

RIVER ECOLOGY & GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & TRAILS WORKING GROUP

Notes and tasks to undertake from the April 18, 2019 Community Connections & Trails Group

Notes

Focus of this meeting: connecting to community and looking at the river as a connection point. What does it look like for a community to connect to the river?

How do we get more communities connected to the river?

Who makes up community? What strategies do we have for engaging communities? May need different strategies for different communities, populations, etc.

1. The mission of the Community Connections working group is threefold and consists of the following:
 - Defining those communities with current river activity/access and identifying and exploring those communities without
 - Articulating the level(s) of community engagement
 - Determining and vetting opportunities for internal and external connections (physically and communally)
2. Identify and communicate which communities are doing what?
3. We will ask the question of the larger group, how are we defining the regions we will work within?

Future Meeting Structure

- We determined that we will need to be flexible with our meeting days and times to accommodate community input
- Weekend & Evening meetings

Committee Assets Areas

- Education
- Innovation
- Commercial
- Health & Wellness

Potential Mission Statement

Define clearinghouse function and opportunities for future engagement, articulate levels of engagement, and determine and vet opportunities for internal and external physical connections within and between communities.