



## AppLCC Steering Committee Summary

Following is a summary of KEY themes from the interview process:

### What we do

- Create a common conservation vision for the region
- Share data sets for regional interpretation and data mining
- Proactively frame energy development choices and impacts
- Deliver landscape level, community mapping for regional use
- Promote resiliency of ecosystems

### Why we do it

- No agency, state or university has the capacity to do this on their own

### How we do it

- Appreciation for Appalachia's uniqueness (ecosystem complexity/cultural values, etc.)
- Provide practical insight regional conservation managers can use for decision making
- Remove barriers between state and federal partners
- Involve non-traditional stakeholders and private landowners
- Leverage public interest and support to sustain LCC efforts
- Address human dimensions of landscape conservation
- Translate the science of predictive change into layman's terms
- Speak scenarios and graphics
- Avoid tendency to link efforts to climate change: this is bigger

### Guiding principles

- Move at the speed of trust (key to data sharing)
- Keep focus on the landscape: avoid species-specific projects
- Be sensitive to coal's unique role in the region
- Avoid trying to do too much
- Document success
- We make decisions with imperfect information; learn/adapt/revise
- We are patient: JV success has taken decades to work. This will too
- Regular communication and progress reports to stakeholders and partners

### Criteria

- Immediacy of need
- Investments focus on measurable progress with a high probability of success
- ID large scale corridors for species migration/resiliency
- Partner willingness to contribute time, talent, treasure or influence
- Unique results; something that couldn't be achieved individually
- AppLCC work benefits multiple groups and agencies; leverages multiple funding sources
- Proactive: helps avoid new ESA listings