

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE

Goal 3 Steering Committee Directive December 8, 2000

BACKGROUND:

The Working Group and Task Force are embarking upon the update and revision phase for *Coordinating Success*, the regionwide performance oriented strategy that coordinates and integrates existing and planned federal and non-federal activities necessary to accomplish the three ecosystem restoration goals:

1. Getting the water right,
2. Restoring and enhancing the natural system
3. Fostering Compatibility of the built and natural systems

In order to facilitate refinement of Goal 3 for the strategic plan revision for 2002, the Goal 3 Steering Committee will guide staff efforts to fully develop the Goal 3 section of the revised Task Force Strategy.

One of the country's most significant environmental initiatives is the restoration of the Everglades and the South Florida ecosystem. Maintaining a sustainable ecosystem in South Florida requires a coordinated regional approach to planning and management that transcends political boundaries and narrow agency jurisdictions. The governance and planning for South Florida involves 16 county governments, 130+ municipalities, 2 tribal governments, numerous special districts, six Metropolitan Planning Organizations, five Regional Planning Councils, the South Florida Water Management District, five major state environmental and planning agencies, and 11 federal agencies. The ultimate success of efforts to restore the south Florida ecosystem will hinge on the ability of these governments to work together with an unprecedented level of partnership.

The 2002 revised Goal 3 will update the Task Force Strategy approved in July 2000 and consider outcomes of current state revisions in its growth management *programs where the natural and built systems interrelate*, federal and state government policy guidance for environmental justice, the Working Group strategy for sustainable agriculture, and ongoing restoration projects designed to provide water management *benefits to the urban and rural components* of the built environment that are compatible with the needs of the natural system. The committee's work will build on the Goal 3 section of the current Strategy to foster compatibility of the built and natural systems. Other teams are working on the revision and implementation work for the other two goal areas and integrating their efforts as appropriate.

PURPOSE:

The goal 3 Development Task Team will develop for working group consideration a revised Goal 3 section of the Task Force strategy document and present it as an initial draft to the Working Group by July of 2001.

Goal 3 Steering Committee:

Billy Causey, FKNMS – Co-Chair	Toy Keller/Jim Quinn, DCA
John Folks, FDACS – Co-Chair	Fred Rapach, Palm Beach County
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Bonnie Kranzer	Linda Friar, OED
Brenda Menendez, DCA	Carrie Beeler, OED

*Any working group member can appoint someone to this team by contacting Linda Friar 305-348-1660

GUIDANCE

- a. The goal of the committee is to coordinate development of a process that will provide a more comprehensive Goal 3 section of the strategy, including the development of sub-goals, and objectives. This section should include implementation strategies and outcome measures in the same style and format as the Goal 1 and Goal 2 sections of the July 2000 Strategy Document.
- b. The committee will revisit the information base collected from government and non-government organizations. This effort should seek participation and input from local governments as the Goal 3 section is developed.
- c. The committee will fully consider statements of desired future conditions as approved by the task force in the July 2000 *Coordinating Success* and April 2000 Assessment documents. The proposed language for goal 3, sub-goals, and objectives will be consistent with the style and form of the July 2000 strategy.
- d. The committee will track and consider ongoing efforts linked to Goal 3 development, including but not limited to the State growth management Commission (August – Feb 2001), Florida American Planning Association visioning for the future (September 2000), Brownfields (ongoing), Sustainable Ag Task Team (ongoing), the *Southwest EIS*, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (ongoing), Smart Growth efforts of state and federal agency/organizations (DCA, DEP, EPA, Sustainable Communities programs in the Martin County and Treasure Coast areas, state and federal policy guidance on environmental justice, Etc.). *All of these efforts will be viewed through the portals that clearly link the built and natural system.*
- f. Use new information to integrate implementation and outcome measures proposed for Goal 3 with those being developed for in Goal 1 and Goal 2. This will include identifications of the “links” to natural and water goals.
- g. Consider results of the Working Group’s regional assessment forum process in developing Goal 3 language.
- h. The team will provide periodic updates and consult with the Working Group during the revision and update of this strategy.

DELIVERABLES:

- Provide initial draft of the revised goal 3 text to the Working Group by July 2001.
- Provide proposed goal 3 sub goals for Working Group approval by June 2001.
- Provide revised Goal 3 section to the Working Group in accordance with Working Group and Task Force guidance.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS:

- a. The team shall maintain communication and understanding of work being done on Goal 1 and 2 components of the Strategy Update/implementation efforts.
- b. If the team desires to expand their membership the chair should notify the Working Group Chair and coordinate with the Office of the Executive Director for additional guidance.
- c. Appropriate Public communication process and notification should be adhered to.
- d. The Office of the Executive Director will provide staff and administrative support to the committee.
- e. The chairs should coordinate with the Office of the Executive Director (Linda Friar 305-348-1660 or Carrie Beeler 305-348-6745) to receive additional administrative instructions or to arrange for additional support needs for the team.

SIGNED BY:

Chair, Working Group