



Natural Resource Stakeholder Group



August 23 Meeting Materials

Purpose

The Natural Resources Stakeholder Group will complete an exercise that knits together the mapping work and regulation work that has been progressing in parallel for the past 5 months. The intent is that the exercise will provide enough direction to draft Natural Resource Protections, which will include a Tier Map and LDRs.

Desired Outcomes

- Decision on breakpoints to use to create the base of the Tier Map
- List of additional considerations to apply to the base map in order to draft the Tier Map
- List of modifications to the Natural Resource LDRs Outline and details to be incorporated into draft Natural Resource LDRs

Background

On March 22 the Natural Resources Stakeholder Group decided to work toward implementation of the direction provided by the Board of County Commissioners in December through two parallel subcommittees. This approach was chosen because there was not agreement on a linear path to work on the map before the regulations or the regulations before the map.

Mapping Subcommittee

The Mapping subcommittee has been working with Megan Smith of EcoConnect Consulting to develop a methodology for creation of a 3-Tier Focal Species Habitat Map. On June 11 and August 13, Megan presented that methodology and its result. Megan also presented the outstanding question the subcommittee has regarding breakpoints. Megan's report and the exhibits from the exercise she presented on August 13 are attached. In addition to the question of breakpoints, the mapping subcommittee has not consider the Board of County Commissioners direction to consider zoning in the creation of the Tier Map.

In preparation for the meeting, please review the materials provided by EcoConnect with 3 questions in mind. What breakpoints make the most sense given your knowledge of habitat in the area? What other considerations (e.g. zoning) should be factored into the Tier Map? Do any of the protections in the outline change your initial thoughts on breakpoints? These are the questions you will answer in the exercise.

FA Subcommittee

The Functional Assessment (FA) Subcommittee met 13 times to develop the required processes that will apply to each tier of the final Tier Map. The latest versions of the work from the subcommittee are attached, but it should be noted that they are working documents and not meant as a final presentation of the content.

In addition to the work of the subcommittees, staff has also been working with the Group, individual stakeholders and experts in the community to outline the Natural Resource Protection standards that will be applied based on the value of the habitat on the site.

In preparation for the meeting, please review the attached Natural Resource LDRs Outline and FA Subcommittee work with three questions in mind. What modifications would you make to the Natural Resource LDRs Outline? What details should be built onto the outline in the draft Natural Resource LDRs? How would location of the tier lines affect your answer to the first two questions? These are the questions you will answer in the exercise.

Agenda

Start-up (8:30-8:45)

- Settle in.
- Review and approve Agenda.

Staff Presentation (8:45-9:15)

- Alex will present the Natural Resource Protection LDRs Outline.
- There will be an opportunity for questions of Alex and the Mapping and FA Subcommittees.

Small Group Worksheet Exercise (9:15-10:00)

- Each stakeholder will be assigned to 1 of 4 small groups.
- Each group will fill out a large version of the attached worksheet.
 - The attached worksheet includes possible considerations, which mirror the questions you are asked to consider in preparing for the meeting, but are not exhaustive and are not recommendations
- Tyler and Alex will be available to answer questions or find a stakeholder in another group who can.

Break (10:00-10:15)

- Stakeholders take a break.
- Tyler and Alex review worksheets in preparation for full group discussion.

Full Group Discussion (10:15-11:15)

- Tyler and Alex will present the 4 small group worksheets.
 - Suggestions on 3 or 4 sheets will be taken as direction and not discussed.
 - Tyler will check with the group whether suggestions that are only on 1 or 2 sheets are acceptable.
 - Tyler will facilitate a discussion about conflicting suggestions.
- Where consensus cannot be reached, a vote will be taken. Pursuant to the ground rules originally established by the group, agreement from 2/3 of the quorum is required.

Next Steps (11:15-11:30)

- Schedule an additional meeting if needed.
- Staff will draft Natural Resource Protections and a Tier Map for stakeholder review based on the direction from the Full Group Discussion.

Attachments

- Small Group Worksheet that will be completed by Small Groups at Meeting
- Natural Resource LDRs Outline
- Hi-Tier Process Work
- Mid-Tier Process Work
- Exhibits of Breakpoint Options for 3 Different Areas (provided with Aug. 17 email)
- Aug. 13 Breakpoint Presentation (provided with Aug. 17 email)
- EcoConnect Addendum on Tiering to Focal Special Habitat Map Report (provided with Aug. 17 email)
- EcoConnect Breakpoint analysis memo (provided with Aug. 17 email)
- BCC Direction from December (provided with Aug. 17 email)