

AGENDA

- LUNCH & UPDATE ON MBNEP COMMITTEES
- RECAP OF CRC INPUT/PROCESS TO DATE
- MAPPING SURVEY RESULTS TO PRIORITIES
- IDENTIFYING GOALS/ACTIONS BY PRIORITY
- NEXT STEPS DISCUSSION
- WRAP-UP & SOCIAL NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES



RECAP

- **February 16th, 2016** – group of non-profits came together to discuss forming a separate committee under the MBNEP Management Conference. At this meeting you decided:
 - Major focus would be education and advocacy.
 - This committee would focus on advocating for specific projects within the CCMP:
 - Habitat Conservation and Protection
 - Clean Water Future Campaign
 - Low Impact Development
 - Environmental Education and Outreach (including Monitoring)
 - Connecting Environmental Justice Communities



RECAP

- **March 4th, 2016** – MBNEP presented your recommendation to the Executive Committee for the creation of the Education and Advocacy Committee
 - Executive Committee approved the formation of the Community Resources Committee
- **April 7th, 2016**
 - Evaluating the Current EPI Goals in the CCMP Exercise
 - Co-chair election process
- **May 13th, 2016** – Sent out a CRC Meeting Preferences Survey (results on next slide)
- **June 7th, 2016** – Co-chairs approved by Executive Committee



COMMUNITY RESOURCES SURVEY RESULTS

Preference for Meetings

- Day of Week – Tues (Thurs was 2nd and Wed was 3rd – however this meeting was scheduled based on Doodle Poll results)
- Time – 12-2pm (59%) with 2-4 and 3-5 pm tying for 2nd place (~41%)
- Place – Five Rivers (47%) & Kilian Room (35%)
- Food – Not more likely to attend
- Willing to Sponsor once over next 2 yrs? (88% - yes)

We asked you to: “***Please indicate one significant accomplishment your organization would like to see achieved by 2018.***”



MAPPING ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO PRIORITIES



Habitat Conservation and Protection

- Close the Joe's Branch conservation Easement with Westminster Village
- The CRC, through advocacy efforts, acquires the funding (BP restoration dollars) needed to implement top projects within watershed management plans as prioritized by the Project Implementation Committee.
- Identify opportunities for CRC to engage/support Gulf restoration efforts
- Bringing about some substantive local controls and standards for development within watersheds to protect streams and wetlands.
- Development and promotion of tourism and ecotourism as forms of economic development for south Mobile County communities??

MAPPING ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO PRIORITIES



Environmental Education and Outreach (including monitoring)

- Increased education and volunteer opportunities regarding our environment.
- Engagement and education of more stakeholder groups in the coastal restoration process. Leadership by the NEP committees as a review committee for restoration decisions.
- Every student in Alabama knows that water from their community affects the Gulf of Mexico and Mobile Bay (for most of the state)

MAPPING ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO PRIORITIES

Low Impact Development

- Create model of what low impact Development looks like, and include examples of how this directly protects habitat. Goal: clean energy transition projects established by 2018.
- Development and promotion of tourism and ecotourism as forms of economic development for south Mobile County communities??



MAPPING ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO PRIORITIES



Other/Potential New Priorities?

- Recommendations for Freshwater Flows to the Bay recommended as part of a statewide instream flow policy by the Alabama Water Agency Working Group. Recommended instream flow policy adopted by the Alabama legislature in 2018 legislative session
- I'd like to see some milestones put in place for nutrient reduction for the Bay and its watersheds

Other Suggestions/Overall Goals for CRC

- Increased partnerships between CRC organizations outside of the CRC meeting room.
 - That we have identified and prioritized one specific environmental goal that the broader community has galvanized around.
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COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Identifying Goals/Actions (spreadsheet)

Potential Actions (from EPI Exercise on April 7th):

- EPI 1 – Increase Awareness of Coastal Resources
 - Presentations
 - Workshops
 - Tours/Getting People to Local Waterways
- EPI 2 – Improve Community Ability to Participate in Ecosystem-Based Management Actions
 - Watershed Management Plan Integration
 - Volunteer Efforts
- EPI 3 – Increase Citizen Actions to Mitigate Impacts to Humans on the Environment
 - Marketing (social media, CWF, etc)
 - Stewardship Programs (AL Smart Yards, Muddy Water Watch, etc_
- EPI 4 – Build Capacity
 - Pollutant Removal (Trash Removal/Clean-up, fertilizer programs, etc)
 - Support Needed Changes to fed/state/local regulations and promote enforcement of existing regulations (Letter-Writing Campaign, Public Comment, etc)



What Else.....?

SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS

- Identify **Working Groups** by Priority
- Work with each working group to identify specific measurable goals/actions for each priority.
- Compile results and send out a **draft CRC workplan** for committee to review
- Final Workplan by **Oct 1st, 2016**.
- Next Meeting – **September 2016** (doodle poll for specific date)
- Social Networking Opportunities
 - Green Drinks (Christian Miller) – **July 20th at 5-7pm**
 - Save the Date for Bays and Bayous – **Nov 30th & Dec 1st** at MS Coast Convention Center (Biloxi, MS)

