

Action Steps completed February 2009 – November 2010

Developed a formal and timely process for bringing issue to the Working Group and coordinating potential solutions. (Overarching Goal: Coordination)

Monitored potential grants, funding sources and legislative appropriates for water body management, restoration, access, education, and all other Biscayne Bay related focus areas (Overarching Goal: Funding)

Developed a master list of funding sources for Biscayne Bay related projects, both public and private (Overarching Goal: Funding)

Reviewed existing lands in the Biscayne Bay watershed listed for acquisition for conservation and restoration purposes and provide recommendations, as deemed appropriate (Focus Area 1: Ecological and Physical Restoration)

Developed an annual report of Biscayne Bay Action Plan items accomplished over the previous year relating to the Action Plan and/or Biscayne Bay in general as well as to specifically identified Action Steps. (Overarching Goal: Tracking and Follow-up)

Requested a presentation from the City of Miami to provide a briefing and receive feedback on their ongoing efforts to develop a Virginia Key master plan, the Dinner Key Waterfront Master Plan, the Bicentennial Park Master Plan, the Miami River Plan and other waterfront related planning efforts by other municipalities within the Biscayne Bay watershed (Focus Area 2: Readily Accessible and Appreciated)

Developed a standing Education Sub-committee in order to develop informational and educational materials, and outreach methods for a Biscayne Bay campaign. The goal of this campaign is to increase awareness of the Bay's recreational opportunities, boating safety, eco-tourism adventures, conservation of environmental resources, and its economic value to the greater community, as well as to improve appreciation of these attributes through responsible and balances use.-(Focus Area 2: Readily Accessible and Appreciated)

Requested a presentation by representatives of the Marine Advisory Support Team (MAST) on bay-wide enforcement issues. This encompassed major enforcement issues like the Columbus Day Regatta, boat races, manatee zone enforcement, boating safety zones, etc. (Overarching Goal: Enforcement of Existing Regulations)

Hosted a day-long session on Biscayne Bay at the Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration (GEER) conference in order to coordinate with entities involved in conducting scientific/research efforts and act as a centralized forum for information and activities related to Biscayne Bay. (Focus Area 1: Ecological and Physical Restoration).