

Proposed Structure/Charge for *Comprehensive Restoration Plan* Implementation

**HEP Policy Committee Meeting
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Background

- Draft CRP completed in early 2009.
- CRP funded and lead by Corps and Port Authority.
- HEP adopted CRP as Habitat Restoration Plan for all.

- Coordination for Implementation is needed.
- HEP Offers a legitimate home for CRP Coordination.

Proposed Structure Changes

- Formation of new small CRP Work Group to lead effort.
- Phase out of existing HWG
- Initiation of Semi-Annual Conferences to provide public forum.

CRP Work Group Charge

- Ensure short-term projects/objectives are addressed.
- Provide Leadership for overall long-term direction.
- Develop discrete projects and work with Roundtable and others to fund.
- 8 – 10 Agency or NGO Advisors.
- Form ad hoc sub-groups as necessary.
- Reports to Management Committee.
- HEP Habitat Coordinator to provide support.

CRP Conferences

- Provides main functions of phased out HWG:
 - Public forum for presentations on projects/progress.
 - Opportunity for public input on CRP direction, site nominations, information exchange, etc.
- Convenes 2x per year.

Legislation and Funding

- Harbor Roundtable –
 - Lead for federal legislation/funding.
 - CRP Work Group will provide specific project information to Roundtable for consideration.
- Funding for state, local, and academic projects should be handled at the appropriate level.

What we need now

- Discussion of proposed recommendation.
- Commitment from agencies to actively participate.
- Policy Committee Approval to proceed.

