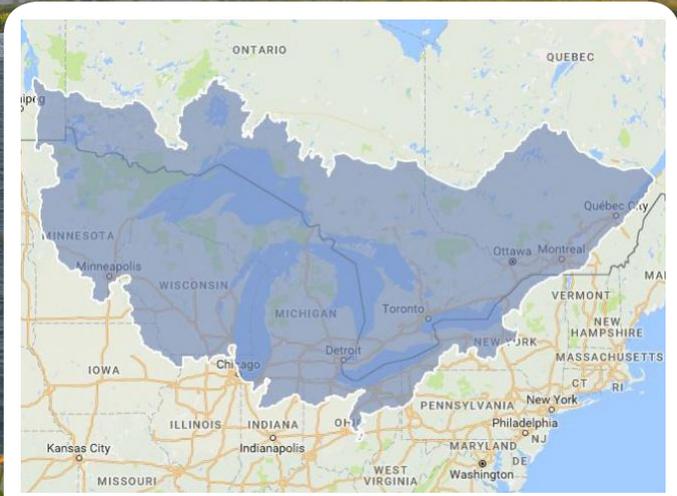




Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Landscape Conservation Cooperative

The Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) is one of 22 LCCs that serve as a forum for collaborative landscape conservation among many diverse partners working together to meet shared natural and cultural resource priorities for current and future generations. We are a partnership of more than 30 agencies and organizations that are working to connect science and natural resources management across this important region.



The Upper Midwest and Great Lakes geography is home to diverse natural resources and people.

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WE ADD VALUE TO SOLVING COMPLEX, GEOGRAPHICALLY BROAD CONSERVATION PROBLEMS IN THE UPPER MIDWEST AND GREAT LAKES REGION.

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Join the landscape conservation community to...

- identify and pursue goals for shared natural resource priorities
- place past, current, and future conservation actions into broader context
- collectively leverage capacities and resources to make greater impact toward shared goals and objectives;
- use evidence- and science-based information to guide our actions; and
- refine strategies by evaluating the outcomes of collective actions.

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Working Regionally on Common Wildlife Priorities

State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAPs) are informing regional fish and wildlife priorities and identifying regional conservation challenges. Working with these and other existing conservation plans are an important part of the process of identifying our conservation priorities. As a result, our Midwest SWAP work group has placed special emphasis on:

- large grassland complexes
- pollinators
- freshwater mussels



Steering Committee Member Organizations

Federal Agencies

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Environmental Protection Agency
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration
National Park Service
United States Fish and Wildlife Service –
Regions 3 and 5
United States Forest Service
United States Geological Survey
United States Geological Survey Northeast
Climate Science Center

State and Provincial Agencies

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
New York Department of Environmental
Conservation
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Non-governmental Organizations

Ducks Unlimited
The Nature Conservancy

Partnerships

Chicago Wilderness
Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership
Upper Mississippi River and Great Lakes
Region Joint Venture

Commissions, Councils, and Foundations

Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Great Lakes Commission
Great Lakes Fishery Commission
Intertribal Agriculture Council
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation



**BY ALIGNING AROUND OUR SHARED INTERESTS, WE LEVERAGE OUR COLLECTIVE
CAPACITY, TALENTED AND SKILLED PEOPLE, AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR
MORE EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION.**

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Diverse Resources

The upper Midwest is home to a diverse range of natural resources provided by the Great Lakes (North America's largest freshwater resource), coastal wetlands, forests, major rivers and prairie. Embedded in these natural areas are heavily populated urban centers. This juxtaposition of natural landscapes and people creates ample opportunity for stewardship and collaboration to solve major ecological challenges.

Areas of Special Emphasis



**Tackling large-scale, long-term
conservation challenges**

Envisioning and pursuing a future that further benefits people and wildlife takes collaboration, planning and co-investment. We are creating that future for the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes region.

To join the action, visit our website at: <https://GreatLakesLCC.org/>

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