

Gulf of Mexico Alliance Priority Issues

For Use with Environmental Education Network 2008 Blueprint Meetings

Governors Action Plan

- “Water Quality” Water quality for healthy beaches and shellfish beds
- “Restoration” Wetland and coastal conservation and restoration
- “Environmental Education Network” Environmental education
- “Habitat ID” Identification and characterization of Gulf habitats
- “Nutrients” Reductions in nutrient inputs to coastal ecosystems
- “Resiliency” 2007 Coastal Community Resilience

Governors’ Regional Collaboration Blueprint

- Water Quality
- Restoration & Habitat ID
- Environmental Education Network
- Nutrients
- Resiliency

Long term environmental partnership goals were to:

1. Increase awareness of gulf coastal resources
2. Increase stewardship of gulf coastal resources

ED-1:A.1 Hold a series of Community Workshops

ED-1:A.2 Identify an Environmental Education Coordinator

ED-1:A.3 Formalize Network membership by formal invitations to join the GOMA Environmental Education Network inaugural meeting

ED-1:A.4 Host a planning workshop of the newly established Network at Florida’s Rookery Bay NERR

ED-1:A.5 In accordance with the U.S. Ocean Action Plan, establish a Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center (CELC) in each of the five Gulf States and in one Mexican State that borders the Gulf.

ED-1:A.6 Develop and host a pilot program to engage underrepresented and underserved communities

ED-1:A.7 Design and host a Web site to support education and outreach efforts of the Network, including an electronic clearinghouse, to disseminate effective Gulf coast related educational information and materials via the Internet.

ED-2:A.1 Design and conduct a strategic public awareness campaign that will encourage Gulf stewardship and coastal hazard identification and prevention.

ED-2:A.2 Identify strategies for sustaining the public awareness campaign in the short-term (within 36 months) and long-term (after 36 months).

Resilience is the capacity of human and natural/physical systems to adapt to and recover from change. Focus areas within the working definition include:

- culture and heritage
- ecological systems
- economics
- insurance

- smart growth.