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The Steering Committee of the Peninsular Florida Landscape Conservation Cooperative (PFLCC) was briefed on the recently released ***National fish, wildlife & plants Climate Adaptation Strategy*** (Strategy) at our recent fall meeting by Laurie McGilvray, the current liaison from NOAA to the national Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) network. The Steering Committee is highly appreciative of the efforts to prepare and provide a personalized briefing and the interactive opportunity to learn more about the Strategy.

The Steering Committee recognizes the value of the Strategy as a national vision and framework necessary for reducing risks and contributing to resiliency of our natural resources. They understand that it will require coordination and integration of efforts across multiple organizations, jurisdictions and at differing geographic scales.

The LCCs seem particularly well positioned to provide the forum for the integration which is envisioned in the Strategy. The PFLCC Steering Committee notes the high degree of synchronicity between the Strategy and the PFLCC charter and offers our ongoing support in enabling the attainment of shared goals and objectives.

Attached are excerpts from our charter that demonstrate a commitment to addressing the effects of climate change as a central role of the PFLCC. In addition, we are developing several projects that will address climate change and adaptation. First, we are developing a scenario model to assess alternative future conditions with sea level rise as a major driver. Second we have begun to

develop fine scale inundation models for coastal counties in Florida to assess potential impacts of sea level rise and hurricane storm surges.

The Steering Committee would like to commend the efforts of the Strategy Steering Committee and the Management Team for developing a blueprint that will guide collaborative conservation efforts, and which recognizes the need for many conservation partners at different geographical scales.

In closing, the diversity and capabilities of the PFLCC partners offer unique opportunities, leadership and significant capacity to coordinate the implementation of the Strategy in our LCC geography.

PFLCC Steering Committee

## Attachment 1. Excerpts from the PFLCC Charter

In concert with Florida's Wildlife Action Plan and other landscape level strategies, the Conservation Cooperative will help manage, and conserve Florida's biodiversity in the face of transformational changes such as global climate change, generational changes in ownership of large tracts of land and development pressure associated with a rapidly growing human population.

The Peninsular Florida Landscape Conservation Cooperative (Conservation Cooperative) is part of a national network of Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs). LCCs are applied conservation science partnerships among federal agencies, regional organizations, states, tribes, landowners, conservation organizations, universities and stakeholders within an ecologically defined area. They are designed to inform resource management decisions in an integrated fashion across landscapes at a broader scale than any individual partner's responsibility. The partnership will consider landscape - scale stressors, including climate change, habitat fragmentation, invasive species, and water scarcity.