

Member Collaboration Reports Summary

Steering Committee Meeting

Gulfport, MS

August 1, 2018



CPS Year 1 Activities

- Collaboration!
 - Commitment to transparency
 - Member-Member discussions
 - Stakeholders, especially local governments, NGO community
 - Summits (FL, AL, MS, LA)
 - Support to Council Public Engagement efforts
 - Early environmental compliance technical assistance
- Application of Best Available Science
 - All to include application of BAS throughout collaboration process
 - Gulf-wide and within-state watershed comparison of potential benefits of restoration investments
 - Support to CMAWG for development of Council's adaptive management plan
 - Sand inventory and identification of additional data needs



Restoration Ideas - What We Heard

- Water Quality, including
 - Septic-to-sewer
 - Sediment loading
 - Water Quantity - Hydrologic reconnections
- Habitat (e.g., marsh, longleaf pine)
 - Restoration
 - Acquisition & stewardship
- Living Coastal and Marine Resources, especially oysters
 - Living shorelines
 - Also intersects the Resilience Goal - Green Infrastructure



Building on Existing Work

- Regional Plans
 - NERRs, NEPs, state Master Plans, others
- Concept of Bucket 2 as “gap filler” for important work that may not be able to be implemented in other funding streams
- Also leveraging for greater benefit to projects and/or programs



Continuing to build “Story”

- As collaboration proceeds, gain more clarity on:
 - FPL 3 priorities
 - Planning framework (priority watersheds and/or restoration types)
 - Specific projects and/or programs (especially those that would benefit from multi-member coordination)
 - Long-view on Restoration
 - Defining long-term success
 - Measuring progress



Resources to Support Collaboration

- Council Collaboration Tool
 - Discussed during April 2018 Steering Committee meeting
 - Funded as part of FY 18 budget
 - Internal platform for developing FPL ideas (information not pushed to public platform until Council members approve)
 - Using the database from the start facilitates carrying information through from concept to award, streamlining projects funding
- DOI Strategic Conservation Assessment database of existing regional plans
 - Link: <https://scagulf.shinyapps.io/visualization2/>

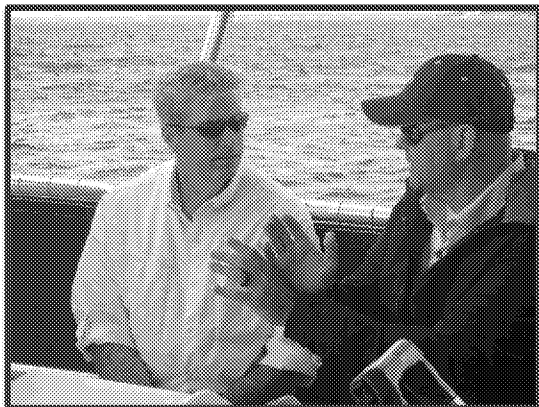


Next Steps

- Continue to refine/increase detail of information requested in Member report-out template
- Share “Lessons Learned”
 - Land Acquisition (e.g., TX projects)
 - Building programs (e.g., MS Water Quality Program)
- Report-out on CMAP and CMAWG, including how CMAWG coordinates with Cross-TIG MAM workgroup
- Discuss other federal funding opportunities between members
- Develop calendar of upcoming meetings (mechanism TBD)
 - Members to supply Council staff with the meetings to be included
 - Provide as standing agenda item on Steering Committee calls



Questions/Comments



What did you hear?

