

CAC CCMP Update Activity October 2018

Discussed CAC moving forward with all activities focusing on two paths.

1 – Continuing citizen science focus

2 – Broadening our base and membership

Goals

- Increase citizen involvement in hands-on monitoring
- Increase contributions to watershed planning and implementation
- Build capacity of grassroots groups through training, speakers, and technology transfer
- Increase coordination with ADEM and use of citizen data
- Broaden membership and activities (recruit two new groups?)

Objectives/Activities

- Develop a comprehensive strategy for VWQM.
 - Recognition/reward component to increase participation and retention.
 - Host volunteer monitor picnic
 - Determine agreed upon WQM methodology – (AWW or other).
 - Undertake a bacteria monitoring literature review (put to bed if we need E. coli or enterococci)
 - Assess equipment needs/chemical supply and demands - get a round number to budget accordingly
 - Establish target # of sites
- Increase X% of bacteria monitors
- SAC coordination - technical and/or subject matter expertise.
- Establish citizen monitoring in all prioritized intertidal watersheds.
- Examine prospect of a tiered data system in Alabama (research and invite speaker/expert from programs using this system – invite SAC and other conference members)
- Examine other citizen science projects and implement one
- Engage X# of outside groups.
- Recruit target groups incorporate other CCMP “values” (two other ways citizen are involved)
- “Traveling roadshow” to attend watershed groups (or others) meetings, take tours, learn their issues and use the CAC or other committees to provide support.
 - Determine best way to meet folks on their turf and show support/interact and let them get excited to share and be involved.
- Execute one coordinated VWQM project or community event.
- Training priorities: watershed education; stormwater runoff education, including MS4 workings; VWQM, biological monitoring; shoreline monitoring; CCWF implementation
- Use WMPs to identify community groups or events within each watershed and have the CAC engage with them through speaking at their meetings.

Other considerations

- MBNEP making a concerted effort to regroup WMP steering committees and watershed groups to provide yearly updates on implementation (or lack of) activities following Plan delivery. At our last meeting folks mentioned that the recommended Task Force was nonexistent or operating in a vacuum...