

L TN NFCP

Executive Committee – February Check-In

Attendees

- Andrea, Gary, Fred, Erin, Shannon

Upper Tennessee River Strategy meeting

- Andrea – Went to Abington Upper Tennessee River Strategy meeting
- TNC has long worked in Clinch basin, including riparian restoration
- Talking about riparian buffer restoration workshop in Little TN – On the ground team
- Request for TNC to become re-engaged in L TN
- One of the TNC-VA reps, Braven, will talk to TNC-NC
- Erin – TNC just hired a water person, based in Durham; TNC-TN is aware of our effort.
- Fred – Has talked with Katherine Skinner, TNC-NC
- Erin – NC barrier meeting coming up in Durham and that will provide opportunity to meeting with TNC, and share what partnership is doing.

Joint team meeting happening this week – assessment and implementation

- 10:00 a.m. teams meet separately, then join after lunch; 160 Zillicoa St., Asheville
- Shannon – Teams will individually touch base and develop thoughts on what they would like to do in the upcoming year, and identify gaps that need feeling. Hoping group meeting will allow teams to share their strategies, where they would like to go this year, and look for areas to work together. May work together quite a bit over the next year.
- Erin – Have submitted three draft goals that need to be reviewed by team. Also have worked on barrier assessment tool. Hope to weight and rank barriers with assessment team, and perhaps the joint team as well.
- Andrea – Depending on Shannon and Erin to hammer out agenda and lead the meetings. Since the barrier assessment tool will lead to implementation, maybe have implementation team have a look at the tool
- Andrea – A little confusing for people on both teams, so a good idea to send one email to both teams explaining how the joint/shared meeting will happen, and where they'll happen.
- Erin – Doesn't have a whole lot for the assessment team – reviewing goals, reviewing strategic planning tools, and looking at weights and ranks for barrier assessment tool. Is there a need for the teams to meet separately?
- Shannon – A little nervous about not having separate team meetings
- Erin and Shannon will talk at 3:00 this afternoon
- Andrea will help at meeting, as facilitator, or in whatever needed capacity

Outreach team update

- Andrea – Developing proposal to NC chapter of AFS for funds for shared snorkeling equipment to support snorkeling programs. CFI has a set of snorkeling equipment they're willing to offer up if their staffing allows.

- Shannon – TVA may be able to help with a match to help with snorkeling equipment; can also submit proposals for project funding
- Andrea – let's make that funding possibility an item at the joint meeting
- Jason – Team met on Jan. 25 and we identified task groups – videos, snorkeling, adult education, signage, rock moving, fish migration events
- Shannon – can help identify sites for Jeremy
- Who can help identify sites on the TN side? Bart Carter and James Everett are suggested by Shannon
- Andrea – I would look to the video team to plan out what we want captured, and see what roles the team members can play. Perhaps two paths – with and without Duke grant
- Jason – Will work to schedule in-person video team meeting.
- Jason – Committee also updated objectives, which Jason will provide

Implementation

- Nothing new to report aside from joint meeting info above

Assessment team

- Put together draft goals for the year

Communications

- Website
 - Andrea will send compiled goals to Gary for posting on web
 - Gary will compare recent versions of strategic framework document, and post most recent copy to website
- Gary working with Mike LaVoie about planning steering committee meeting in Cherokee during May or June

Fundraising

- Fred will reach out to Duke to see when we can expect feedback
- Grant application submitted to Fisheries Conservation Foundation, asking for \$8,000 – 6K to support videos and web-based interactive map; 2k for organizational support