

# Community Action Committee

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



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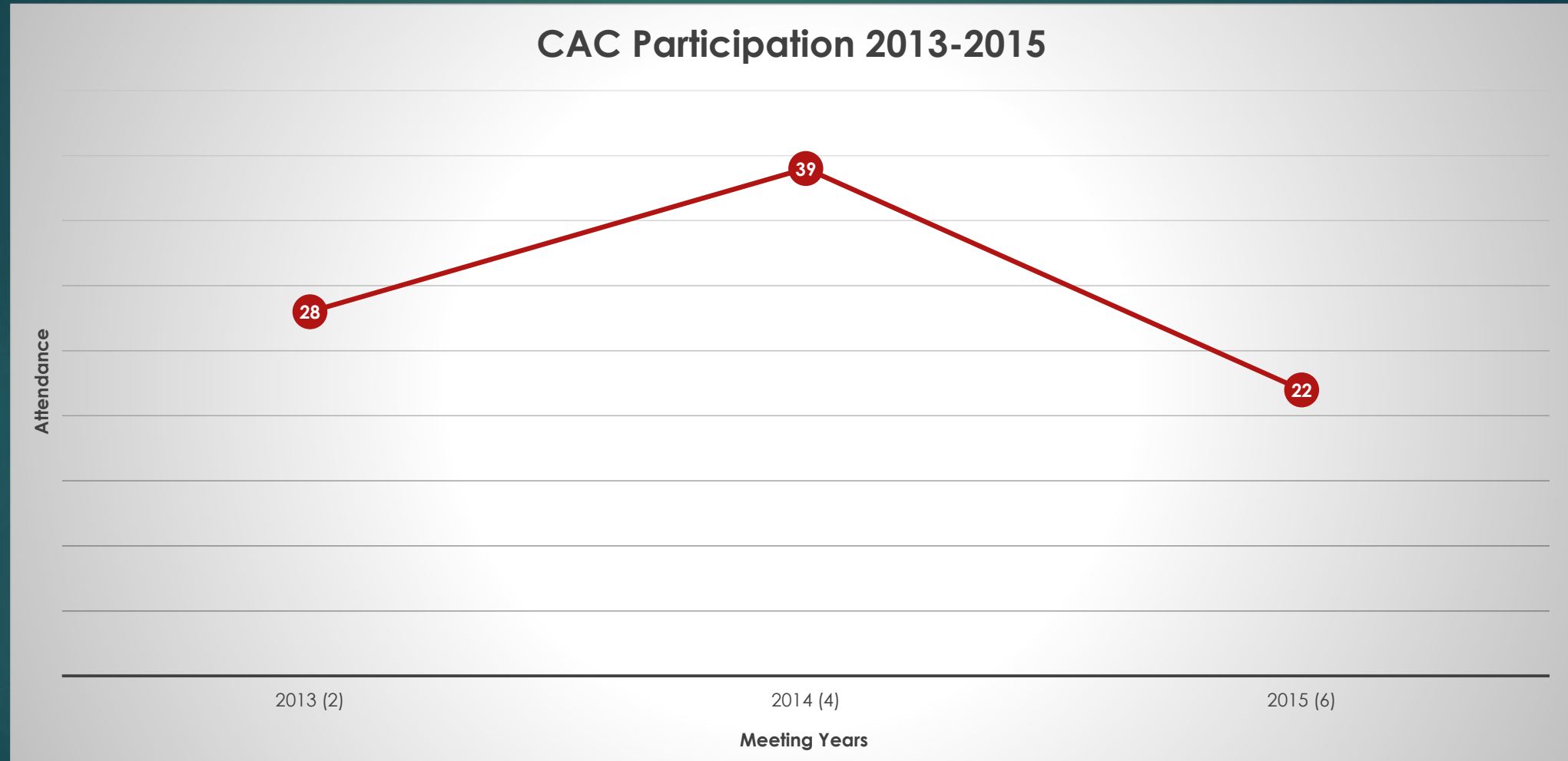
# CAC 2015 Accomplishments

- ▶ 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 19<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Volunteer Monitoring Program Learning Session July 9
- ▶ Grant Writing Workshop August 19<sup>th</sup>

# Attendance 2013-2015



# 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?***

# CAC past success...

## 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

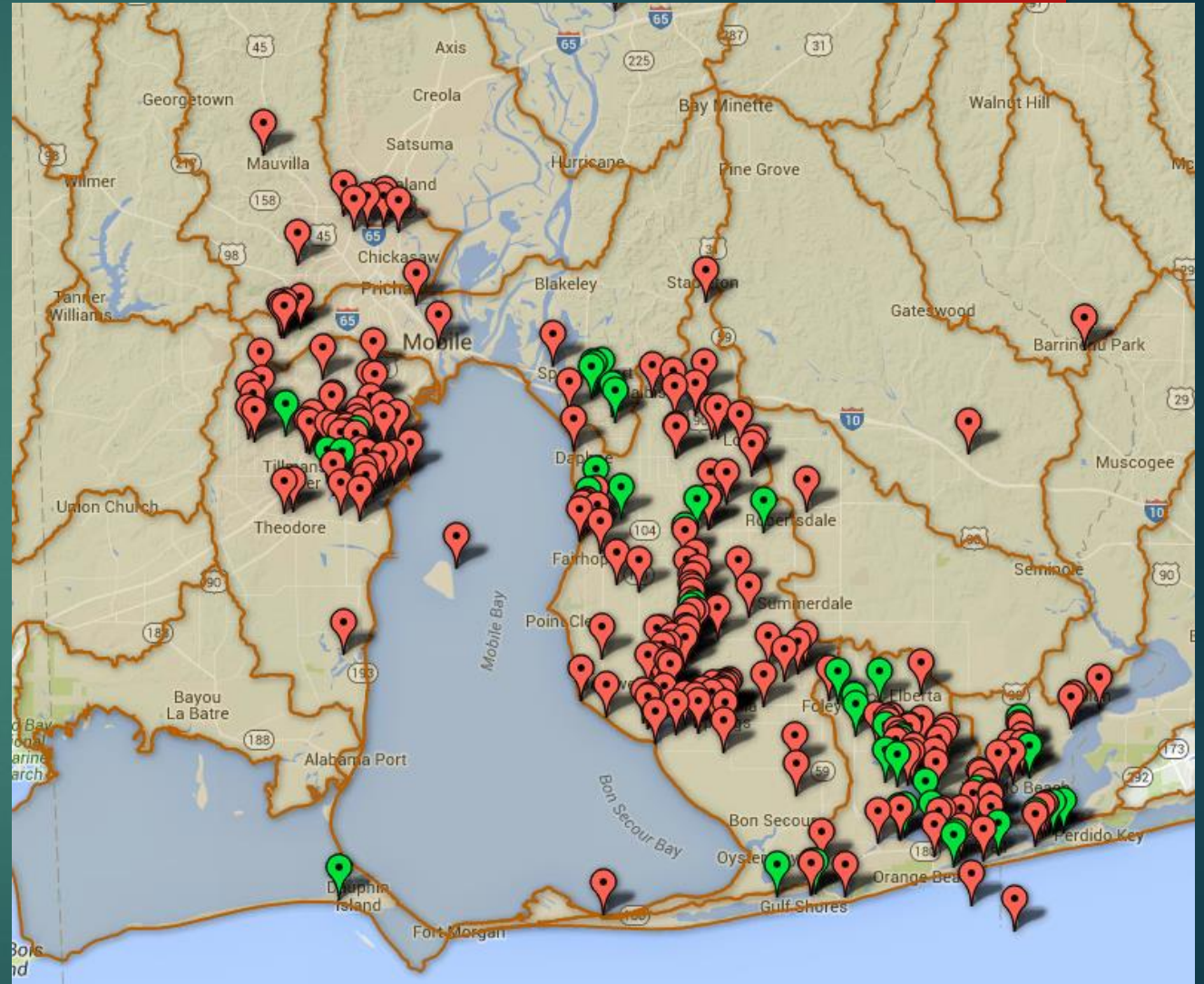
# Current Water Quality Monitors

## Year 1 CCMP Report

- ▶ Alabama Coastal Foundation – 37
- ▶ City of Daphne – 1
- ▶ Dog River – 14
- ▶ Little Lagoon – 7
- ▶ Mobile Baykeeper – 7

# Recorded Monitoring Sites (AWW)

Watershed	Approximate # of sites
Dauphin Island	1
Fowl River	1
Dog River	47
Three Mile Creek	7
Lower Chasaw	8
Tensaw Apalachee	1
The Basin	2
D'Olive	7
Fly Creek	17
Fish River	>50
Magnolia Springs/Skunk Bayou	37
Bon Secour	2
Oyster Bay	1
Little Lagoon	4
Wolf Bay	>50
Perdido Pass	15



Not Active



Active

# CAC 2016

## Water Quality Monitoring Program

**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 20<sup>th</sup> – time?
- ▶ August 12<sup>th</sup> – time?
- ▶ Annual Meeting December 9<sup>th</sup>