

WATERWAYS PLAN FOR MARTIN & ST. LUCIE COUNTIES

Project Steering Committee – Kickoff Meeting

November 15, 2013

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Overview & Project Approach
3. Project Components
 - a. Project Steering Committee
 - b. Stakeholder Educational Sessions
 - c. Policy & Design Charrette
 - d. Waterways Plan Development
 - e. Presentations (Martin MPO, St. Lucie TPO, FIND, others?)
4. Project Schedule
 - a. Ed. Session 1 (Marine Transportation): Week of Dec 2 or 9
 - b. Ed. Session 2 (Land Use & Upland Transportation): Week of Jan 6 or 13
 - c. Ed. Session 3 (Regulation & Management of Waterways): Week of Jan 20 or 27
5. Discussion & Comments
6. Next Steps
7. Adjourn

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The Role of the Project Steering Committee

The success of any public planning process relies on broad citizen participation. This participation begins with a dedicated Project Steering Committee. It is crucial that this committee be balanced, non-political, and welcoming to community input. Ensuring citizen participation and a broad focus for the planning process is the main responsibility of this Committee.

In order to ensure balanced participation, the Project Steering Committee for the Waterways Plan for Martin & St. Lucie Counties (Waterways Plan) is comprised of appointees from both the Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) (membership list attached).

The Project Steering Committee is a voluntary committee; it is not a regulatory board, and it will not be approving or influencing any plans, zoning, or land use matters. Given the Committee's membership, TCRPC will provide public notice for all Project Steering Committee meetings in addition to the public notice provided for the other public activities in the development of the Waterways Plan (e.g., stakeholder educational sessions, charrette, public workshops). To maximize efficiency, every effort will be made to schedule Project Steering Committee meetings in conjunction with stakeholder educational sessions.

As individual schedules permit, the members of the Project Steering Committee will be requested to assist with the following types of activities:

- General oversight for the project approach
- Identification of locations for public events
- Assistance with public outreach to stakeholders, business and property owners, and residents
- Review and approval of flyers, press releases, and other forms of advertisement
- Identification of stakeholders for 30-minute interviews two weeks prior to public workshops with project team (up to 40 interviews)
- Participation in stakeholder educational sessions, workshops & charrette
- Review of preliminary workshop input and recommendations
- Review of draft Regional Waterways Plan

For more information on the plan development process or the Project Steering Committee, please go to www.tcrpc.org, or contact Kim DeLaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council at (772) 221-4060 or kdelaney@tcrpc.org.

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Project Steering Committee Membership

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Tom Bausch
*Mayor, Town of Sewall's Point
Chair, Martin County MPO*

Don Cuozzo
*Commissioner,
Florida Inland Navigational District*

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*Engineering Department Director,
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Paul Nicoletti
*City Manager,
City of Stuart*

Alternates:

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*Growth Management Director,
Martin County*

Kev Freeman
*Community Development Director,
Martin County*

ST. LUCIE TPO APPOINTEES

Frederick Cook
*Resident,
City of Port St. Lucie*

Steven Fousek
*Environmental Lands Coordinator,
St. Lucie Co. Environmental Resources Department*

Gail Kavanagh
*Chairwoman,
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*Manager,
Fort Pierce City Marina*

David Pollard
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City of Port St. Lucie*

Alternate:

William Thiess
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Advisory Committee*

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Stakeholder Educational Sessions

	ISSUE AREA	PANELISTS	AREAS OF EXPERTISE
1	Marine Transportation	FIND Marine Industries Association Chambers of Commerce Economic Councils Boat Builders (western county) Martin & St. Lucie Counties	Current/projected marine traffic Navigational challenges/needs Marina locations/activity/clusters Dredging (e.g., deep water port, shallow draft port) Planned/needed improvements Maintenance of Inlets Channel markers, signage
2	Land Use & Upland Transportation	Martin County/CRA City of Stuart/CRA St Lucie County Port St Lucie Fort Pierce/CRA	Upland development activity Land acquisition Upland multi-modal transportation network (e.g., roadway, transit, bicycle/pedestrian) Major projects/programs Land use regulation (e.g., waterfront setbacks, waterfront-related LDRs) Planned/needed improvements
3	Regulation & Management of Waterways	SFWMD US Coast Guard FDEP US Army Corps of Engineers FFWCC (Division of Boating & Waterways)	Water discharges Protection of Listed Species (e.g., manatees & speed restrictions) Habitat Management Area Plans Estuary Management Plan Planned/needed improvements
4	Natural Resources	Martin County St Lucie County FDEP Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission St. Lucie Rivers Initiative	Key environmental resources Planned/needed habitat/wildlife restoration activities Planned/needed improvements
5	Recreation/Cultural/Educational Activities	Martin County St Lucie County Harbor Branch Oceanographic Florida Oceanographic Society Martin & St. Lucie School Boards Environmental Studies Center	Cultural/educational programming Existing/planned facilities (e.g., locations, programming, user base) Recreational fishing, canoe/kayak activity Synergy among facilities Planned/needed improvements (*niche use: seaplanes)
6	Economic Development	Port of Fort Pierce Tourist Development Council Commercial Fishing (group?) FDOT	Cluster industries (current/projected development, employment, workforce needs) Hospitality indicators Freight/barge traffic/demand Planned/needed improvements

POTENTIAL VENUES FOR STAKEHOLDER EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

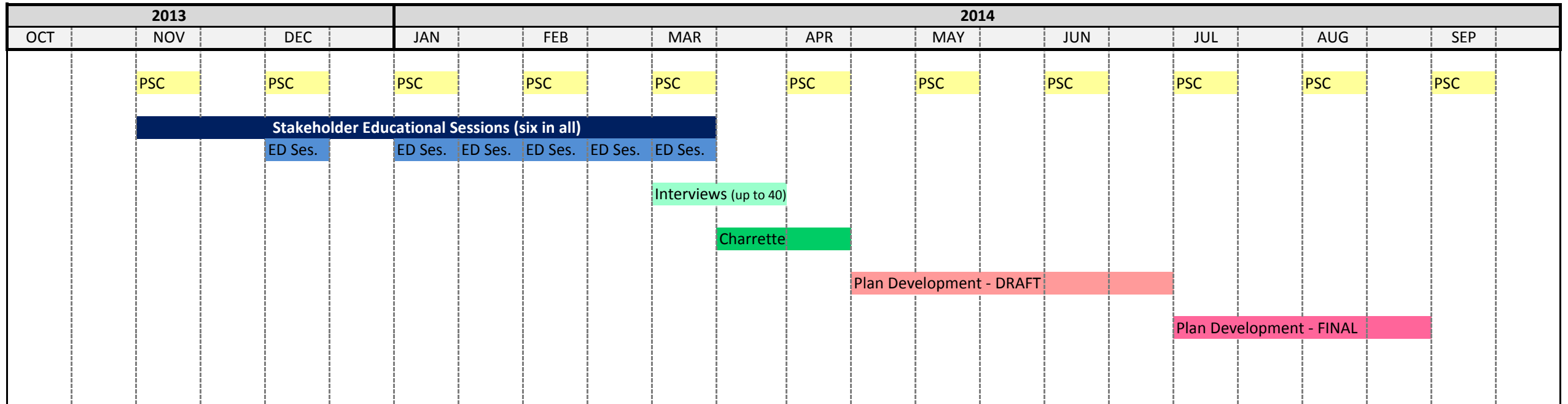
- City of Fort Pierce Library (Fort Pierce)
- Flagler Recreation Center (Stuart)
- Fort Pierce Community Center (Fort Pierce)
- Indian Riverside Park (Jensen Beach)
- Oxbow Center (Port St. Lucie)
- Palm City Community Center (Palm City)
- Port St. Lucie Community Center (Port St. Lucie)

POTENTIAL WATERWAY FIELD TOURS

- Palm City through Stuart to Salerno
- Fort Pierce to Jensen
- North Fork & South Fork

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TENTATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE



LEGEND	
PSC	Project Steering Committee meeting
ED Ses.	Stakeholder Educational Sessions (six in all)

*NOTE: MPO to obligate & carry funds forward in March 2014

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