



Planning Associates Program Critical Think Piece

Interagency Watershed Tiger Team

"A Top-Down and Bottom-Up Strategy for Integrated Water Resource Solutions and Sparking a Cultural Change"

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Purpose Statement:



"The Interagency Watershed Tiger Team will affect a cultural change to transition watershed studies from the traditional project planning mind-set to integrated water resource planning and management."



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Why a Tiger Team?

Expanding challenges, demands, and change to the Nation's water resources and infrastructure is happening now with:

- Continued limited resources and funding of agencies and stakeholders.
- Single project funding and culture is still dominant.
- Corps traditional role is shifting from lead agency to collaborating with other agencies.







Opportunities

The timing and awareness of integrated watershed approach's value is happening now with:

- Rising appreciation for holistic and systems perspective
- Focusing on need for collaboration and cooperation and need to maximize resource efficiency and effectiveness
- Corps is a multi-purpose agency, and is able and capable of meeting the challenges.
- Finalizing of the 5 GE Watershed Studies, and
 Glassian efforts Completion of the Action for Change efforts.



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Enter the Interagency Watershed Tiger Team!

The Tiger Team objectives are to:

- Integrate watershed planning and management to address the National and regional water resource needs through interagency collaboration.
- Spark a cultural change in planning perspective and process away from single project mindedness into a more holistic and systems approach.

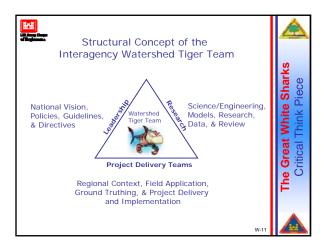












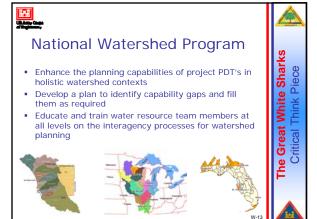


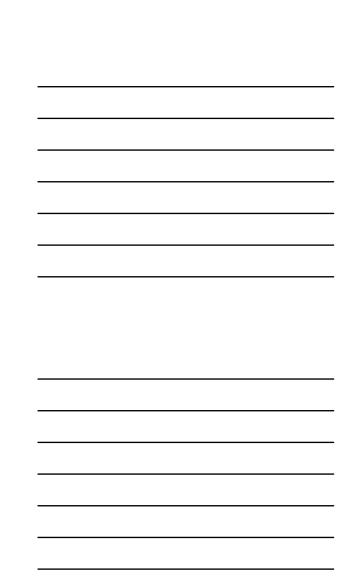


- Supporting role for the PDT from initiation to delivery
- Combine the expertise of the Corps and other agencies
- Provide a team capable of assisting the PDT
- National integration of Federal, state, and local resources
- Buy-in from HQUSACE, Regional Business Centers (MSC's), PCX's, districts and other Federal agencies
- Beta Test / Proof of Concept



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Future Missions of the Tiger Team



- Creation of a Planning Core Curriculum prospect course on watersheds
- Hosting of a watershed annual conference
- Implement lessons learned reports on all watershed studies
- Creation of a watershed guide book



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How is the Tiger Team funded?

- Primarily with study funds:
- o General Investigation
- o Planning Assistance to States
- o Interagency and International Support



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Additional Funding Sources

- Other funding possibilities
 - o HQ programmatic
 - o Cross-cut funding
 - o Joint agency budget submittals
 - o Home agency funding





Actions for Change

o Theme 1: Comprehensive Systems Approach Action 1 -- Employ an integrated, comprehensive, systems-based

Action 5 -- Employ adaptive planning and engineering systems.

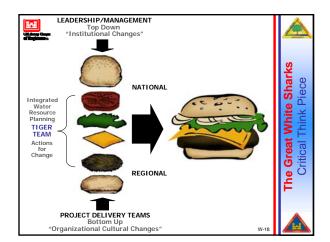
o Theme 4: Professional and Technical Expertise Action 3 -- Continuously reassess and update policy for program development, planning guidance, design, and construction standards.

Action 8 -- Assess and modify organizational behavior. Action 11 -- Manage and enhance technical expertise and professionalism.



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Summary

- Create an Interagency Watershed Tiger Team
- Seek to instill a cultural change
 - o Capitalize on top down direction
 - o Provide the means for bottom up integration
 - o Encourage watershed collaborative planning
- Integrated water resource planning and management
- The metric for success is the Tiger Team's dissolution



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