

The Great Lakes



- Perspective on Coastal Restoration
- Great Lakes Overview
- Change Management



Coastal Program - Great Lakes



Who We Are – Core Principles



In Front

A First responder to threats and limiting factors for priority species

Up Front

Transparent and accountable.

Out Front

Innovative approaches to conservation, focusing on



Next Steps....

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Conservation in Transition

Leading Change in the 21st Century

INTERNAL DISCUSSION DRAFT

Rising to the Urgent Challenges of a Changing Climate

Strategic Plan for Responding to
Accelerating Climate Change in the 21st Century



"The supreme reality of our time is... the vulnerability of our planet."
— John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States, 1961 —



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This draft strategic plan is an internal discussion draft. It is intended to give Service employees an opportunity to provide feedback concerning the draft plan's content, direction and organization. After Service personnel have provided input, the Service will provide external partners and stakeholders an opportunity to help shape the plan.

- FWS Climate Change Strategic Plan
- Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCC's)
- National Fish and Wildlife Climate Adaptation Strategy
- NOAA's Great Lakes Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments Center

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- **Work as a System** – a region’s conservation infrastructure must interact to achieve measurable outcomes at landscape scales.
- **Recognize our functional interdependence** – Partners are mutually dependent in accomplishing outcomes at landscape scales.
- **Strive for functional connectivity** – leverage capacity for assessment, design, delivery, monitoring, and research.
- **Niche recognition and support** – organization performance and accountability will often relate to the ability to access, use, and leverage our assets and vice versa.
- **System sustainability** – organizations strive to leverage assets in a way that sustains the health of their conservation partner ecosystem.