



REGIONAL COMMUNITY INSTITUTE OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA, INC.

Water Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 2pm

NEFRC Offices

100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Meeting Summary

Chair White introduced himself and staff and asked participants to introduce themselves. The Chair noted that public input is always welcome. He reviewed the summary of the July 12 meeting.

The committee reviewed the First Draft of the Regional Action Plan. It was noted that the map needs to include the boundaries of Camden and Charlton Counties, as well as the boundary of the St. Marys River Basin. The Interstate Coordination Action Item will be clarified to recommend a convening about the St. Marys River every 2 years. The Data and Monitoring Action Item was refined to better define the clearinghouse as a guide on how to access all water quality and quantity data related to the study area, regardless of where it is located. It was noted that the EPA considers the St. Marys River impaired on the Georgia side, so language will need to be revised to impart that the goal is to prevent a river that is not seriously degraded from worsening. By watching water quality and quantity trends now, we aim to prevent problems from occurring. We will add conservation to the reasons why LID is important. We will reach out to the Coastal Georgia Commission to see if they will join the effort, providing a certain regional symmetry for our efforts.

The Chair asked for public comment but there was none. The next meeting will be September 13 at NEFRC, to finalize the Regional Action Plan and discuss implementation. The meeting ended at 3:45 pm.

Upcoming Meeting Date: 9/13