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Governors' South Atlantic Alliance (GSAA) Issue Area Project and Resource Needs "Snap Shot"

This Snap Shot is designed to collect brief information on the prospective projects and resource needs of the GSAA Issue Area Technical Teams to progress the GSAA Action Plan and Implementation Plan.

Issue Area: Working Waterfronts

Project Title: *Identify and inventory contemporary and historical, recreational working waterfront sites as well as public access infrastructure and support facilities*

Scoping process

Action to be Addressed:

WW1C: *Support community-based mapping work to identify contemporary and historical, recreational and commercial working waterfront sites.*

WW2C: *Inventory public access infrastructure and support facilities within the four states.*

Resources Needed: *[including cost in thousands]*

- 1) Staffing (graduate student with GIS experience to assist with data compilation)
- 2) Funding

Expected Timescale: *[in years and months]*

- 1 year 6 months for scoping document and data recommendations (6-8 mos. for collection; 6-10 mos. for recommendation of identified data layers to be added to RIMS)

Description

Background: *Please provide 1 to 2 paragraphs. Include details about the needs this project addresses and a description of the current status of information for the proposed topic and its level of adequacy.*

Action items identified as WW1C and WW2C are critical items to the success of all future actions by the Working Waterfront Technical Team (WWIATT). To achieve the desired results, the WWIATT has identified both data and staffing needs that will require funding and support by the GSAA. Without sufficient funding and staffing resources, the WWIATT will be unable to accomplish these actions by the grant deadline.

The results of this work will include the identification and mapping of commercial, recreational and military sites as outlined in the action items. By combining two action items, the WWIATT is leveraging limited resources to provide the greatest benefit to the GSAA.

Objectives: *Clearly and succinctly state the objectives or expected outcomes of this project.*

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- 1) Data protocols are to be developed by the RIMS team for all four priority issue areas with the goal of standardizing the format of all identified and collected data layers to be housed on the RIMS portal.
- 2) Development of a scoping document that will include existing and available datasets identified by the WWIATT as essential for addressing and accomplishing WW1C and WW2C action items. Further, this document will identify data gaps needed to fill to complete the inventory.
- 3) Recommendation of immediate layers to put on RIMS (3mos.) A recommendation for future layer inclusion.

Approach/Methods: Provide a brief description on the process, techniques, or tools that may be used to meet the objectives of the project. If applicable, describe where this project ties in with other efforts, and if so, how.

- 1) Hire a graduate student to compile the information and produce the data/scoping document. This exercise would entail the development of a data catalog summary of the existing and available datasets identified.
- 2) Organize and hold a webinar/web X meeting with partners to discuss data layers and build consensus on the RIMS datasets that can be uploaded to the portal in the short-term (3mos.); and recommend further data sources for inclusion in the future.
- 3) Secure additional datasets and place on the RIMS portal based on webinar prioritization. Provide data in format that is acceptable for RIMS (based on designated protocol).
- 4) Identify and determine what entities (add as step in matrix) will house data (ongoing activity).

Potential Partners: Identify partners that could work with the IATTs to accomplish the project objectives, or partners that have the expertise to develop and execute the project as an independent study. Where possible, include points of contact and descriptions of roles.

IATT members- provide oversight and serve as recommending body for data layer creation

Academic institutions- provide labor for data collection and basic analysis

State GIS coordinators- point of contact for state level data collection

Federal agencies- data providers

HVA Team- provide GIS support through data housing and technical expertise

RIMS Team- data inclusion in GSA portal and technical expertise