Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Priorities 2013-14

During 2013, the CAC will work with Center for Inland Bays (CIB) staff to implement the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP). CAC’s relationship with CIB staff, Board of Directors and STAC is critical to the fulfillment of its objectives. Meetings will be held bi-monthly and the organization will continuously seek diversity and increases in new membership. Operational focus will be on Membership Diversity, Nutrient Management, Marketing & Outreach, and Climate Change.

**Diversity:**  *Continue focus on increasing diverse CAC membership*

- Ensure a diverse and engaged CAC membership.
- Seek out and invite potential CAC members to meetings.
- Increase membership through community events.
- Increase membership through speaking presentations.

**Nutrient Management:**  *Provide support in implementing the CIB Pollution Control Strategy*

- 2012 data-- Request DNREC to prepare and publicize a detailed annual report of nitrogen and phosphorus TMDL’s and sources into each tributary of the Inland Bays.
- Draft CAC resolutions based on elevated TMDL’s found in the tributaries of the Bays.
- Provide advisory role in CIB’s “Know Your Creeks” Program

**Marketing & Outreach:**  *Increase awareness of critical issues facing the Inland Bays.*

- Increase the number and quality of CAC speaking presentations.
- Work in conjunction with Outreach Coordinator to produce monthly “About the Bays” column in local newspapers.
- Appoint CAC Web Liaison to improve CAC web page.
- Add public relations and press liaison duties to CAC Vice Chair.
- Reach out to town and Sussex County officials and commissions to improve bay issues.

**Climate Change/Sea Level Rise:**  *Provide educational outreach on climate change*

- Appoint CAC liaison to DNREC Div. Of Energy & Climate Steering Committee.
- Incorporate climate change information in the CAC Speaker’s Presentation.
- Bring climate change experts to present at CAC meetings.
- Reinforce climate issues in the monthly “About the Bays” column and CIB events.
- Actively involve CAC in Sea Level Rise & Tidal Prism Issues (Indian River Inlet).

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