

Role of the Steering Committee

DOG RIVER / GARROW'S BEND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

This document outlines the suggested role of the steering committee for the Dog River Watershed Management Plan.

ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee is intended to be a working group with a number of critical responsibilities related to the 1) planning process and 2) development recommendations for the plan.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the committee are to:

- Attend committee meetings (roughly every month for 10 month);
- Represent residents and other stakeholders in the planning process;
- Provide guidance and direction to the staff and consultants;
- Act as spokespersons for the planning effort;
- Serve as hosts at public events during the process;
- Identify volunteers to support the process (for distributing promotional material, serving on for an outreach sub-committee, etc.);
- Volunteer to assist with community meetings;
- Disseminate information during the planning process (using their individual networks);
- Participant in formalizing and presenting the recommendations before appropriate recommending and adopting bodies; and
- Serve as stewards of the plan once it is adopted.

Operating Principles

To guide the committee's deliberations, the following operating principles are proposed:

- Decision-making will be by consensus of those in attendance;
- A simple majority should be considered a quorum to conduct business;
- All committee meetings are open to the public;
- Co-chairs will be identified to provide leadership for the process; and
- Regular attendance is strongly encouraged to ensure consistency in the deliberations.