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2015 Planning Report

Working Waterfronts

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Problem Statement

The viability of ongoing waterfront cultural traditions, commerce, and adequate access in coastal states is compromised by natural and man-made hazards, current development approaches, and permitting/regulatory processes. Quality-of-life, jobs, health and safety require GSAA's support of robust and vibrant working waterfronts within the South Atlantic region.

Draft 2015 Work Plan Actions

1a. ID overall economic impact of the AIWW

- ID existing studies, states that don't have studies, potential obstacles and regulations involved
- Include impact of recreational boating
- Use Florida AIWW economic impact study as model to ensure consistency across 4 state region

1b. Address sediment management issue

- Environmental impact of dredge material placement and alternative uses of material
 - Gap analysis of dredge material management plans
 - Connection with Healthy Ecosystems IATT - ports, inlets

Resilience links:

- Economic resilience – navigation, tourism, fishing fleets
- Community resilience – sand source for beneficial use
- Health and safety linked to maintenance of water way
- Strategic corridor for national defense - fuel delivery and transport

Draft 2015 Work Plan Actions

2. Working Waterfront Community Resources Catalog

- Provide working models and examples to South Atlantic communities
 - ID local ordinances and policies for water-related uses

Resilience links:

- Community resilience – make and maintain areas that are viable for socio-economic and cultural uses
- Resilience of infrastructure – building codes and standards

Draft 2015 Work Plan Actions

3. Clean and Resilient Marina Initiative

- Implement in the South Atlantic region
 - Determine feasibility for model within Region
 - Adapt components of GOMA approach

Resilience links:

- Community resilience – health and safety
- Economic resilience – continued business viability
- Environmental resilience – minimize erosion, NPS pollution
- Hazards resilience

Requirements for Success

- Please list what is needed (from other teams, the EPT, and the Coordinator) to successfully implement your action items, for example
 - Partners
 - Meetings and workshops
 - Travel
 - Research
 - Analysis
 - Any other types of support?
- You are welcome to put estimated dollar figures on the requirements, but if suggesting a funding need, please indicate what the funding would be used for.

2015 Team Lead

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- Alternative energy - tradeoffs
- AIWW
- Sand management and dredge disposal – savings of risk mitigation
 - Enhancing economic activity, resilience and community resilience
- Recreational and commercial water access - SLR

- Disappearing access for public use, historic uses of waterfront and waterways
- Conversion of public to private resulting in loss of waterfront and within waterway access

Jobs, health and safety of traditional working waterfront communities are being compromised by

economic and cultural viability of working waterfronts