****

**Mobile Bay National Estuary Program**

**Finance Committee Meeting**

**April 26, 2018**

**Agenda**

1. Budget vs. Actual thru 3/31
   1. EPA 5 yr grant ends 9/30- making final budget adjustments
2. Conservation Corps
3. Three Mile Creek
4. Baldwin County Watershed Coordinator
5. Baldwin County Project Management
6. 2018-2019 Annual Plan

**Notes**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Issue** | **PROS** |  | **Cons** |
| **Conservation Corps**-Establish a corps of 5 with one team leader and one program advisor (Troy Ephraim); 10 week summer program to further explore feasibility of permanent program to provide NEP with field workers and provide corps members opp to “grow through working in the environment”. | New partner with SAWDC/Alabama Works through Work-Based Learning initiative |  | New staff and office space and other operational costs |
| Establishes foundation or feeder for TNC future growth |  | Ability to sustain program $ |
| Potential subcontractor to TNC for future TNC corps growth |  | Potential duplication with TNC corps |
| Post Restoration Invasives Mgt and limited adaptive mgt workforce |  |  |
| Watershed Plan Implementation workforce |  |  |
| New partnership with USA? |  |  |
| Value add for counties and municipalities/towns creates opp. For relationship building and potential future revenues |  |  |

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Issue** | **PROS** |  | **Cons** |
| **Three Mile Creek Coordinator**- Offer MBNEP to City as TMC watershed restoration coordinator ensure appropriate level of coordination between various efforts: 12 Mile restoration; Langan Park; MAWSS; USA; Trail; Toulmins Spring; Prichard; Hickory St. Landfill; One Mile; Litter Gitters; stormwater; 3MCP | MBNEP opp to manifest the vision put forth in Watershed Plan |  | New staff and office space and other operational costs (City would have to pay as part of project costs) |
| Facilitates MBNEP work in the watershed |  | Complexities of taking over trail under development |
| Keeps project moving forward and everyone at the table |  | Liabilities associated with construction? |
| Provides City with buffer |  | Limits of influence |
| Opp to effect greater usage of green infrastructure |  |  |
| Opp to demonstrate value to City |  |  |
|  |  |  |

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Issue** | **PROS** |  | **Cons** |
| **Baldwin County Watershed Coordinator (Mobile County)**- Provide oversight and operational support for Baldwin County Watershed Coordinator (instead of housing with BC Soil and Water Conservation District) | Improves coordination, implementation, and tracking of watershed plans |  | Damage the relationship built with Soil and Water Conservation Districts |
| Improves coordination of funding for projects in watershed management plans |  |  |
| Provide non-political alternative to BCSWCD with a more well rounded mission |  |  |

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Issue** | **PROS** |  | **Cons** |
| Baldwin County Project Management | Institutionalize value of MBNEP to Baldwin County (What?!!!) |  | BC unreasonable expectations… |