

**MOBILE BAY NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM  
COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE**

<b>Community Action Committee</b>	
Purpose	To bring together grassroots organizations for networking, information sharing, issues development, and cooperative training purposes.
Identify Issues	YES
Authority to Approve Action Plans	NO- But can recommend for approval
Advocating for Environmental Needs- Federally, Statewide, locally	YES- contacting government officials/advocacy
Affecting Policy Changes throughout the Community	YES- contacting government officials; educating candidates
Raising cash and other resources	YES -Primarily through volunteer involvement
Undertaking Projects	YES
Catalyzing Community Action	YES
Committee Representation	OPEN to all grassroots groups that have an interest
Governance	Group will elect Chair, Co-Chair, and Executive Committee Representative
Meetings	Quarterly; special issue trainings as determined

**Purpose:** This group would engage in the following:

1. MBNEP discussion/education of the issues and how they relate to environmental sustainability(i.e., storm water management, public access, environmentally appropriate affordable housing, habitat protection)
2. Educate others on committee about individual organizational efforts to address issues (opps. for agencies to present what they do to the group; opps for groups to learn new ways of energizing constituencies)
3. Engage in constructive dialogue on ways to partner with each other to effect positive results.
4. Identify community resources that could effectively aid in addressing issues/challenges.
5. Provide increased opportunities for public participation and project involvement.(i.e citizen monitoring, volunteer opportunities etc.).
6. Identify projects and assist with planning for their implementation (i.e., water quality monitoring, habitat conservation, restoration, and protection, data management, public access, etc.)
7. Cooperatively identify tasks/role for MBNEP in addressing issues or galvanizing action