

## Scaling Up Nature-based Solutions (SUNS) Working Group Session 4

October 28th, 2021

10:00 am CT – 11:30 am CT

### OBJECTIVES

- Review project planning principles
- Decide on final list and definitions of up to 4 regional strategies for project selection
- Compile list of working group members' priority locations

### ATTENDEES:

Chris Shepard, Anna Jane Jones, Kiera O'Donnell, Bob Bendick, Darryl Boudreau, Steven Scyphers, Jessica Graham, Chester Butler, Kent Smith, Jim Muller, Josh Adams, Leah Fox, Joe Schmidt, Erin Griffith, Ed Cook, Pat Perno, Luke Powell, Melody Ray-Culp, Rick Durbrow, Marian Hanisko, Jeff Crigler, Anita Grove

### AGENDA

#### ICE BREAKER OPENING ACTIVITY (10 min)

#### SUNS: PROGRESS TO DATE & ROADMAP (10 min)

- Presentation: Review Working Group priorities, process, and timeline

#### DEFINE PRINCIPLES & REGIONAL STRATEGIES (25 min)

- Review results of last meeting: consolidating principles & strategies
- Workshopping strategy definition and considerations

#### PRIORITY LOCATIONS (30 min)

- Feedback on Portfolio Process:
  - What is a "priority location"?
  - Demonstration: submitting a priority location
  - Activity: Aside from plans that are already in place: are there locations that are of interest to your organization/jurisdiction?

#### CLOSING & NEXT-STEPS (5 min)

## NOTES

### ICE BREAKER OPENING ACTIVITY (10 min)

#### ***What is one thing that should not be missed in the Panhandle?***

**Food:** The Grand Marlin, Uncle Ernie's Bayfront Grill, Saltwater Grill, Lynn's Quality Oysters, East Point Brewing, Fisherman's Wife, Thai Rice, Thomas Donuts, Mike's Diner, Cajun Place, Finn's, Hunt's Oyster Bar

**Recreation (nature!):** Grayton Beach State Park, Coastal Dune Lakes, Big Lagoon State Park, Zoo World, Project Green Shores, St. Vincent, St. Marks, Deer Lake State Park, Bald Point State Park, Tate's Hell State Forest, Gulf Island, Wakulla Springs, Indian Pass, Topsail Hill State Park

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Chester: SUNS has helped Carrabelle make connections to regional initiatives (e.g., connecting with Josh at ARPC about Franklin 98 project to help clear up questions for residents)

#### Principle: Critical Infrastructure

Josh: Regarding principles, critical infrastructure protection – makes sense to use definition in alignment with the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection (includes, for example, cultural resources/infrastructure). FS 380.093 for definition (natural, coastal, cultural)  
ARPC/Apalachee Strong been invited to submit a full proposal for funding for vulnerability assessments, which would include municipalities (including Carrabelle); would be completed next June

#### Principle: Equity

Chris: How would we frame this conversation? Is it a question of economic development?

Jessica: There may be some creative ways to access this information – for example, looking at school scores and the surrounding areas to get a preliminary sense of equity concerns

Anita: Given the low density of Franklin County, would be difficult there; there is only one school. Even looking at data about income can be tricky

Rick: EPA's Environmental Justice Screening tool might provide some of that basic demographic info we want

#### Principle: Regional Solutions

The Plan for the Portfolio: Strategies

Green Space in the Floodplain

Community Stormwater Management

Shoreline Protection

Regional Recreation Economy

Chester: Can you remind us of the final product?

Chris: It will be a map of identified project areas, a corresponding project sheet that includes a summary of the project and project benefits, and a description of the strategies. The Working Group is meeting for 1 year (July-July) to craft that document.

Melody: Thinking through what is missing from the strategies represented. Perhaps something about managed retreat or land acquisition? It might not be an option that can be considered at this point, but worth mentioning. We are past the 'do nothing' point for the Panhandle, most communities need some form of intervention.

Chris: This hasn't come up in our discussion with communities; while TNC has done work around buyouts in other regions, there would also be some practical concerns with how we would get the necessary data to propose projects (e.g., repetitive loss data).

Rick: SACS – example of a Coastal study that had a lot of outreach. But how to implement and plan from that information?

Chris: Interested in data; would need to talk through. CRS – example of proactively protecting areas, subsequently gaining benefits in CRS program via lowered premiums

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**CLOSING & NEXT-STEPS** (5 min)

- Complete [survey](#) regarding priority areas; follow up with Anna Jane with questions or help filling out survey.
- Meeting in early December to go over Strategy Workshop Meetings – which will be scheduled from January through April
- Project team to visit Panhandle in January and would love to schedule time to meet with WG members.