If we want to keep our water clean, we need to know what makes it dirty...
CAC 2015 Accomplishments

- Community Presentations
- Community Workshops
- Watershed Groups Participating in Planning
- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring
- Community Clean Ups
- Festivals
- Celebrations of Heritage and Culture
- Low Income community access

CAC / MBNEP Sponsored

- Fundraising Workshop June 19th
- Volunteer Monitoring Program Learning Session July 9
- Grant Writing Workshop August 19th
Attendance 2013-2015

CAC Participation 2013-2015

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Meeting Years

- 2013 (2)
- 2014 (4)
- 2015 (6)
CAC today...

- Declining attendance and participation...reason?
  - Survey results:
    - Meeting location
    - Unaware of potential connection and common goals
    - Not getting any benefit from committee meetings
    - Too many different levels of capacity and different missions between members of the non-profits sector and grassroots groups
    - Lack of focus of the committee
    - Change in organizational leadership

Where do we go from here?
2007 CAC

Established a successful Water Quality Monitoring Program

**Purpose:** To strengthen environmental stewardship by providing citizens with the tools necessary to better understand and act to protect local water quality.

**Goals:** To build the capacity of community organizations to lead water monitoring efforts in their local area / To create a mechanism for better identification of trends and causes and effects of water quality improvements or degradation.

**Objectives:**
- Gather data on a regular basis / Water quality parameters including temperature, dissolved oxygen, salinity, nutrients, and bacterial pathogens;
- Identify trends for local water bodies / Identify and undertake mitigation efforts to correct negative impacts
- Provide ongoing information through meetings, trainings, publications, and web sites
Current Water Quality Monitors

Year 1 CCMP Report

- Alabama Coastal Foundation – 37
- City of Daphne – 1
- Dog River – 14
- Little Lagoon – 7
- Mobile Baykeeper – 7
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Purpose: to re-establish the CAC Water Quality Program by engaging grassroots groups and educating citizens about the water quality issues related to their local watersheds.

Goals: to increase citizen involvement in hands-on monitoring and its contribution to watershed planning; build capacity among grassroots groups through trainings and technology transfer.
CAC 2016
Water Quality Monitoring Program

Objectives:

- Establish target number for trained volunteers
- Assess equipment needs / Chemical supply and demand
- Location accessibility needs for volunteer monitors
- Level of monitoring (types)
- Training needs

Discussion…
Training Opportunities

- Board Development: Responsibilities & Leadership Training
- Effective Communication Tools & Skills
- Political/Legislative Skills Training
- Budgeting and Financial Skills Training

Questions:
- Best time and day
- Priority
Other / Announcements

- **Meeting Schedule**
  - May 20th – time?
  - August 12th – time?
  - Annual Meeting December 9th