

Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team

Action Item Subcommittee Report

REVISED ACTION ITEMS (Fourth Revision)

NOTE: Three documents were reviewed as the basis for the Action Items listed: BBRRCT Action Plan; BBRRCT Charter; and Working Group Goals (Planning Categories). The references in these documents are shown for each item as AP, C, and WGG.

Items are listed in order of priority as determined by the Subcommittee.

1. FRESHWATER NEEDS OF THE BAY

Biscayne Bay continues to need additional freshwater to lower nearshore salinity to estuarine conditions and meet identified restoration and preservation goals. Therefore, the BBRRCT's primary action item will be to improve freshwater deliveries to Biscayne Bay. This will be achieved by focusing on projects, processes, and policies that potentially affect freshwater flows and providing guidance to the Working Group on achieving this goal.

(AP – Subgoal 4.2.3 Improve Water Management; C – Purpose #2; WGG – Subgoal 3-C)

2. BISCAYNE BAY STAKEHOLDERS

Insure that all users of Biscayne Bay have access to the Bay, will use the Bay in a responsible and sustainable manner, and will support a variety of uses and activities that maintain the major economic impact the Bay brings to South Florida. (AP – Focus Areas 2 & 3; C – Purposes 1 & 2; WGG – Goal 3)

3. DEVELOP ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC VALUES FACT SHEET FOR BISCAYNE BAY

A Subcommittee will be formed to use existing information (e.g. "Biscayne Bay Economic Impact Study"), consolidate and update it, and create a Fact Sheet. (AP – Focus Areas 2 & 3; C – Purpose #1; WGG – Objective 3-A.3)

4. Timely consider policies, plans, and projects in restoration, resource management, built environment, CERP, sea level rise, waterfront planning, access, and other areas that may affect the current or future condition of Biscayne Bay. Report the Team's concerns and recommendations to the Working Group. Included in that report to the Working Group may be information about the responsible party or parties, including any local municipality (or municipalities) involved. (AP – Focus Areas 1, 2, 3; C – Purposes 1 & 2; WGG – Goals 2 & 3)

5. Increase awareness and improve appreciation of the following in the Biscayne Bay watershed:

- a. Biscayne Bay's recreational opportunities
- b. Responsible and safe boating
- c. Access to eco-tourism adventures
- d. Conservation of environmental resources

This may be achieved and/or coordinated through the creation/efforts of an Outreach Subcommittee, or through the efforts of a BBRRCT member agency/organization. The mission of the Outreach Subcommittee would be to promote and enhance community stewardship, knowledge, and appreciation of and accessibility to Biscayne Bay through increased coordination and partnership of agencies and organizations.

(AP – Focus Area 2; C – Purposes 1 & 2; WGG – Goals 2 & 3)

6. Monitor existing and develop new outreach opportunities to present information about Biscayne Bay and to raise awareness of issues that impact its value and sustainability. Facilitate the ability of the BBRRCT and/or its members to participate in these opportunities. Serve as a central clearinghouse and forum on subjects potentially affecting Biscayne Bay, Especially with regard to other action items. (AP – Focus Areas 2 & 3; C – Purpose #1; WGG – Objective 3-A.3)

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

The basis for these items are: AP – Overarching Goals #1 (Coordination) & #3 (Tracking and Follow-up); C – Guidance Item 1. None of these are referenced in the Working Group Goals.

1. Prepare an Annual Report to the Working Group as required by the Team's Charter, and make other reports to the Working Group as the Team deems necessary. It is anticipated that the BBRRCT Chair and/or Co-Chair would regularly attend the meetings of the Working Group, give a short report including any recommendations of the BBRRCT to the Working Group, and report back to the BBRRCT with any Working Group requests of the BBRRCT.
2. Keep current on the status of those policies, plans, projects and issues that the BBRRCT has brought to the attention of the Working Group or that have otherwise been identified as being of particular concern to the Team and point out still-unresolved issues to the Working Group as appropriate.
3. Review and revise the BBRRCT Action Plan as needed, including the development of Prioritized Action Items at least every two years for the Focus Areas identified in the Plan

4. Review BBRRCT membership annually.
5. Fill the vacant seats on the BBRRCT.