

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESULTS**

This section introduces the Proctor Creek Community Engagement 3-Step Plan, also known as - The Work Plan.

To protect Human Health and the Environment in the Proctor Creek Watershed Basin, the following three strategies must be implemented. The strategies are Public Policy, Community Engagement and Project Management. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Region 4 Water Protection Division-led Urban Waters Federal Partnership has established the Proctor Creek Community Engagement 3-Step Plan, more simply called "The Work Plan" as a framework for implementation.

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK PLAN**

The 3-Step Plan is to engage the Proctor Creek Watershed Basin communities.

The primary project objectives are roundtable discussions, development sessions, community planning sessions and a community showcase exhibit.

The relevant institutional problems include, but are not limited to the absence of capacity with Neighborhood Leaders, Community Leaders, Faith Leaders and Small Business Leaders to use information, data, structure and stakeholders of environmentally committed institutions in the Proctor Creek Watershed Basin. The Work Plan includes practices for data awareness, data collection and data distribution.

The relevant community-based financial problems include, but are not limited to the limited capacity of community-based urban environment advocates to implement Public Policy and Project Management with city, county, state and federal government.

The concerned interests of The Work Plan are 11 Neighborhood Planning Units (NPUs), 38 Neighborhood Associations and 15 Small Business Corridors interconnected by 300 tributaries and 1 main spine that make up the Proctor Creek Watershed Basin.



The Work Plan will have Neighborhood Leaders, Community Leaders, Faith Leaders and Small Business Leaders participate in the 3-Step Plan that builds their capacity to protect human health and the environment. The benefit to these leaders is they will have a data-impacted assessment of comprehensive challenges in the Proctor Creek Watershed Basin.

A community engagement capacity-building approach was selected rather than the alternative approach of technical skill and development for this project. The technical skill and development approach is normally used in participation-based environmental projects. Projects such as water testing, pollutant monitoring and water samples collection require community participants to increase their scientific awareness and the technology of scientific projects. Even though this type of participation-based project is significantly valuable in environmental initiatives, it does not include existing community cultural relationships to the environment. A community engagement capacity-building approach interacts with the existing environmental relationships in the culture of community and expands that capacity to use information, data, structure and stakeholders. The results of this approach make reliable data available for strategies, such as a strategy for nonpoint source stormwater management. This community engagement strategy includes, but is not limited to roundtable discussions, development sessions, community planning sessions and community showcase exhibits. These core elements define this approach known as the Proctor Creek 3-Step Plan.

Available facilities for carrying out the project are: neighborhood association facilities such as the Neighborhood Union Health Center; community facilities such as Hagar Civilization Training Campus; business facilities such as Johnny M's Bistro; faith facilities such as Cosmopolitan AME Church. Neighborhood facilities such as Kennedy Middle School and Douglass High School will be used to perform the proposed project.

### Proctor Creek 3-Step Plan

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- 1) The scope of work for sampling is residents of neighborhoods who participate with neighborhood associations in the Neighborhood Planning Units of the Proctor Creek Watershed Basin.
- 2) The scope of work for data collection procedures is Neighborhood Leaders, Community Leaders, Faith Leaders and Small Business Leaders who participate with neighborhood associations in the Neighborhood Planning Units of the Proctor Creek Watershed Basin.
- 3) The scope of work for data distribution is the effectiveness of verbal, nonverbal and electronic communication with individuals, groups, businesses and organizations who participate with neighborhood associations in the Neighborhood Planning Units of the Proctor Creek Watershed Basin.

# Proctor Creek Community Engagement 3-Step Plan

The initial plan to engage the Proctor Creek Watershed communities is scheduled from July to September 2015. A critical component of the plan is to build the capacity of the Proctor Creek Stewardship Council to sustain resident participation in the nine watersheds of the Proctor Creek Watershed Basin.

The US EPA Region 4 Water Protection Division has established a Proctor Creek 3-Step Plan to initiate the strategy of the Urban Waters Federal Partnership that includes (step 1) Community Engagement (step 2) Priority Project Selection and continued Capacity-Building and (step 3) Community Forum Event.

The **Community Engagement step** will have the One EPA Team in collaboration with the Proctor Creek Stewardship Council conduct five (5) roundtable discussions and five (5) development sessions with 11 Neighborhood Planning Units, 38 Neighborhood Associations and 15 Small Business Corridors interconnected by 300 tributaries and 1 main spine that makes up the Proctor Creek Watershed Basin.

The **Priority Project Selection and Continued Capacity-Building step** will have projects chosen by community based on the feedback and discussion from the community engagement sessions and in collaboration with the Proctor Creek Steering Committee. There will be a series of development sessions that will bring residents, stakeholders (federal, state, local), NGOs, non-profit, civic, corporate and philanthropic partners together to determine and assign project roles of accountability, capacity-building and



implementation. A community-planning meeting is planned to share community engagement results.

The **Community Forum step** will be an event to highlight the collaboration of the community and all partners. The intent of the forum is to display capacity-building, sustainability, empowerment, information sharing, community involvement and issues and challenges of neighborhoods and communities. The US EPA Region 4 Water Protection Division summer 2015 grant award for The Work Plan scope does not fund this step.

# Proctor Creek Community Engagement 3-Step Plan

#### Plan/Develop/Evaluate/Analyze>>>>Information/Data/Structure/Stakeholders

#### **Public Policy**

City Council, County Commission, State General Assembly, US Congress

### **Community Engagement**

Neighborhood Leaders, Community Leaders, Faith Leaders, Small business Leaders

#### **Projects and Programs**

Projects/Things Programs/People

### **Resources and Funds**

Resources/Donated and Committed

Funds/Appropriated and Awarded

### **Roundtable Discussion**

A discussion in which no order of rank is observed. The act of discussing, considering, or examining by: Argument Comment or Inquiry

### **Development Session**

A designated session for developing a theme or themes by: Expanding, Elaborating, Making Ready, Evolving Maturing Growing Unfolding

**Proctor Creek Community Showcase** (an event planned under step 2) A community engagement strategy to display community partnerships and cultural participation in the urban waters environmental movement Information, Data, Structure, Stakeholders.



#### **Community Town Hall Meeting**

A meeting for consultation or discussion; An exchange of views to plan, develop, and analyze strategies to include information, data, structure and stakeholders; An event to start the management of collaboration, performance, and strategic opportunities

The Work Plan will be coordinated within the Public Policy authority of Neighborhood Planning Units, the cultural relationships of neighborhood associations and the resident participation of Neighborhood Leaders, Community Leaders, Faith Leaders and Small Business Leaders. The scope of work deliverables are roundtable discussions, development sessions, community planning sessions and community showcase exhibits to demonstrate the capacity of the community's relationship to protect human health and the environment.

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