas in the Northeast that are likely to experience flooding as a result of sea-level rise and those that are likely to respond dynamically to sea-level rise by moving or changing, this report offers a resource to support coastal management decisions at both regional and local scales in the context of accelerated change. Go to the Product(s) Final report on the decision support framework Spatial datasets on coastal landscape change and land loss in response to sea-level rise sources age for Sea-Level Rise Hazards and Decision Support age for Coastal Landscape Response to Sea-Level Rise Assessment for the **Jnited States** Decision Support Framework for Sea-level Rise Impacts Northeast CSC, which maintains its own project page Resource Type: Ecosystems lumbia University team evaluated sea-level rise impacts in the northeastern U.S. The Conservation Targets: ped a reconnaissance method to distinguish coastal areas in the northeastern U.S. that will likely experience a predominantly inundation (e.g., flooding) response to sea-Assumption-based Research those that will likely respond dynamically by moving or changing (e.g., landforms such ds and marshes). They found that areas likely to inundate include urban regions of Climate Change, Sea-level rise Threats/Stressors: pment and/or coastal engineering, as well as bedrock coasts. Alternatively, areas likely amically include beaches, unconsolidated cliffs, barrier islands, and wetlands. By Habitat and natural process Conservation Action: restoration, Site/area the response to a variety of sea level projections in these areas, future work can inform management ientile research and decision support efforts.

#### PROJECT PAGE:

Decision Support Framework for Sea-level Rise Impacts

Resource Type:	Ecosystems	
Conservation Targets:	Coastal and Marine	
Conservation Framework:	Assumption-based Research	
Threats/Stressors:	Climate Change, Sea-level rise and storm impacts	
Conservation Action:	Habitat and natural process restoration, Site/area management	



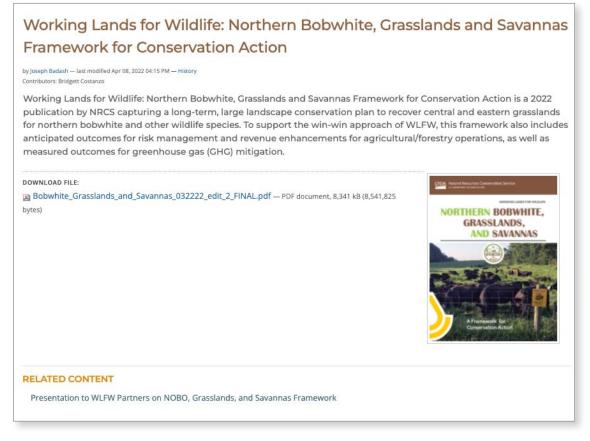
## **Products**

Users can access a database of conservation projects on the Landscape Partnership and upload and share their own projects for others to use. Projects include specific research efforts, resiliency projects, habitat inventories, and assessments, among others, that have been used to support a target and goal.

The database has many search filters to narrow in on the specific flora and fauna, ecosystems, stressors, and locations featured in the project.

# Sample Partner PRODUCT Entry in the Portal

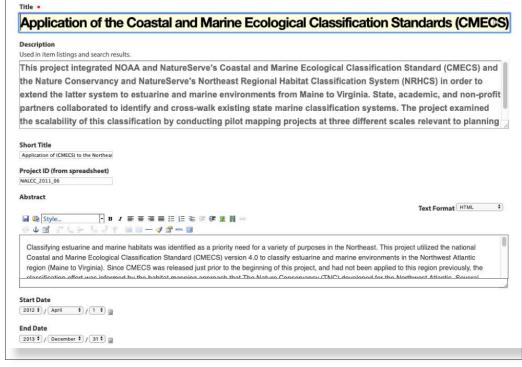
**Products** can connect back to **Projects** 

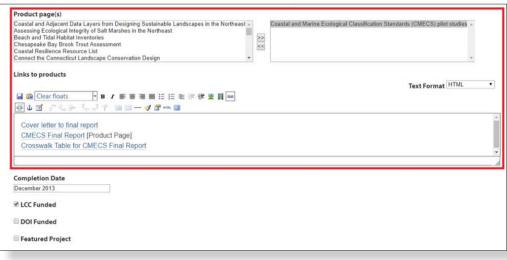




# Metafields

Metafields on Projects and Products and Spatial Data are customizable and help us connect the partners' work

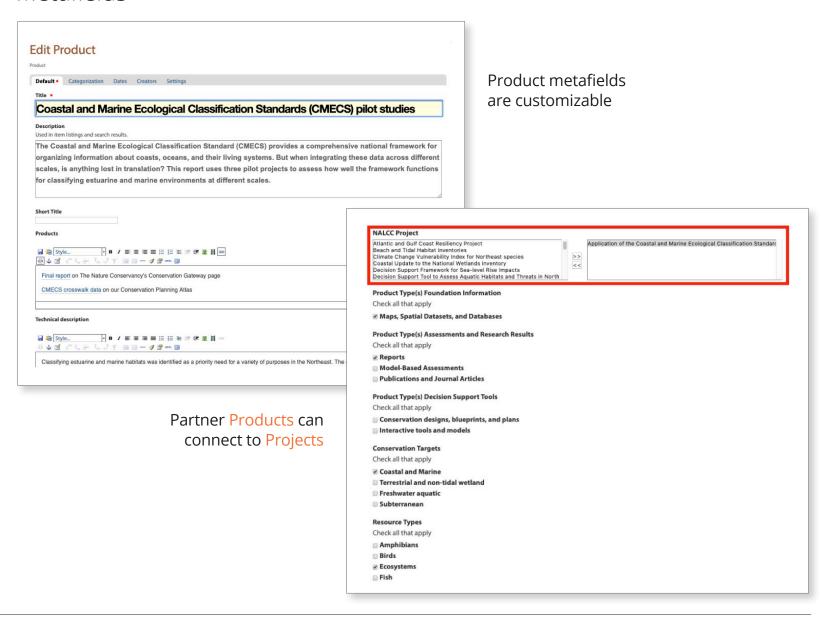




Project metafields enable linking to internal and external products

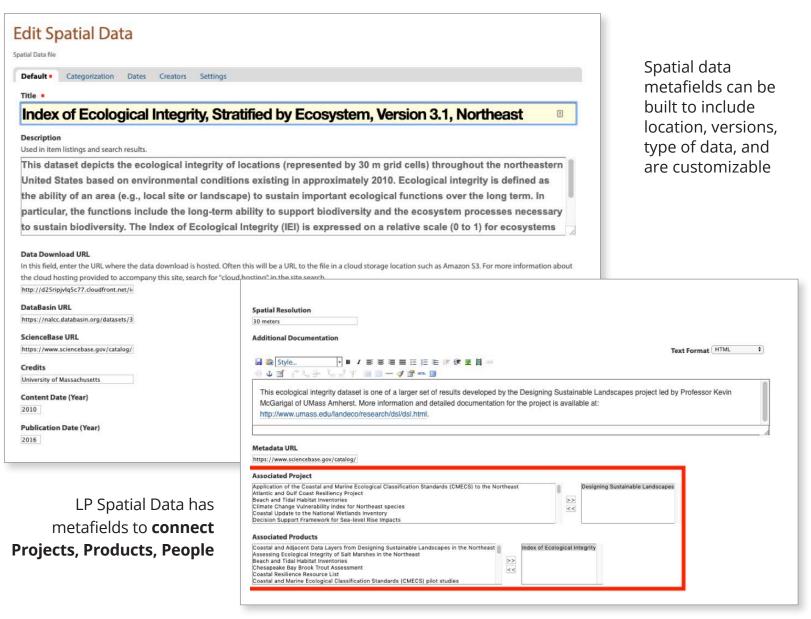


# Metafields





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# Partner Use of Collaboration Tools

# Submit a Project

Hello. Thank you for contributing to the TRBN Project Database. The conservation community working within the Tennessee River Basin is almost as diverse as the flora and fauna we are working to conserve. With this comes a lot of moving parts and the need to increase our ability to know Who is doing What, Where. By contributing to the TRBN Project Database you will increase our success in conservation action by enhancing our ability to share resources (data sets, imagery, technical reports, lesson plans etc.) and lessons learned, prevent duplicity, leverage financial resources, and build strong partnerships and collaboration. Thanks again for your support and engagement in the Network!

#### Let's Get Started

Submit a Project or Conservation Activity that you wish to share with the Tennessee River Basin community.

To submit a project, you must first **Register** or be a member of the Web Portal and then log in to the site. Once loged in you can **Edit Your Profile**. Take a moment and **Add your Organization** to the site. To **Add a Project** or activity, click on **Add New** in the green toolbar at the top and then click on Project. Fill out all the appropriate fields and click Save. Your content will then be placed in a Pending Publication Folder to be reviewed and published. If you are not a member and still wish to share your project or activity contact Gillian Bee We encourage you to visit our **Project Search**. To hold your search to only **TRB projects**, once you click on Project Search, add **TRB** to the left column search Keyword filter.

















# Resources

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#### Browse By

- By Title
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  QRSTUVWXYZ Other
- By Date
   Latest Revisions
- By Content Type --- Select Content Type --- ✔



#### Educational and Scientific Resources

- Fact sheets
- Image Gallery
- Landowner Forums
- Map Products
- NRCS Conservation Practices and Materials
- Podcasts
- Science and Research Products
- Scientific Publications
- Videos and Webinars



#### **Topical Subjects**

- Climate Impacts
- Conservation
- Deciduous Forests
- Fire:
- Land Use
- Landowner Information
- Pine Forests
- Resiliency
- Rivers and Streams
- Soil Health
- Species
- Wetlands
- Working Lands

Click Here to View Complete Resource Collection



Learn more about Resources on the portal



Users can share podcasts on the portal and access a database of podcasts for others to use.



Wildland Fire podcasts are shared in the Landscape Partnership for users to access and use



**Podcasts can be embedded in the portal,** like <u>this podcast</u> on Bobwhite Quail Conservation



**Podcasts can be shared and archived publicly,** like <u>this series</u> on sustainable ag stories from the University of Georgia

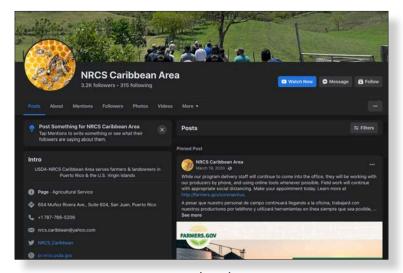


# Print-Ready Materials





# Channel Content through Social Media





Facebook

Twitter



Users can also embed social media links on pages





### MAPS AND DATA

# Databases, Maps, and other Data

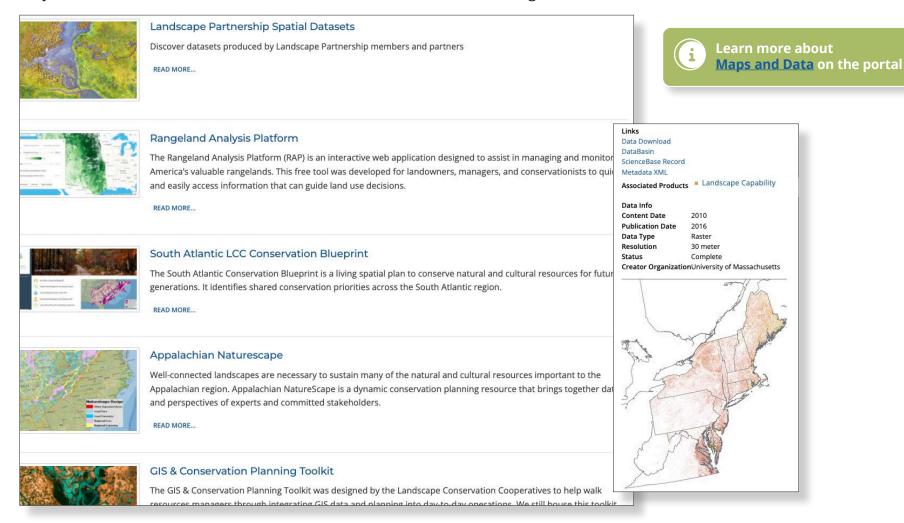


Batch Functionality
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### MAPS AND DATA



On the Landscape Partnership, users can find maps and data to support landscape-scale conservation planning and design. Resources include maps that illustrate key landscapes, data layers to add to decision support tools, and spatial resources that show the quality and quantity of habitats. Users are welcome to use any and all of these resources in their own conservation and working lands efforts.





### MAPS AND DATA

# Batch downloading functionality

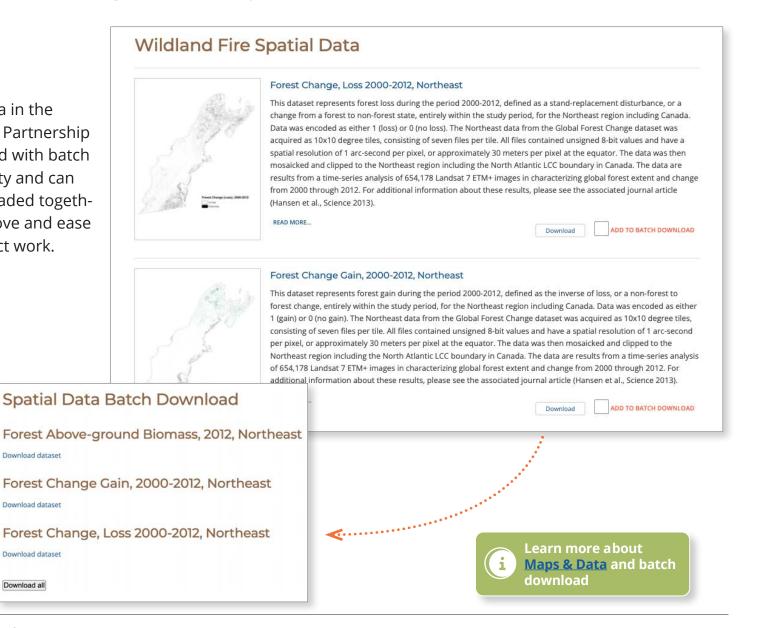
Spatial data in the Landscape Partnership are enabled with batch functionality and can be downloaded together to improve and ease your project work.

Download dataset

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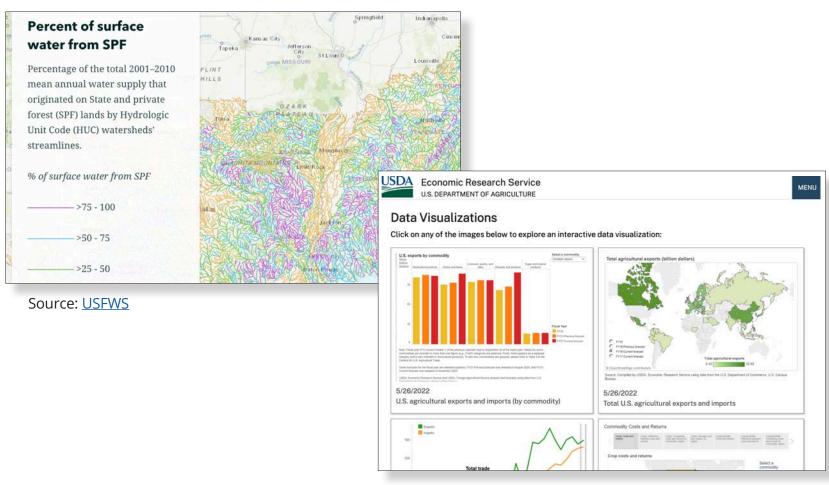
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## Large Data Animation

Users can embed animation large datasets into Landscape Partnership workplaces to help explain their conservation, planning, and design efforts. Illustrative examples of what large data animation can look like are shared below.



Source: <u>USFWS</u>



Interactive Maps, Where We Work and Projects

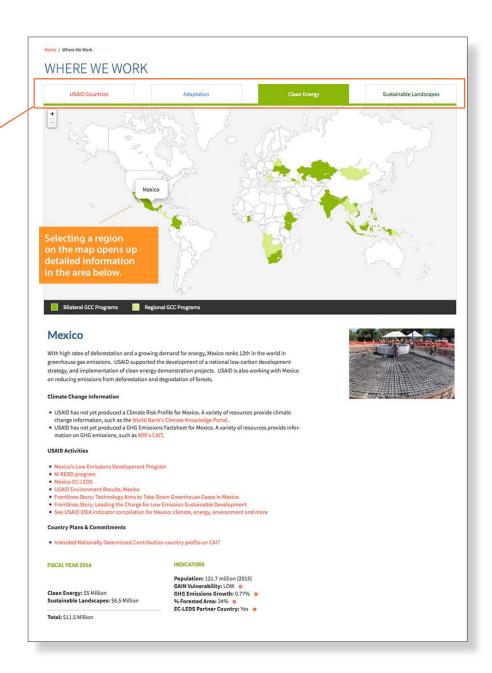
Interactive maps can be customized by Ferguson Lynch based on any filter.

Top tabs could be filters such as:
Projects, products, spatial data, people,
expertise or conservation types.

All content types on the existing
portal have built in geo-referencing or
geo-location fields.

Selecting a region on the map would open up detailed information about that region.



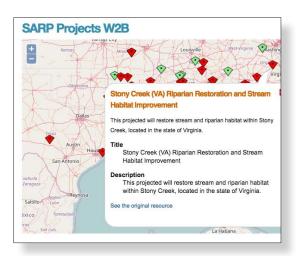


# Examples of Interactive Maps

Any content can be added to a map application on the Landscape Partnership. In the Portal all content by default has geo-referencing capabilities. Google map integration works with any location field input added when uploading content.

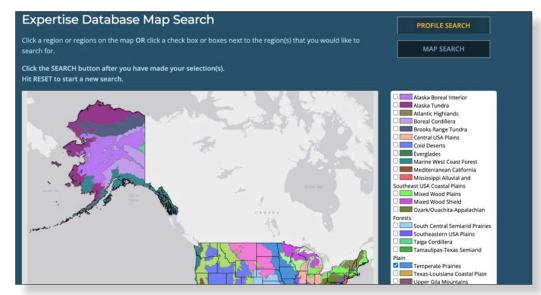
### PARTNER PROJECTS ON A MAP

http://easternbrooktrout.org/groups/ whitewater-to-bluewater/funded-projects/ sarp-projects-w2b





The Southeast FireMap is an example of an itneractive map shared on the portal.



**The Landscape Partnership** itself includes an interactive Expertise Map that shows where users work in different ecosystems. Learn more <u>here</u>.





Southeast FireMap





Select Layer

Year Last Burned 

1994 - 2000

2001 - 2006

2007 - 2012

2013 - 2018

2019 - 2021

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Render Boundaries

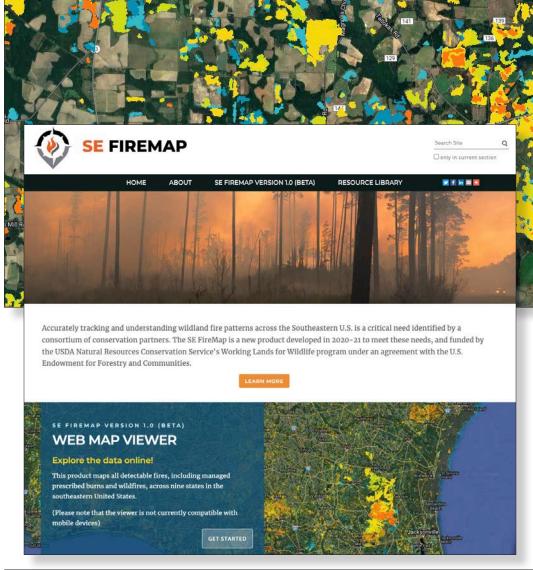
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Visit Public Lands

Chance Area of Interest

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The Southeast FireMap is a tool to help practitioners track and understand wildland fire patterns across the Southeastern U.S.

It is a free and public tool available on the Landscape Partnership. It was funded by the USDA NRCS Working Lands for Wildlife program under an agreement with the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities.

## Mobile Apps

## iPlover App

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### Go to the Product(s)

iPlover app is available for iPhones and Androids on the USGS Mobile Application Directory. The app is free, but users must ask for and receive an approved login to use it. Training is required for using the iPlover app, please contact (iPlover\_help@usgs.gov) if you are interested in joining the program. In 2015, the iPlover app was used at 7 national wildlife refuges, 4 national parks and at several other state or privately managed reserves.

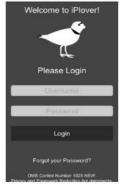
### **Additional Resources**

"Smartphone-Based Distributed Data Collection Enables Rapid Assessment of Shorebird Habitat
Suitability" - Paper published in the open-access peer-reviewed scientific journal PLOS ONE on
November 9, 2016

"Refugia from a rising tide" - Webinar led by US Geological Survey researcher Sara Zeigler on the preliminary steps in modeling the effects of sea-level rise on shorebird habitat with iPlover data.

### **Technical description**

The objective of this project is to develop linked models forecasting shoreline change, barrier island geomorphology, and habitat for beach habitat-dependent species to guide beach and species habitat management decisions. Shorebird monitoring staff rapidly collected standardized geomorphic setting, substrate type and vegetation data at random and plover nest sites over the majority of its Atlantic coastal breeding range. These data were used to train the model for plover and other bird nesting habitat suitability, and, using a Bayesian model network approach, were linked to geomorphology and shoreline change models for locations that vary in their geologic context.



### ROJECT PAGE:

Increasing Resiliency of Beach Habitats and Species

Piping Plovers and Sea-level Rise iPlover: Piping plover habitat suitability in a changing climate

Product Type(s):	Decision Support Tools Interactive tools and models
Resource Type:	Birds
Conservation Targets:	Coastal and Marine
Conservation Framework:	Assumption-based Research
Threats/Stressors:	Climate change impacts, Sea-level rise and storm impacts
Conservation Action:	Site/area management, Species management





## Apps

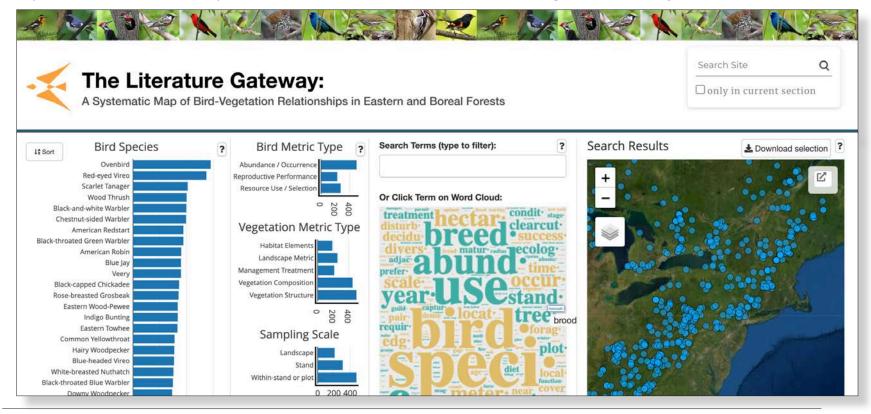
## Literature Gateway



The Literature Gateway is a systematic map and literature resource on bird-vegetation relationships in Eastern and Boreal forests of North America.

The app compiles and synthesizes research from >60 sources spaning the last 50+ years. It can help users understand how changes in forest management practices might affect forest vegetation, and subsequently, populations of different bird species at regional scales.

Resources in the Literature Gateway can be filtered by different species, forest types, and management topics. The tool aims to help inform decisions on natural resource management or ecosystem restoration.



## Other apps

External desktop and mobile apps can be embedded in Landscape Partnership workspaces. Below are examples of popular landscape and conservation apps used by practitioners that could be embedded.





Nature's Notebook is a citizen science app to help track seasonal changes in ecosystems

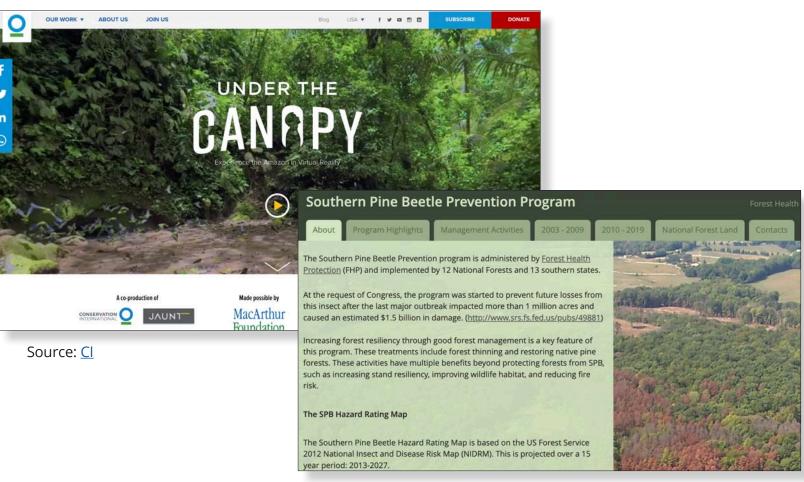


<u>LandPKS</u> is a public tool designed for ag users and others to track climate impacts and measure soil health in working lands iNaturalist is a tool for the public and biologists to learn and share about biodiversity as well as a social network for interestered users



## StoryMaps and Web-based Narratives

Embed ArcGIS StoryMaps and other visual narratives in Landscape Partnership workspaces to highlight user work and partner efforts



Source: <u>USFS</u>



### **COMPANION SITES**

## Partner Issues Subsites



Nature and Society
Climate Impacts
Energy Systems
Ecosystem Services
At-Risk Species
Wildland Fire





### **Nature and Society**

https://www.landscapepartnership.org/plan-design/nature-and-society



### **Climate Context**

https://www.landscapepartnership.org/plan-design/climate-context/

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## Example Subsites

Energy, climate change, ecosystem services, and how society values these services - such as clean drinking water, outdoor recreation, and biological conservation - are key issues influencing the landscape.

These issues and drivers of change are essential to understand and plan for in the management and protection of both natural and cultural resources in order to create a more sustainable landscape for wildlife and human communities.



### **Ecosystem Services**

https://www.landscapepartnership.org/ ecosystem-risks-benefits

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## At-Risk Species

Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW) uses a win-win approach to systematically target conservation efforts to improve agricultural and forest productivity while enhancing at-risk species habitat on working landscapes.

The WLFW Workspaces on the Landscsape Partnership enable interaction between NRCS's WLFW partners and others interested in conserving whole landscapes and empowering rural economies.

The content here augments those WLFW resources available for on USDA's website, and allows any registered user to access to a wide variety of conservation resources, online training, planning and decision-support tools, as well as access to experts, NRCS field staff, and landowners.



William Hopkins, professor of wildlife in the College of Natural Resources and Environment, with an eastern hellbender





Visit the <u>Eastern Hellbender</u> WLFW Workspace



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### Wildland Fire

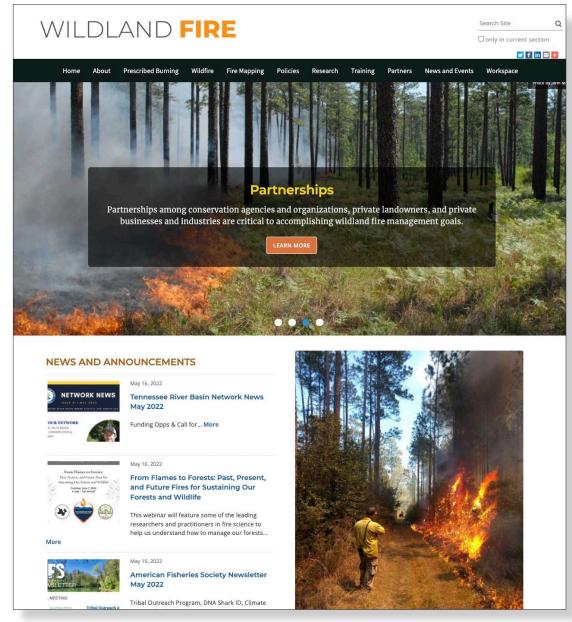
The Wildland Fire site within the Landscape Partnership serves as a clearinghouse for fire resources to support technical experts.

This site links individuals, from fire experts, to public officials, landowners and communities, with diverse groups and resources on wildland fire.

Our purpose is to increase connectivity and information sharing within the larger fire community and between fire experts and other users on the portal.

Fire resources include training resources, data and maps, materials to aid prescribed burning, and avenues to find potential partners.





## Communication Strategies

- Match stories and desired outcomes with appropriate audiences based on their needs
- Identify and share testimonials and success stories
- Develop multimedia communication for your audiences with data illustration, graphic maps, and podcasts
- Recast messages on climate to focus on economic and community benefits, and align with partners who also communicate about these issues





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