

**Biscayne Bay Strategic Access Plan Advisory Team
Goals and Objectives
As of October 8, 2003**

**GOAL:
Safe Enjoyment, Security and Enforcement**

**SUBGROUP:
Safe Boating**

**SUBGROUP:
Law Enforcement/
Homeland Security**

- ISSUES:**
- Safe boating access
 - Increase in power boat use may result in increase in accidents/fatalities
 - License and lesson requirements for boating

- ISSUES:**
- Lack of ~~environmental?~~ law enforcement
 - Lack of regulatory enforcement (vessel use, development)
 - Failure to enforce and/or implement existing public access or private and public development sites
 - Increasing incidence of illegal immigration via the Bay
 - Law enforcement nearly non-existent; at night none in many areas
 - Security and vandalism of access improvements
 - Need to increase awareness and preparedness of our security on water

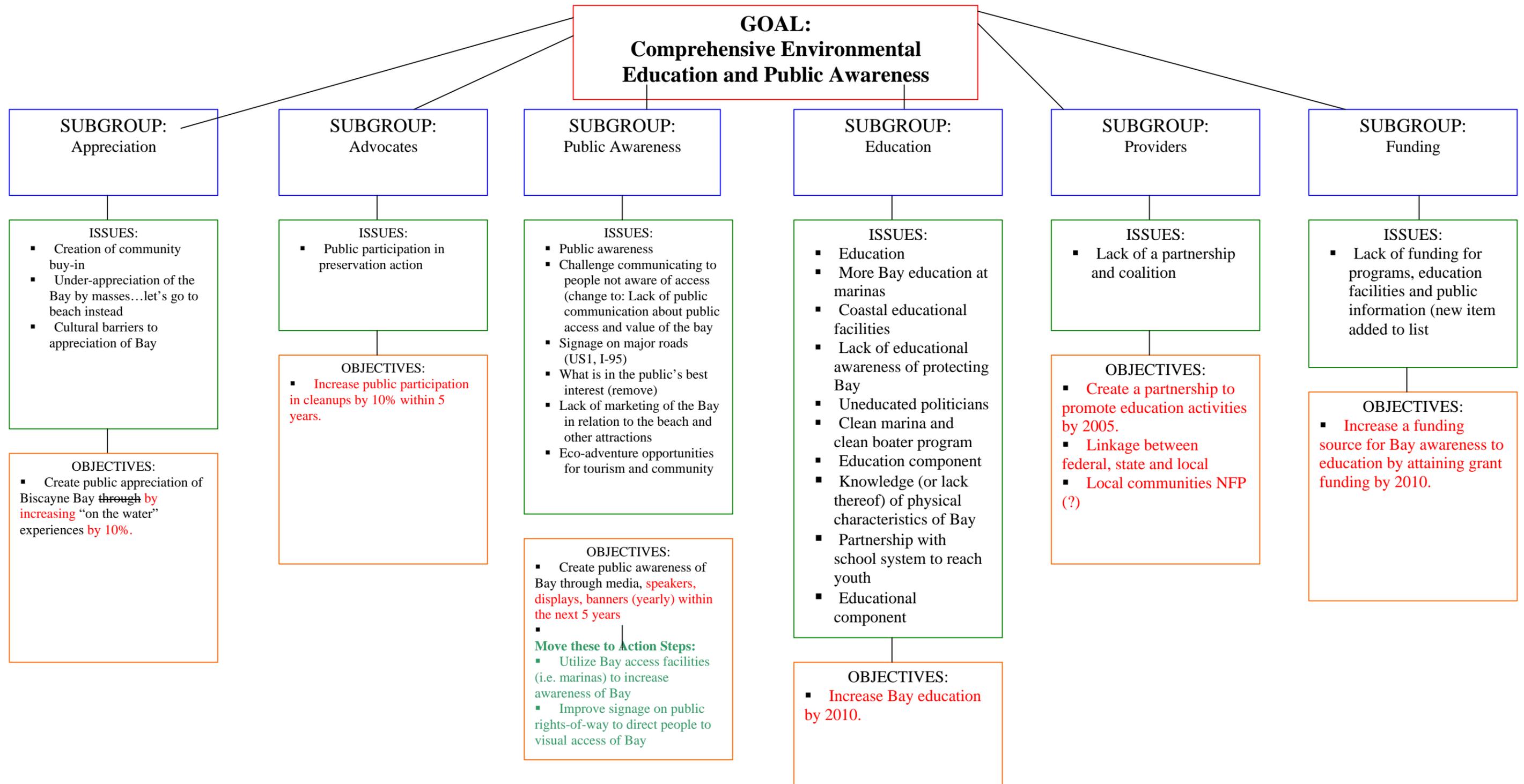
- OBJECTIVES:**
- Educate 25% boaters in 10 years to develop safe boating skills as needed
 - Increase community-based education programs/facilities to reach 40% of boating public within 10 years
 - Increase boater access to information specific to Biscayne Bay
 - Adopt a uniform method or system of instruction

- OBJECTIVES:**
- Multiagency coordination for effective law enforcement (County-City-50%-2 years)
 - Integrate law enforcement with education programs (all – 5 years)
 - Seawatch (crimewatch) program (100% 2-years – all access – marinas/places)

COMMENTS:
Certification is preferable to license
Education is the common thread

Should there be an agency:
Boater's Information Center
For Biscayne Bay

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**GOAL:
Economic Vitality and Smart Growth**

**NO REPORT/MEMBERS OF GROUP NOT AT MEETING
SEE COMMENTS BY FULL GROUP ON TRANSCRIPTS**

**SUBGROUP:
Shoreline Development**

**SUBGROUP:
Public Lands**

**SUBGROUP:
Port Development**

**SUBGROUP:
Economics**

- ISSUES**
- Coastal Development
 - Increasing development density and reduced access
 - Over-development of Bayfront
 - No growth management; haphazard development on waterfront
 - Condos, condos, condos
 - Need county shoreline review committee decisions checked on in development (i.e. are they doing what they are supposed to?)
 - No one follows comprehensive plan and shoreline development recommendations
 - Additional new construction directly on the waterfronts that lead to loss of natural areas
 - Examine new construction directly on waterfronts that lead to loss of natural areas
 - Development closing public access
 - Gated communities
 - Development
 - Decreased opportunities for access because of inappropriate development/building on shoreline
 - Better enforcement of shoreline development regulations
 - Inappropriate development proposals on few remaining undeveloped parcels, both public and private
 - Private homes and condos along the Bay
 - Private ownership of shoreline
 - Design treatment of water's edge
 - Enforcement of design guidelines

- ISSUES**
- Public Land
 - Funding for public land
 - Public vs. private uses
 - Municipal tax bases outweigh public benefit and resource protection
 - Protection of Bay parks
 - Open/public/park lands often neglected, unsafe, in disrepair, full of homeless (i.e. Bicentennial Park)
 - A number of undeveloped parcels strategy to access issues remain that could, with intervention, become part of the solution rather than the problem
 - Preserving access

- ISSUES**
- Port of Miami expansion/dredging

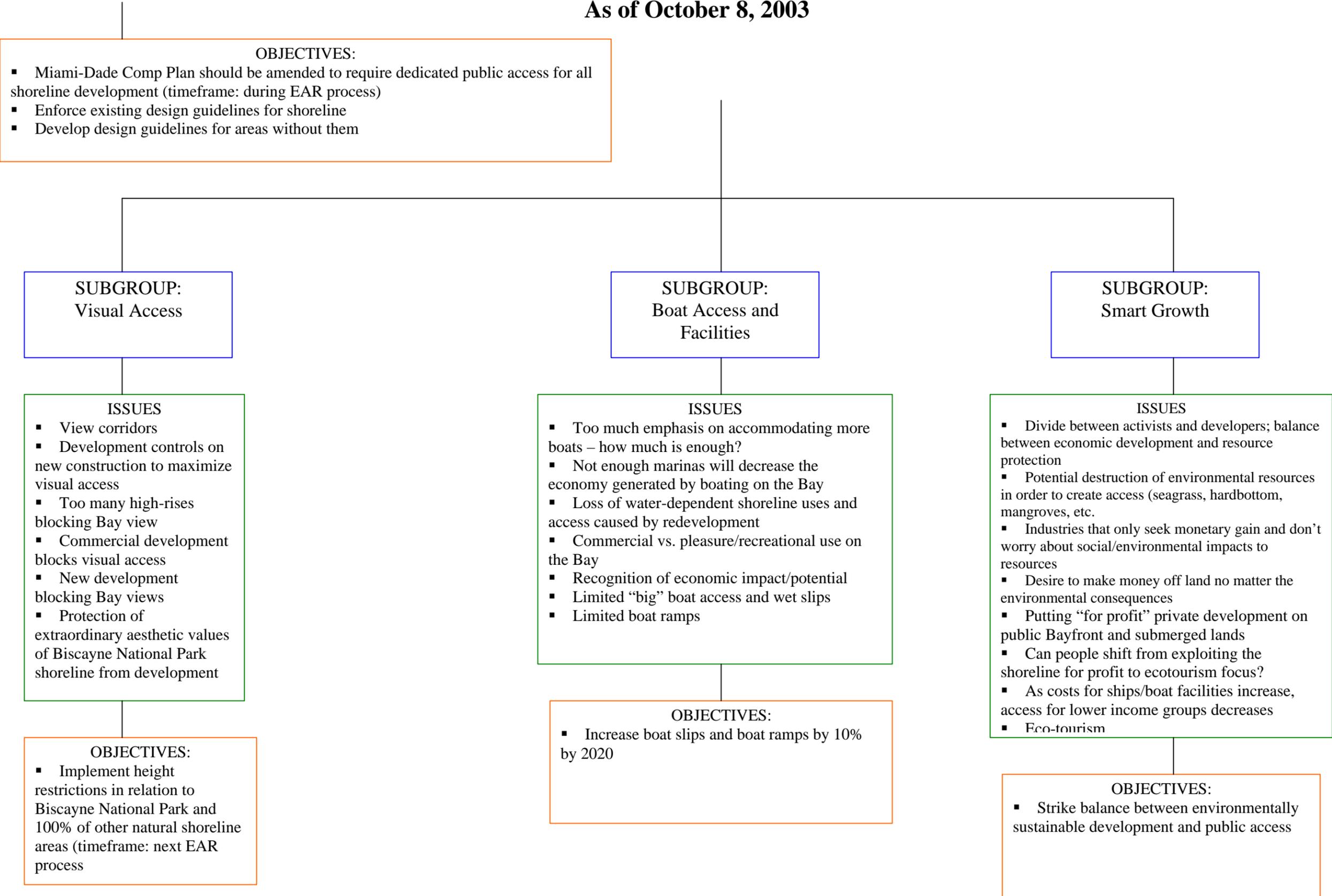
- ISSUES**
- Economics

- OBJECTIVES:**
- Create dedicated funding source for acquisition of public access within next 5 years; perhaps link to 2004 GOB
 - Preserve and enhance existing public parks/access, including boating facilities

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- Maintain or improve economic stability of marine industry

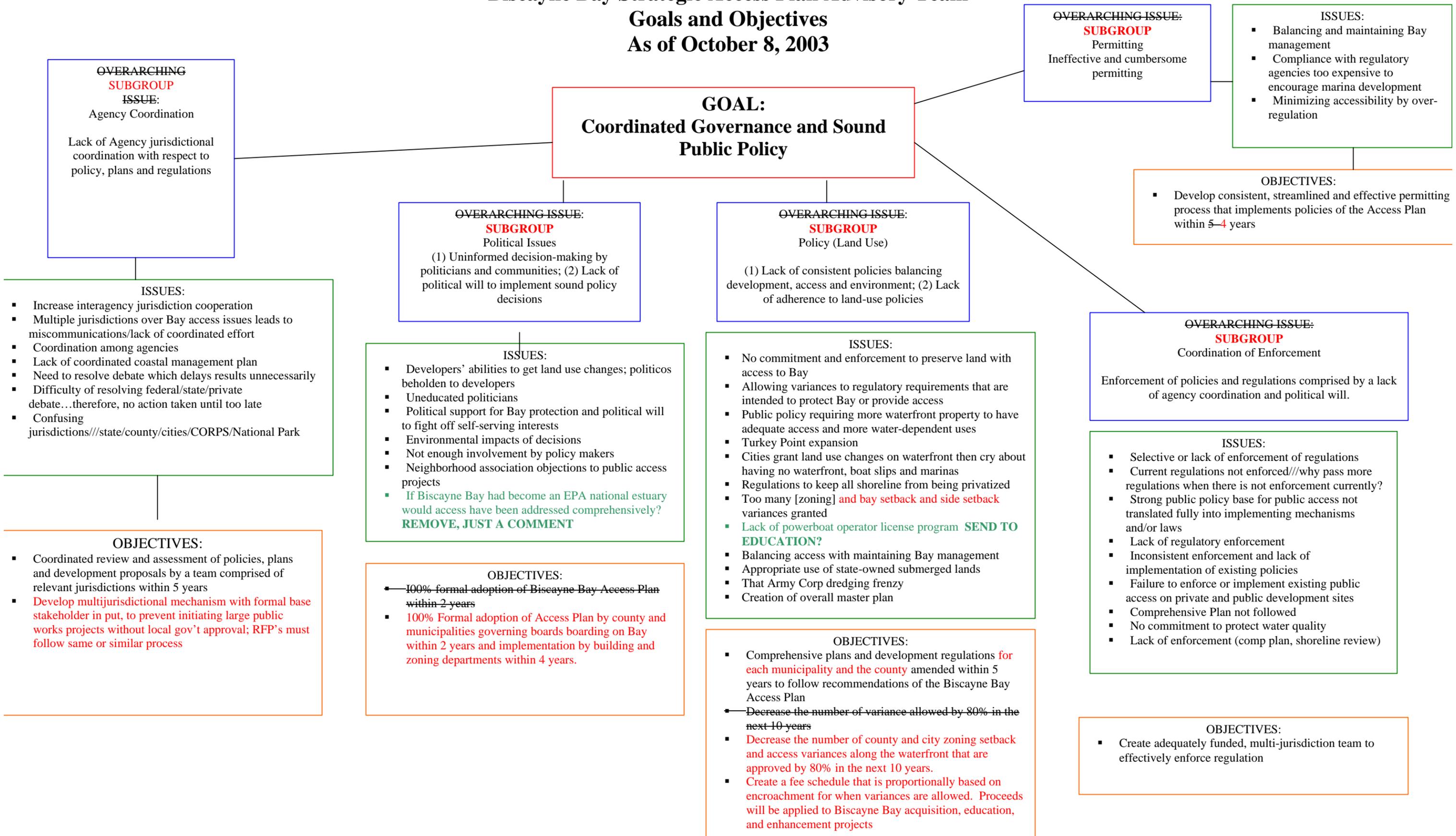
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GOAL:
Respect for Wildlife and Environmental Sustainability

SUBGROUP:
Capacity
Provide opportunities to increase access without sacrificing environmental values or resources

- ISSUES:**
- What is carrying capacity of the Bay?
 - Impacts on water quality from increased use
 - Access Bay on boardwalks through sensitive areas
 - Lack of appreciation for preservation initiatives that have allowed some natural shoreline
 - Too much access could exceed Bay's carrying capacity
 - Increased awareness toward sustainability
 - Without balancing access with other sometimes competing issues, such as aesthetics or environmental protection some intrinsic values of Bay can be lost in the name of access
 - How can we balance access and preservation of habitats?
 - Create designated access points so people do not destroy fragile ecosystems while trying to find places to launch canoes, kayaks, etc.
 - Public might create negative impact if access points are overused
 - Does public access/ownership guarantee protection
 - Must protect intrinsic values of Bay that create the "incentive" to want to access it
 - Lack of appreciation that humans are not the only ones who use the Bay

- OBJECTIVES:**
- Immediately establish parameters for resources with a determination of the maximum uses that provide for sustainability. Efforts should be dynamic, ongoing and dynamic.
 - Implement and use cutting-edge management tools that increase access while preserving wildlife and habitat.

SUBGROUP:
Restoration
The bay must be made accessible to those entities that have the means and ability to environmentally restore the bay. A restored bay provides experiences that can't be provided otherwise.

- ISSUES:**
- Ecosystem resources
 - Resource protection
 - Fragility of ecosystem
 - Habitat protection (e.g. seagrass and natural shoreline)
 - Avoidance of environmentally damaging human impacts
 - Restoring and preserving the environmental integrity of the Bay
 - Loss of habitat

- OBJECTIVES:**
- Identify opportunities within and along the bay for environmental restoration and preservation. Complete this inventory with 1 year.
 - Immediately define activities that have adverse impacts on the environmental quality of bay and eliminate these uses
 - Focus on restoration projects that provide natural means of enhancing water quality (like seagrass, mangroves, sponges, etc.)

SUBGROUP:
Wildlife
Healthy populations of wildlife and habitat need to be increased to enhance access experiences.

- ISSUES:**
- Loss of animal life (e.g. turtles and mammals other than manatees)
 - Fish/shellfish populations; increase biomass
 - Impact of Bay access on critical wildlife habitat
 - Not enough mind is paid to animals and plants in the Bay
 - Manatees and manatee protection
 - Protection of seabirds

- OBJECTIVES:**
- Immediately, and as information becomes available, revise regulations as needed to enhance fish and other wildlife populations and increase habitat
 - Coordinate state and local agency efforts to maximize fishing and development regulations in order to protect wildlife and habitat

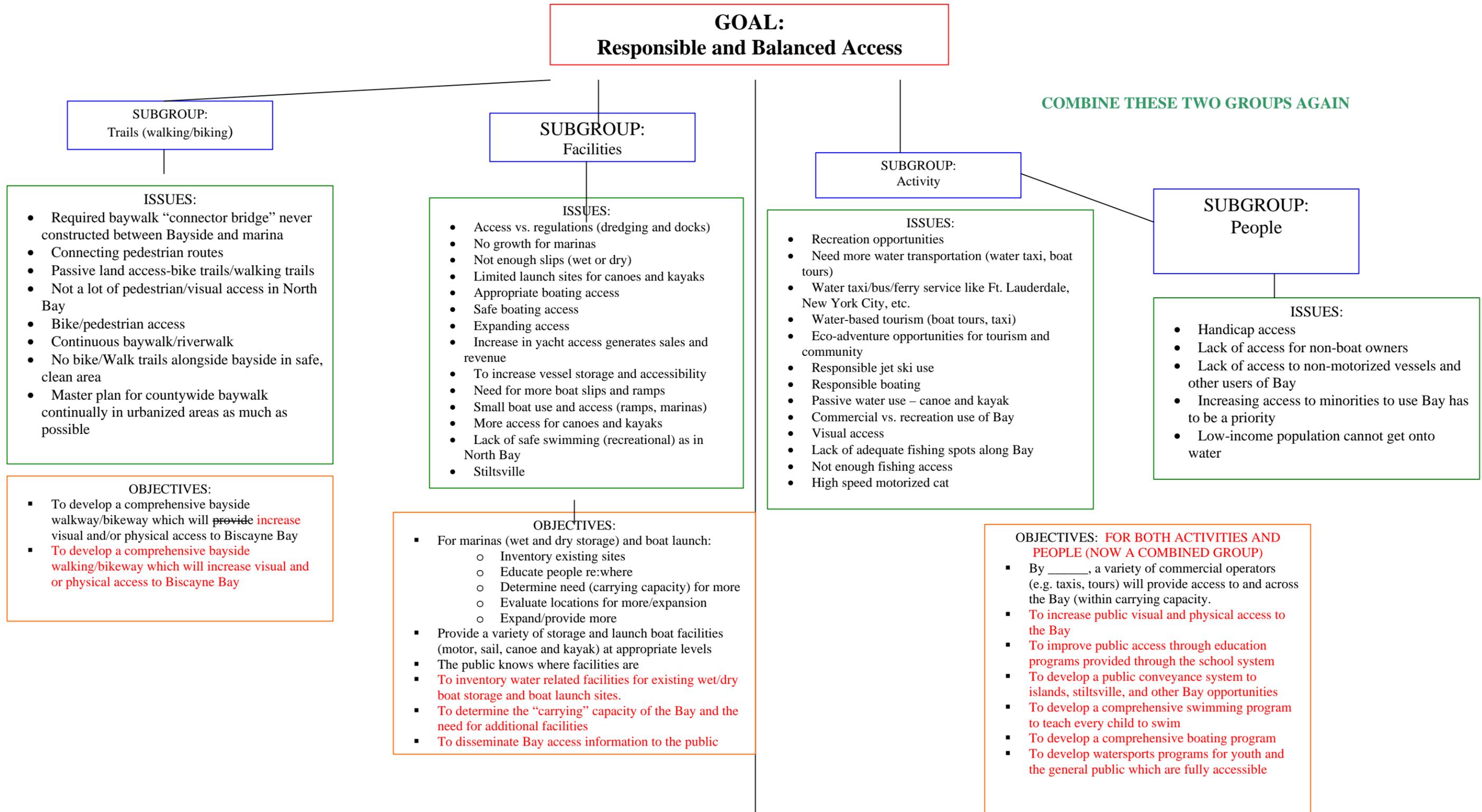
SUBGROUP:
Pollution
Eliminate as many sources of pollution as possible.

- ISSUES:**
- Water quality
 - Need to control and limit pollution (point sources easier)
 - Water quality is important for access
 - Should be a Bay we can swim in
 - Runoff (stormwater)
 - Mechanical (exhaust, oil, solvents, fuels)
 - Sewage (boats, marinas, uplands)
 - Turbidity
 - Litter/trash
 - Trash in waterways leading to Bay impedes access
 - Trash along the shore
 - Other
 - Noise
 - Air
 - Visual

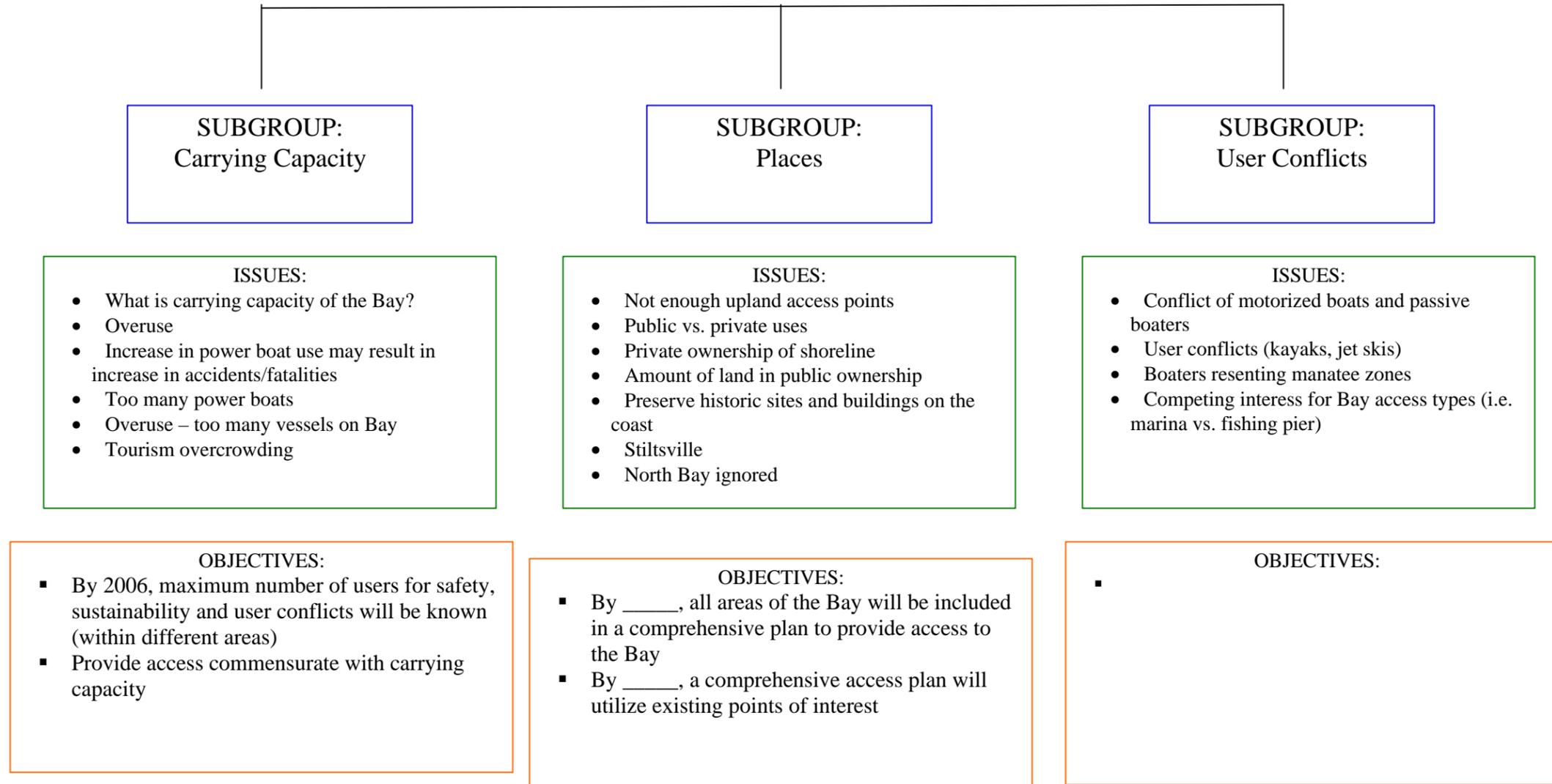
- OBJECTIVES:**
- Immediately determine sources of pollution
 - Within 5 years, ensure that all types of existing bay access facilities and sites include infrastructure to reduce pollution streams (pump-out stations, solid waste containers, restrooms, etc.); make this infrastructure a requirement for all new access facilities and sites
 - Continue to retrofit sources of stormwater pollution

NO CHANGES MADE BY GROUP

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