

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2018
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee	20216

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	04/18/2018	04/18/2020	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Public Law 106-299	10/13/2000	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open Meetings 2 **17b. Closed Meetings** 0 **17c. Partially Closed Meetings** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total Meetings and Dates** 2

Purpose	Start	End
to implement activities, programs and projects of the Wekiva Wild & Scenic River System Advisory Management Committee	07/10/2018	07/10/2018
to implement activities, programs and projects of the Wekiva Wild & Scenic River System Advisory Management Committee Comprehensive River Management Plan	09/11/2018	09/11/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
18d. Total	\$52,500.00	\$105,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.50	0.50

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of the Committee is to assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive management plan for the Wekiva River System and provide advice to the Secretary in carrying out the management responsibilities of the Secretary under the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Act (16 U.S.C. 1274).

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

As prescribed by the enabling legislation, the 18-member Committee is comprised of representatives from various agencies and organizations specifically named in the legislation spanning three counties. Since the Committee was formed, there was a unanimous vote to include representatives from The Nature Conservancy to join the Committee.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee meets approximately four to six times a year or more to discuss implementation projects relative to the comprehensive management plan and issues relevant to the Wekiva River System.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee is to assist in the development of the comprehensive management plan for the Wekiva River System and provide advice to the Secretary in carrying out the management responsibilities of the Secretary under the Wild and Scenic River Act (16 U.S.C. 1274)

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are always open.

21. Remarks

The General Management Plan was completed in May 2012, and the Committee is now advising on the implementation of the Plan.

Designated Federal Officer

Jaime Doubek-Racine Community Planner, Rivers Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bishop, Joseph	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Seminole State Forest	Representative Member
Campione, Leslie	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Lake County Board of Commissioner District 4	Representative Member
Christman, Nancy	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	St. Johns River Water Management District	Representative Member
Constantine, David	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Seminole County Commissioner	Representative Member
Doubeck-Racine, Jaime	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Outdoor Recreation and Community Planner	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Duby, James	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Seminole County Planning Department	Representative Member
Duncan, Jeffrey	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Regional Fisheries Biologist	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Exum, Jay	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Board Member	Representative Member
Howell, Barbara	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Wekiva River Aquatic Reserve	Representative Member
Jackson, Beth	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Friends of Wekiva	Representative Member
Johnson, Elizabeth	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Orange County Parks and Recreation - Kelly Park	Representative Member
Lee, Charles	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Director of Advocacy, Florida Audubon Society	Representative Member
Marshall, Danielle	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Division Director for Streets and Stormwater, City of Altamonte Springs	Representative Member
Martin, Michael	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Division of Forestry	Representative Member
Mattson, Robert	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	St. Johns River Water Management District	Representative Member
Nelson, Bryan	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	County Commissioner for Orange County District 2	Representative Member
Perry, Rebecca	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	The Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Prine, Nancy	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Friends of Wekiva	Representative Member
Sheahan, Brian	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Urban and Regional Planner	Representative Member
Shelley, Deborah	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Environmental Specialist	Representative Member
Shupe, Thomas	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Representative Member
Verpoorten, April	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Compliance Coordinator, Altamonte Springs Public Works Dept.	Representative Member
Wetzel, Shannon	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Seminole County Planning Department	Representative Member
Wood, Lee	12/13/2016	12/13/2020	Florida Dept. of Recreation and Parks	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 24

Narrative Description

The Committee will advise the agency on the implementation of the comprehensive river management plan. Through cooperative effort among several agencies and organizations, the Committee will advise in the development, planning and implementation of management plan actions which will allow for the continued preservation and enhanced recreational opportunities of the Wekiva River System, without any further degradation of the resource, for future generations to enjoy. The Committee is implementing actions of the Comprehensive River Management Plan which was finalized on May 17, 2012.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making

- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

n/a

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

40

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee met twice in FY 2018, and had 4 recommendations. Committee Recommendations included: Review and Approval of final scope of the User Capacity Study. Finalize and advertise position of the River Ambassador for education and outreach activities. Implement a stormdrain stenciling program. Develop and Print a Black Water Creed Paddling Trail Guide for outdoor recreation. The Committee met twice in FY 2017, and had 4 recommendations. Committee Recommendations: NPS will coordinate with partners to: 1. develop scope of work for User Capacity Study for the Wekiva River; 2. Conduct User Capacity Study for the Wekiva River (after final scope is developed); 3. develop River Ambassador position description (education and outreach duties); and 4. advertise for River Ambassador (position) for the Wekiva River. In 2016, the Committee did meet in November 2015 and March 2016 and made several recommendations. For the

remainder of 2016, all member appointments needed to be updated so information was gathered for new appointments and renewal appointments. The Committee plans on meeting in 2017. In 2016, the Committee had several new recommendations from the strategic planning meeting held in November 2015. The Committee recommended the continuation of funding the River Ambassador position for developing and implementing education, and outreach programs to benefit the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System. The Committee recommended the updating of the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River website. As well as the following recommendations for FY17: Develop New Cooperative Agreement between NPS and FOWR, Inc. Develop New Wekiva Wild & Scenic Powerpoint for River Ambassador public presentations Develop Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Partnership Success Report Coordinate Signage meeting with FDOT AND County Transportation Depts. to implement Wild and Scenic logo on roadways within central Florida providing branding and access to the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Complete Development, Manufacturing and Installation of Wekiva Kiosks and Educational Panels (with destination signs at launch areas) Coordinate Wekiva Event (Kiosks and Panels Dedication) for the NPS Centennial Committee Chair and NPS to attend the Partnership W&S Rivers Meeting in 2017 River Ambassador to coordinate presentations to the local gov't's Establish Monitoring to ensure protection of the ORV's. Fund studies or projects to accomplish this action. Implement the Wekiva Bear Brigade for areawide elementary school education Develop Application seeking Wekiva River designation as a national water trail River Ambassador to develop and implement Recon Training for canoe (volunteers) Implement River Ambassador priorities (canoe and learn) Develop and launch bear awareness educational PSA's Outreach Develop Mission/Vision Statement for the Committee Update and fill committee vacancies Letter from the Chair of the Committee to the Partnership Coalition with Amendment to Management Plan Based on Committee recommendations from the 2016, several projects were completed. These projects were directly related to actions and goals stated within the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan. These included: the Wekiva Black Bear Study and the Wekiva educational kiosks, which will be installed in 2016. The Committee continued to develop implementation projects which further enhance the ORV's based on the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive River Management Plan which was dedicated on May 17, 2012. The Committee is developing and implementing several projects: 1) The continued funding of the Wekiva River System Management River Ambassador to conduct education and outreach programs relative to the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System. 2) the Committee coordinating a strategic planning meeting to prioritize projects and programs for 2017. 3) the Committee completed the design of 29 educational panels for display in areawide river launch areas along with the manufacturing of kiosks to display the panels.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

50%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

50%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

n/a

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

As representatives of the agency we do provide feedback, in person, at each meeting.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

None to date.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

n/a

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

n/a