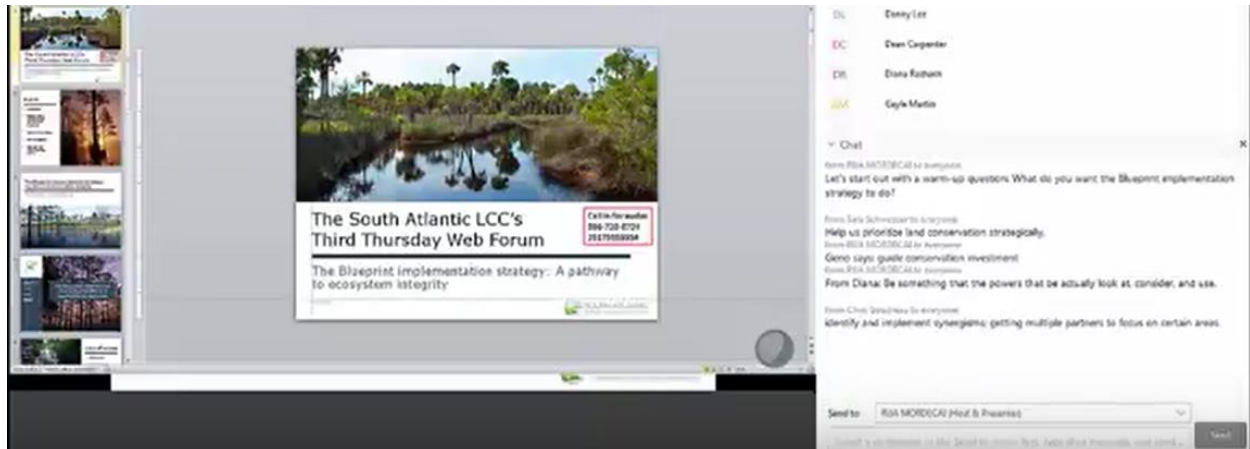


South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative Blueprint Implementation Strategy

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Executive Summary

The South Atlantic Conservation Blueprint is a living spatial plan to conserve natural and cultural resources for future generations. Local, non-profit, state, and federal organizations have used the Blueprint to facilitate conservation actions in more than 30 projects in the 6-state South Atlantic region. While the Blueprint identifies places for shared action at a fine resolution, it does not recommend specific actions at that level of detail. This Implementation Strategy describes a set of recommended actions and approaches within the Blueprint to improve the integrity of South Atlantic ecosystems.

The strategy is divided into three sections. The first section (Using the Blueprint to improve ecosystem integrity) describes how the Blueprint can help improve ecosystem integrity by bringing more resources to the South Atlantic region and facilitating more efficient use of current resources. The second section (Responding to urban growth and sea-level rise) describes how the current Blueprint depicts priority areas for shared action within “high urgency” areas likely to change as a result of those threats, and within “low risk” areas not predicted to change. The final section (Recommended actions by subregion) describes specific conservation actions within each subregion and incorporates information from Blueprint workshops and a number of local, state and regional plans (e.g., State Wildlife Action Plans, Gulf restoration plans, the Cape Fear Arch Conservation Plan, the Gullah-Geechee Corridor Plan, and the NC Coastal Habitat Protection Plan).