watertable

Phase 2

Funding Subcommittee

September 13, 2023

Agenda

1. **Introductions**

2. **Recap:**

   a. Phase II Initiative

   b. Purpose of Funding Subcommittee

   c. Structure and Timeline

   d. Ideas from Meeting #1 of Funding Subcommittee

3. **Exercise: Logic Model**

4. **Next Steps**

Recap

1. **Water Table Phase II**
   a. Subcommittees for Funding (DVRPC), Branding (PDE), Workforce Development (WRA), Climate Change (PWD)

2. **Subcommittees' Purpose**
   a. Share information
   b. Build relationships
   c. Create a work plan representing interests of all 3 sectors

3. **Structure and Timeline**
   a. Meet Quarterly
   b. Final work plan due 12/25

Recap - Ideas to Pursue from 7/12/23 Meeting

1. **RASCL Program - good model**

2. **Emerging Contaminants Projects - few in SEPA**

3. **Investments in Underserved Communities - lots of good research out there**

4. **Less complex funding structures for GSI - is this possible?**

5. **CIP for water infrastructure - is regional CIP worthwhile/possible?**

6. **Empower community driven projects - how to achieve?**

7. **Share info on funding sources - Apdx B of Accessing Funding Study** 23005.pdf (dvrpc.org)
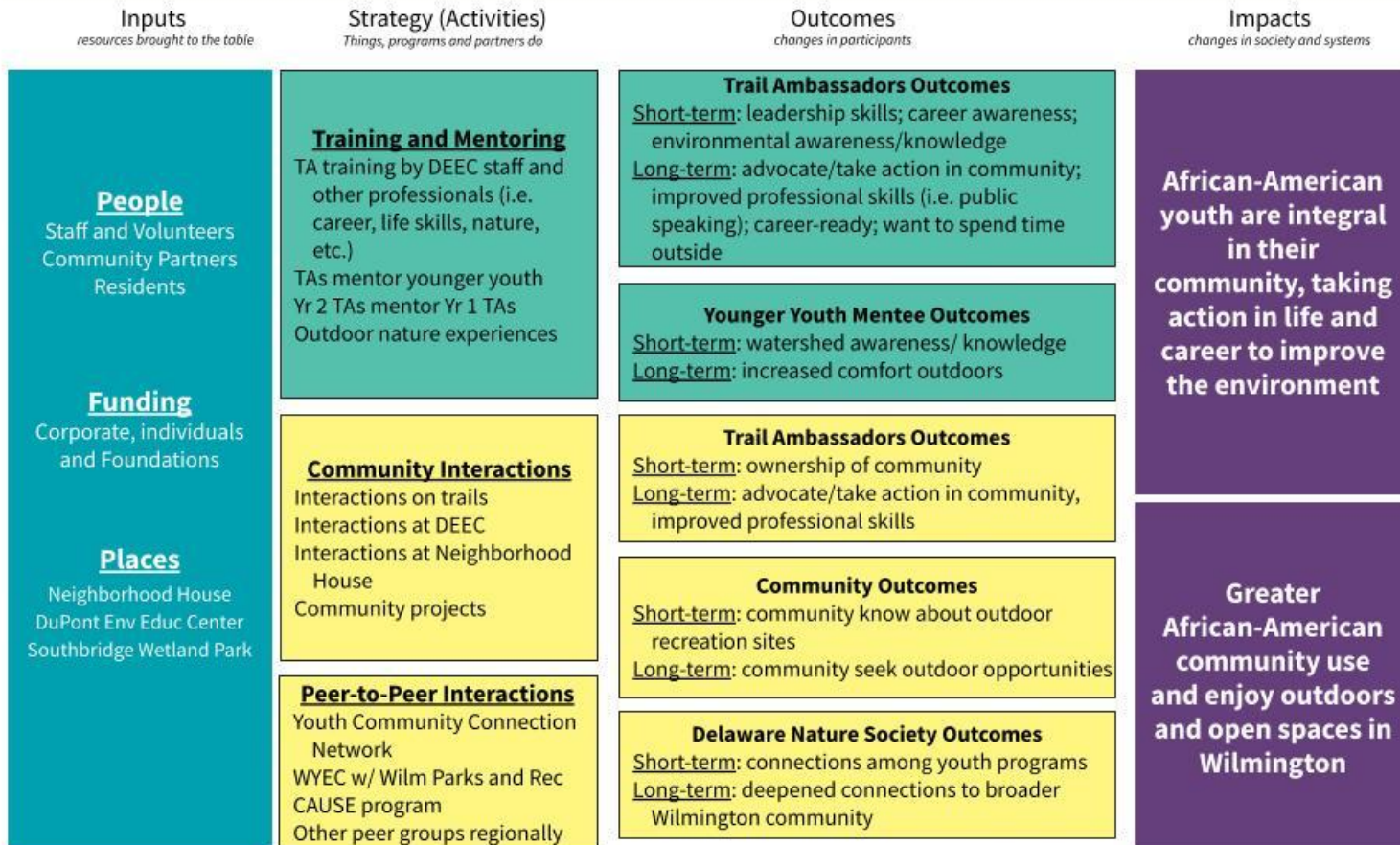
Logic Model Exercise

1. A Logic Model is a picture or roadmap of how a program or work plan will be achieved

2. Through consensus building, it identifies the desired impact, and then works backward to define outcomes, activities, and inputs.

3. We can borrow elements of the Logic Model to structure how the Funding Subcommittee will create a work plan

4. Along the way, we can also identify where more knowledge is needed, and bring in expert speakers

Logic Model

1. Determine *Impacts* - changes in society and systems that we want to see related to funding water improvements

2. Define short term and long term *Outcomes* - changes in funding programs

3. Identify *Activities and Strategies* needed for programs and partners to do

4. Name *Inputs or Resources* to support activities and programs

Trail Ambassadors (TA) Logic Model

The Trail Ambassador youth development program inspires youth to care for Wilmington's watersheds, creating ownership of community and public spaces, and empowering them to advocate for their community, while developing leadership and career skills.

Inputs
resources brought to the table

Strategy (Activities)
Things, programs and partners do

Outcomes
changes in participants

Impacts
changes in society and systems

People
Staff and Volunteers
Community Partners
Residents

Funding
Corporate, individuals
and Foundations

Places
Neighborhood House
DuPont Env Educ Center
Southbridge Wetland Park

Training and Mentoring
TA training by DEEC staff and other professionals (i.e. career, life skills, nature, etc.)
TAs mentor younger youth
Yr 2 TAs mentor Yr 1 TAs
Outdoor nature experiences

Community Interactions
Interactions on trails
Interactions at DEEC
Interactions at Neighborhood House
Community projects

Peer-to-Peer Interactions
Youth Community Connection Network
WYEC w/ Wilm Parks and Rec
CAUSE program
Other peer groups regionally

Trail Ambassadors Outcomes
Short-term: leadership skills; career awareness; environmental awareness/knowledge
Long-term: advocate/take action in community; improved professional skills (i.e. public speaking); career-ready; want to spend time outside

Younger Youth Mentee Outcomes
Short-term: watershed awareness/ knowledge
Long-term: increased comfort outdoors

Trail Ambassadors Outcomes
Short-term: ownership of community
Long-term: advocate/take action in community, improved professional skills

Community Outcomes
Short-term: community know about outdoor recreation sites
Long-term: community seek outdoor opportunities

Delaware Nature Society Outcomes
Short-term: connections among youth programs
Long-term: deepened connections to broader Wilmington community

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African-American youth are integral in their community, taking action in life and career to improve the environment

Greater African-American community use and enjoy outdoors and open spaces in Wilmington

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Placement of ideas mentioned to date in the Logic Model

1. **Utilize RASCL Program model - *strategy/activity***

2. **Address Emerging Contaminants - *outcome***

3. **Increase Investments in Underserved Communities - *outcome***

4. **Develop less complex funding structures for GSI - *strategy/activity***

5. **Coordinate regional CIP for water infrastructure - *outcome***

6. **Empower community driven projects - *outcome***

7. **Share info on funding sources - *input***

Inputs	Strategy (Activities)	Outcomes	Impacts
Funding Grants, Loans, Rates & Revenues **People** Public, Private, Non-profit, and Communities **Information** Clearing house of funding opportunities	Establish a RASCL Program	**Regional CIP for Water Infrastructure** Short Term**:** Medium Term: Long Term**:**	Cleaner waters are integral to the health and well being of citizens and natural ecosystems in the Delaware River Basin
		Addressing Emerging Contaminants Short Term: Medium Term: Long Term**:**	
		Empower Community Driven Projects Short Term**:** Medium Term: Long Term**:**	Increase Environmental Justice for underserved communities that have been historically subject to water-related environmental justice inequities
		Increased Investment in Underserved Communities Short Term**:** Medium Term: Long Term**:**	

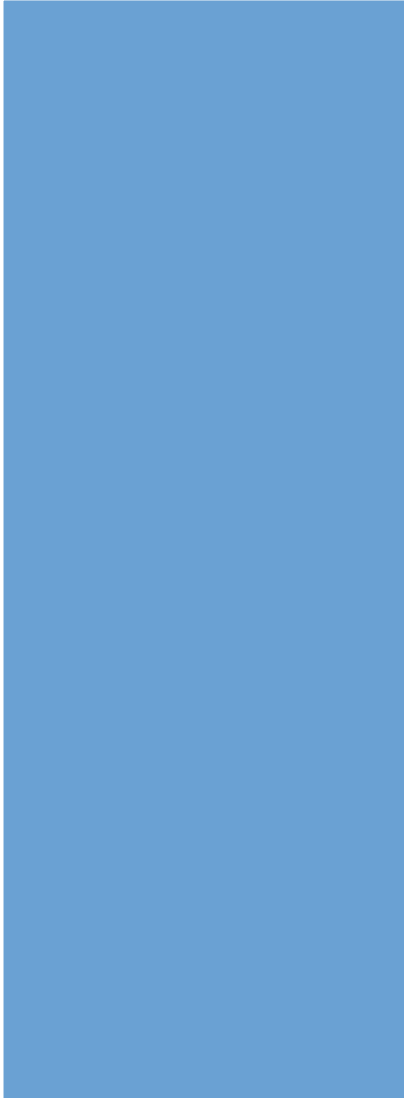| Inputs	Strategy (Activities)	Outcomes	Impacts
resources brought to the table	*things, programs and partners do*	*changes in participants*	*changes in society and systems*

Next Steps

1. **Organize feedback into our newly created Logic Model**

2. **Plan December meeting to continue to build out the Logic Model**

3. **Should we bring in speakers to inform us?**

4. **Are there areas we need to research more?**

5. **Meet again in December, 13th (10:00 - 11:30am)**

6. **Plan and schedule future meetings**

    a. In-person/hybrid/virtual?

Mission Statement:

To find new sources of funding to support new initiatives that do not have funding sources

Help better target existing funding sources

Develop a funding model to get more funding into the watershed that help

Underserved communities need to be an important part of our mission statement

Geography distinction is also important - urban vs. rural

How do we build a structure where communities fall through the cracks

There needs to be a network of invested community members that are part of the conversation

Impacts:

Increase financial support for underserved communities to improve their water quality and their water system management and increase access to funding

Increase funding access to applied to address water quality projects in the region and improve access to underserved communities

Achieve the fish and swim goals of the clean waters act

Add resiliency and climate change into the vocab

funding component can prioritize grant making programs

education component - how can we have the everyday electorate care/have knowledge about water quality issues (branding cross-over)

Dramatically improve water quality projects in the delaware river basin