

**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: Working Waterfront Community Resource Clearinghouse**

**Action to be Addressed:**

WW2A4: Encouraging the use of waterway and land-use planning and policy options

**Resources Needed:**

Web Portal; Intern; Outreach materials, including printing and postage

\$5,000 - \$10,000

**Expected Timescale:**

12-18 Months

**Description**

Maintaining working waterfronts, especially in less urban areas, has been a priority for many communities, yet proper land-use policy has not always been in place to successfully keep uses economically or physically viable.

Collaborating with existing communities, who have successfully implemented local ordinances for mixed use or commercial waterfront sustainability, will provide a tool and/or guidance for those places looking for innovative solutions for changing markets. This step includes providing model ordinances, tax incentive options, financing opportunities for navigation, and other local provisions that can be considerations for those jurisdictions wanting to implement measures to keep working/commercial waterfronts part of their community.

Objectives: Compiling and making available the resources to communities to preserve/maintain working waterfronts. Information availability will also provide background information for other WW priorities.

Increase capacity of communities to make informed decisions when trying to balance diverse uses, ensuring access, and future working waterfront initiative.

Expand the level and type of technical assistance available and coordinate with the National Working Waterfronts Network.

Deliverables: Model ordinances and case study report providing flexible incentives, and model legislation etc.

*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.*

- Identify communities that have local ordinances and policies for water-dependent uses or water-related uses. (Looking at mix-use options: water-dependent in conjunction with non-water-dependent uses.) (Outreach: Identify and disseminate model zoning guidance and planning for working waterfront preservation for potential application in SAA member states.)
- Outreach: Target communities with commercial working waterfront enterprises in their boundaries, but lack protective land-use policies for technical assistance. Provide information on policy opportunities that are available for preservation of land uses.

Potential Partners:

(Coordinate with policy-making agencies with regard to regional waterways)  
All IATT members; academic institutions; Coastal Studies Institute (Andy Keeler, JP Walsh) ECU (Craig Landry); National Working Waterfronts Network (Bob Swett, FLSG; Tom Murphy VASG; Natalie Sprugiel & Kristin Grant); Southern Environmental Law Center; National Sea Grant Law Center; Sea Grant; Sea Grant Law School