

**The Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived
Economies of the Gulf Coast Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act)
WORKING GROUP SUBCMTE MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting Location: 22211 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater, Building 6 Conference Room

Team members from the RESTORE Act Working Group Subcommittee met on **March 19, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.** to discuss and determine a project selection and ranking approach.

Meeting Attendees

Working Group Members Present:	
Elliot Shoberg	Stormwater Utility Manager, Clearwater
Dennis O'Hern	Fishing Rights Alliance
Bob McConnell	Tampa Bay Water
Cathy Harrelson	Gulf Restoration Network
Randy Runnels	FDEP, Tampa Bay Aquatic Preserves
Public Attendees	
Doug Robison	ESA, Southeast Region
Sara Bergeron	FDEP, Tampa Bay Aquatic Preserves
Curtis Franklin	Pasco County RESTORE Act Program Manager
Staff members present:	
Andy Squires	Coastal & Freshwater Resources Manager
Facilitator:	
Lindsay Cross	Tampa Bay Estuary Program

Items Discussed

1. Andy Squires summarized the actions of the previous full Working Group meeting and that the purpose of this meeting was to narrow down an approach to select and rank projects for funding.
2. The group was presented two draft project selection options to consider.
3. Both options were discussed in detail. A few minor wording revisions were made to Step 1 in Option 1. After considerable discussion, the group reached consensus to move forward with Option 1 with a set of revisions recommended by the group.
4. Suggested revisions included: delete project completeness (criterion 12); define environmental stewardship and sustainable practices (criterion 6); define how a project addresses a priority (criterion 4); add two new criteria similar to criteria 1 & 2, but based on meeting Eligible Activities; consider a method to score Benefit to Cost (criterion 10), use zero scores where applicable.
5. There was also considerable discussion on how to add the restoration and protection of freshwater flow, or water quantity, or stormwater quantity, to the priorities or ranking criteria. Consensus was not reached on this point.

Action Items

1. Andy Squires will develop a written description on how the County will implement projects approved for funding.
2. Andy Squires with County staff will consider additional "County priority" statements based on comments made by the group.
3. Lindsay Cross will revise the set of Option 1 criteria, their scores, and suggested guidelines.
4. The subcommittee will meet on April 2 to review the revisions to Option 1 as developed by Andy and Lindsay. On April 2nd, sample proposed projects developed by County staff will be used to test the proposed selection and ranking process.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.