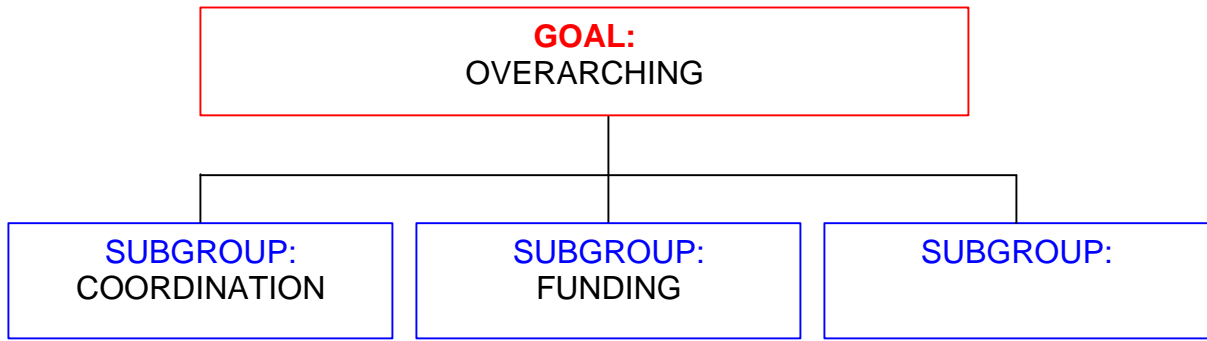


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GOAL: OVERARCHING

SUBGROUP: RESOURCES AND FUNDING

ISSUES:

1. Where does the money authorized go?
2. There's not enough funding
3. Competition for funding
4. Don't have all the information about all available funding sources
5. Previous process had drawbacks.
6. Biscayne Bay is being underserved by some State and Federal resource agencies. (Funding and physical presence)
7. Some existing parcels, institutions and facilities suitable for supporting the Bay are underutilized.
8. No source of dedicated funding.
9. Lack of enforcement resources.
10. Non-equitable distribution of funds generated by Miami-Dade/Biscayne Bay issues
11. Money generated in Miami-Dade County adjacent to the Bay and on resource related funding sources is not being spent on the Bay or water related issues on the Bay; generated here taken out of the area.
12. Money is currently being lost from resource damaging activities (prop scaring, ERP violations, reef damage, etc.).
13. Too little funding is assigned to Biscayne Bay relative to the threats faced by the Bay and the work needed to protect and restore the Bay.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Create an accessible list of funding sources for Bay related activities (restoration, science, access, etc.)
2. Identify a process for creating a list of specific fundable projects to give to the legislature each year through the Working Group.
3. Obtain more funding resources for Biscayne Bay.
4. Obtain funding for State and Federal agency onsite staff and facilities dedicated to Biscayne Bay.
5. Capture currently lost money from resource damaging activities.
6. Populate the FIU area with other academic or resource facilities related to Biscayne Bay (with ecologically friendly building codes). May be an action step.
7. Investigate and identify possible sources of funding or sources of revenue that can be directed toward Biscayne Bay.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Achieve more equitable distribution of revenues generated.
2. In the context of unmet needs of the Bay, end inequitable allocation of state funding.
3. Save Biscayne Bay license plate. Ask cruise ships to fund the application for the plates.

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GOAL: OVERARCHING

SUBGROUP: COORDINATION

ISSUES:

There's a need:

1. For a clearinghouse for information, management, and other activities regarding Biscayne Bay and its watershed.
2. For a unified voice consistent with the BBRRCT vision for Biscayne Bay.
3. For priority setting for Biscayne Bay consistent with the BBRRCT vision.
4. For a mobilizer/advocate for Biscayne Bay consistent with the BBRRCT vision.
5. For assessing and reporting the effects (positive and negative) of activities, both specific and cumulative, on Biscayne Bay.
6. To identify gaps, eliminate duplication, and resolve conflicts.
7. For a readily accessible forum to express stakeholder views regarding Biscayne Bay.

OBJECTIVES:

CLEARINGHOUSE

Upon completion of the Action Plan and ongoing, the BBRRCT will:

1. Become a clearinghouse where agencies/organizations involved in or affecting the Biscayne Bay come to hear about what each other are doing in order to identify gaps, duplications and conflicts.
2. Serve as a clearinghouse of information and activities in or affecting Biscayne Bay.
3. Use clearinghouse information to educate public and inform policy makers about Biscayne Bay and related activities.
4. Provide a forum for stakeholder views and opinions to be expressed regarding Biscayne Bay.

VOICE

5. Increase awareness and visibility of the Bay among agencies, policymakers and the public by **publicizing** the Team's Vision.
6. Upon completion of the Action Plan and ongoing, elevate the importance of Biscayne Bay's restoration needs in regional planning.
7. Adopt a formal process to define what our unified voice should be.
8. Assess and report the cumulative impacts of activities on Biscayne Bay.
9. Assess and report the effects of specific activities on Biscayne Bay.
10. Evaluate and report the effectiveness of management and restoration actions on Biscayne Bay.

PRIORITY SETTER

11. BBRRCT will make recommendations to the Working Group consistent with the Team's Vision and Action Plan.
12. Complete and periodically update the Team's Action Plan.
13. Based on clearinghouse activities of the BBRRCT, make recommendations to address gaps, duplication and conflicts.

Empower decision makers. Increase public awareness and appreciation for the importance of the bay

PROPOSED ACTION STEPS:

1. Where scientific data is stored--clearinghouse
2. Complete and publicize a threat matrix for Biscayne Bay. voice
3. Defend Biscayne Bay against threats to its water supply or water quality. Voice
4. Prioritize gaps based on risk to the bay of not addressing them. Priority setter 13.
5. Act as a voice/advocate
6. Conduct an annual scientific symposium on Biscayne Bay and others?