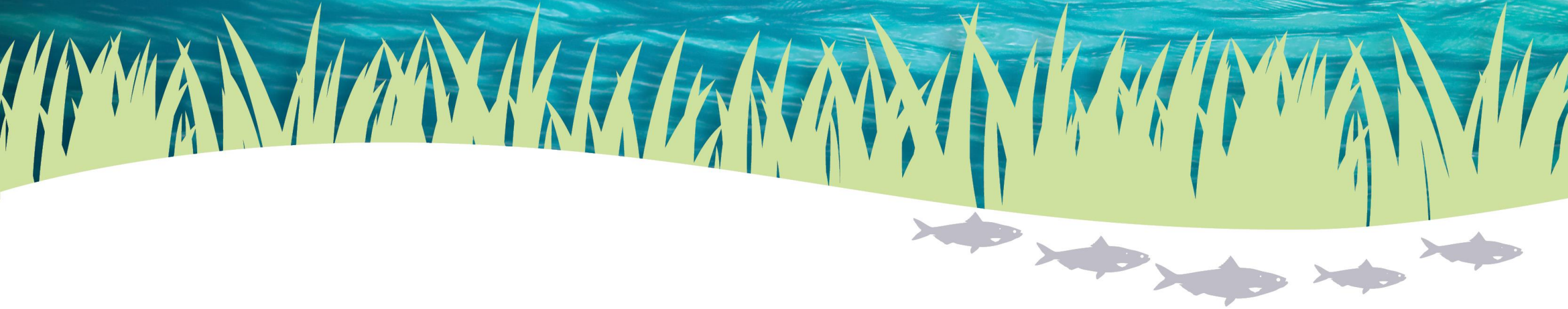


Southeast New England Program Steering Committee Meeting 04/20/2022 1:00-4:00PM

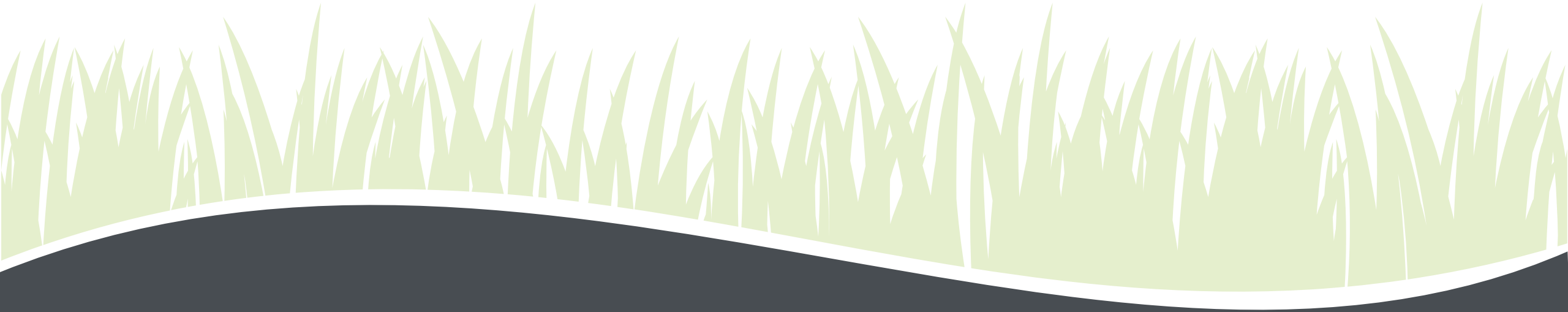


Meeting Held Virtually





Welcome & Roll Call



Today's Agenda



1:00

Welcome & Roll Call

1:15

SNEP FY22 Spending and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
Outlook

1:30

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law FY23-26

2:30

Role of the Steering Committee

3:30

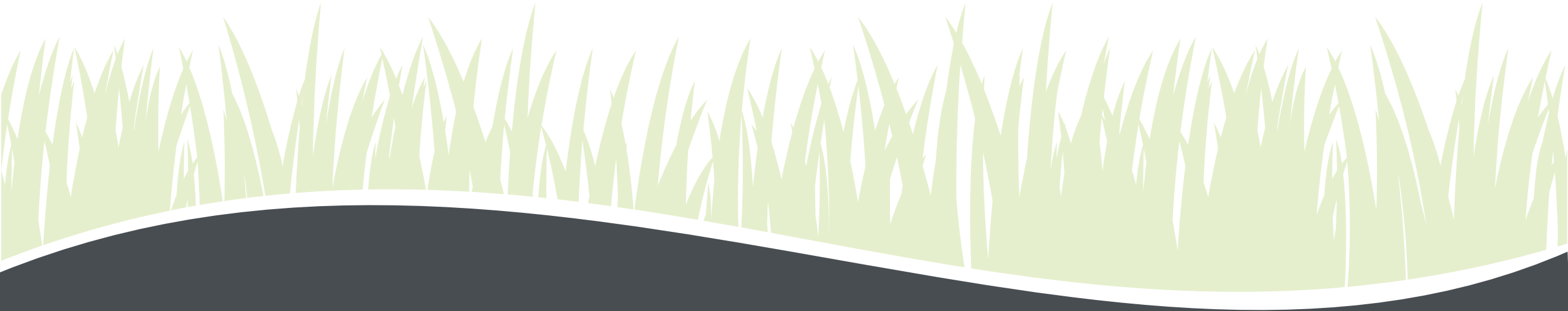
Envisioning the Steering Committee Post-COVID

4:00

Adjourn



SNEP FY22 Spending and BIL Funding Outlook



FY22 Continuing Activities



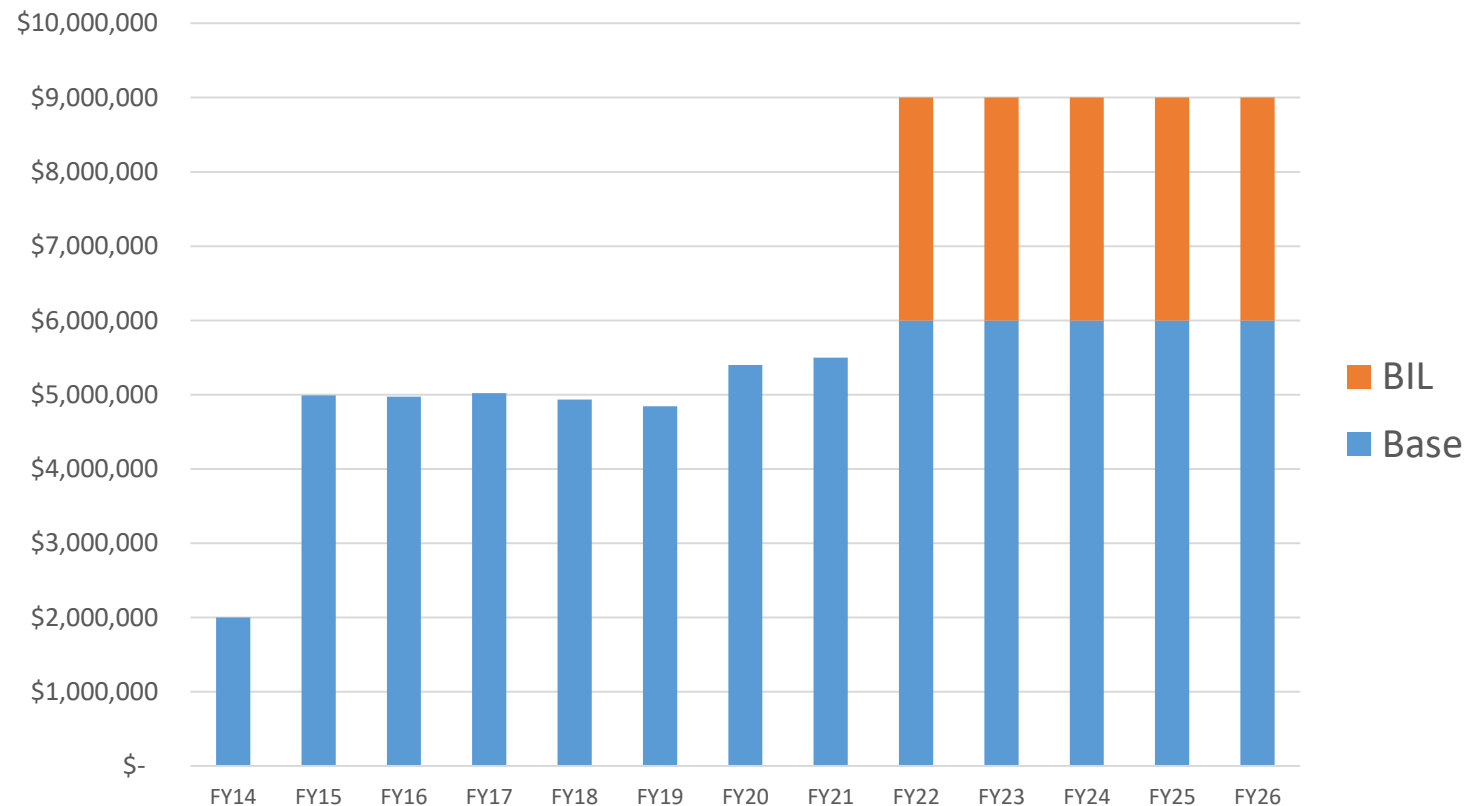
- Public Outreach
 - Webinars
 - Workshops
 - Newsletter
 - Symposium (May 18th)
- Grants
 - SWIG
 - Network
 - NEPs
 - 5 Pilot Watersheds
- Contracts
 - Pilot Monitoring Plans
 - Administrative Support
 - Cape BMP Monitoring
- Interagency Agreements
 - ORISE (DOE)
 - USGS
- Committee Meetings
- Subcommittee Meetings

Overview FY22 Budget



- Base Budget: \$6,000,000
 - Up \$500,000 from FY21
- Bipartisan Infrastructure: \$15,000,000
 - Given \$3,000,000 each year for 5 years
- Funding to Date: ~\$46,600,000
 - FY14-FY22

SNEP Yearly Funding

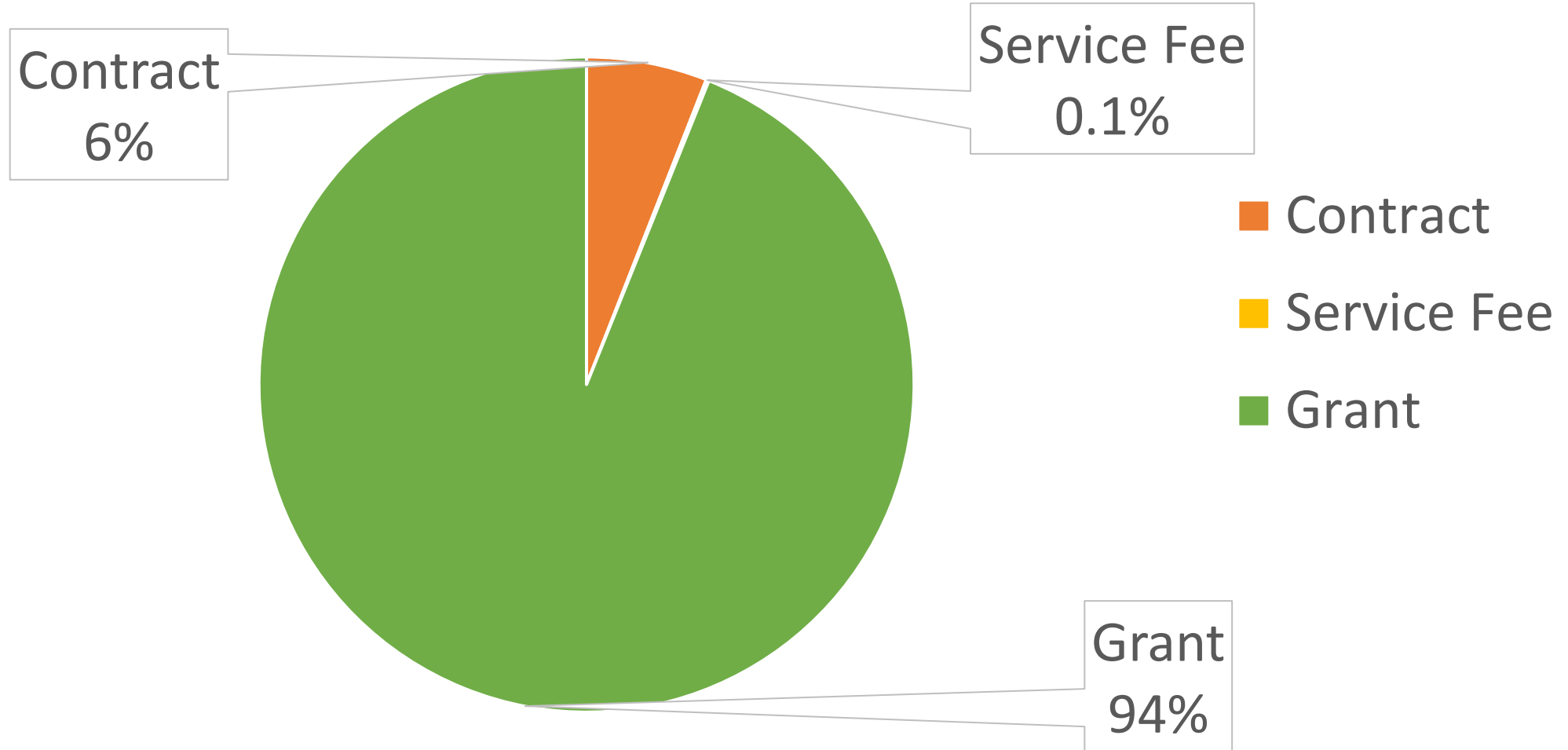


Note: Chart Assumes Level Base Funding FY23-26.
Funding is Not Guaranteed.

FY22 Base Budget



FY22 Budget \$6.0M



FY22 Base Budget



Contracts

Estimated Total: \$494,792

Cape Gravel BMP Monitoring

Administrative/Outreach Support

Monitoring Framework/ State of
the Region Report

Monitoring for WRWC Pilot
Watershed

Service Fees

Estimated Total: \$11,336

ORISE Service Fee

HQ Service Fee

FY22 Base Budget



Grants

Estimated Total: \$5,493,872

SNEP Watershed Implementation
Grants

SNEP Network

Buzzards Bay Nation Estuary
Program

Narragansett Bay National Estuary
Program

Grants Continued

Original Four Pilot Watersheds

New WRWC Pilot Watershed

Regional Capacity Supplement

FY22 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Budget



FY22 BIL Total: \$3,000,000

Responsible Management Entity
Grants
\$2,300,000

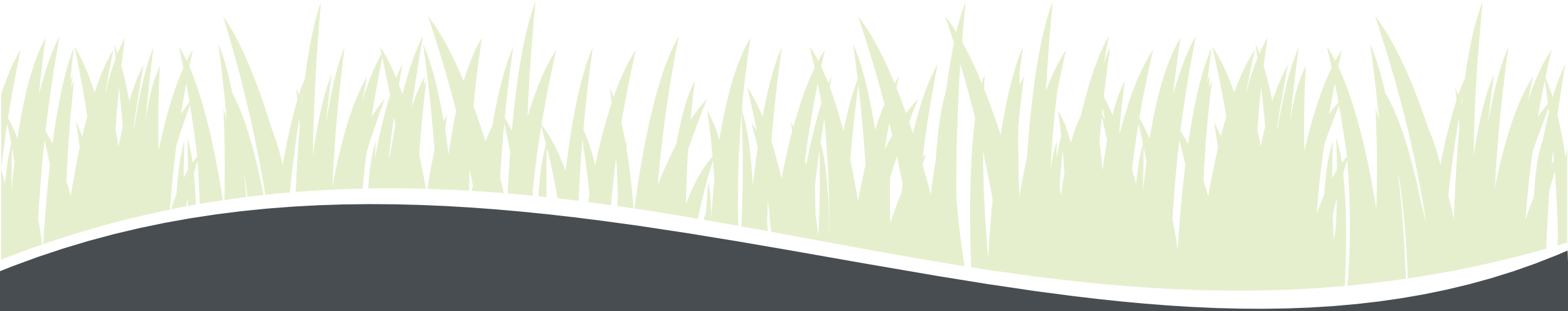
USGS Research
\$250,000 - \$315,000

Staffing
\$218,000 - \$298,000

Administration/Overhead
\$85,000

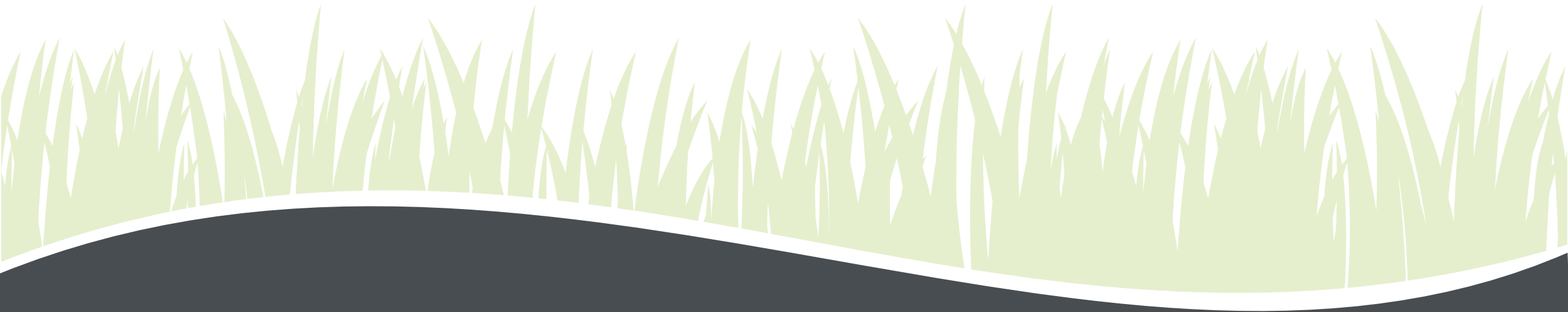


Questions and Comments?





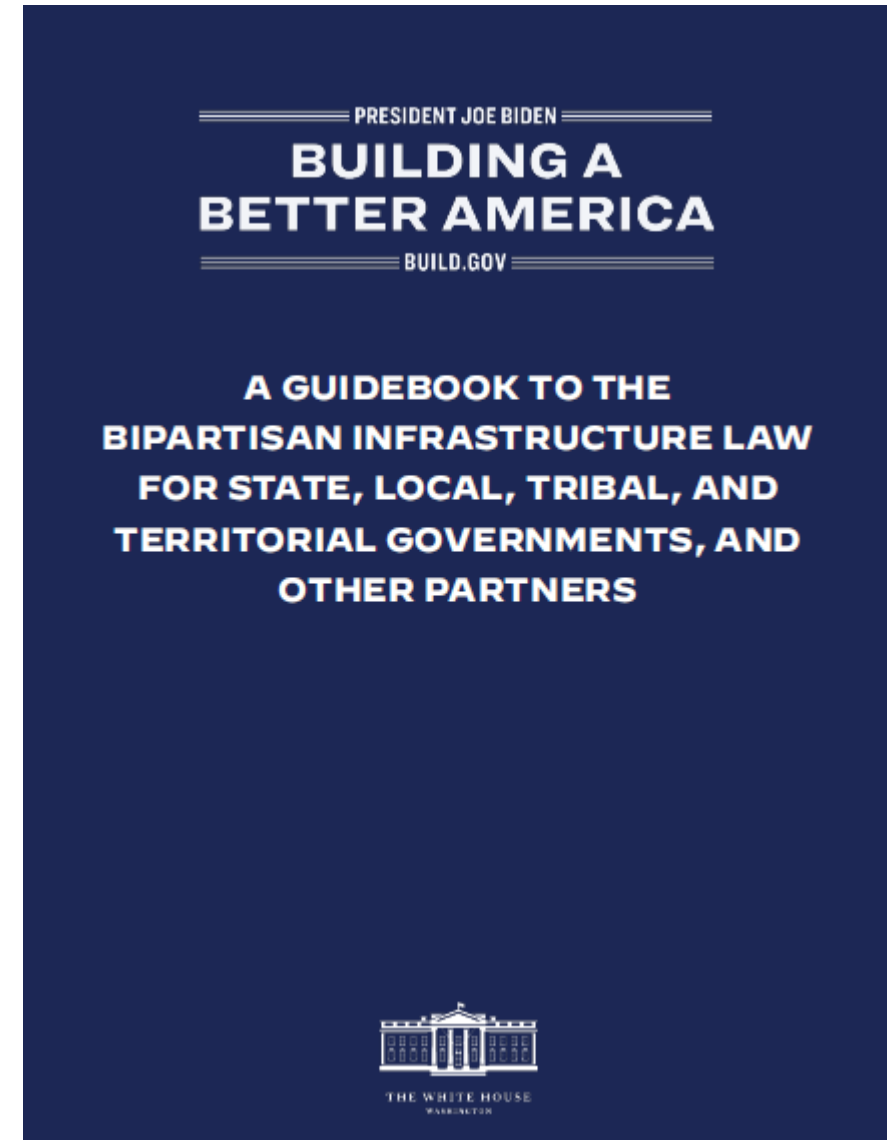
Discussion on Future BIL Spending



BIL Background



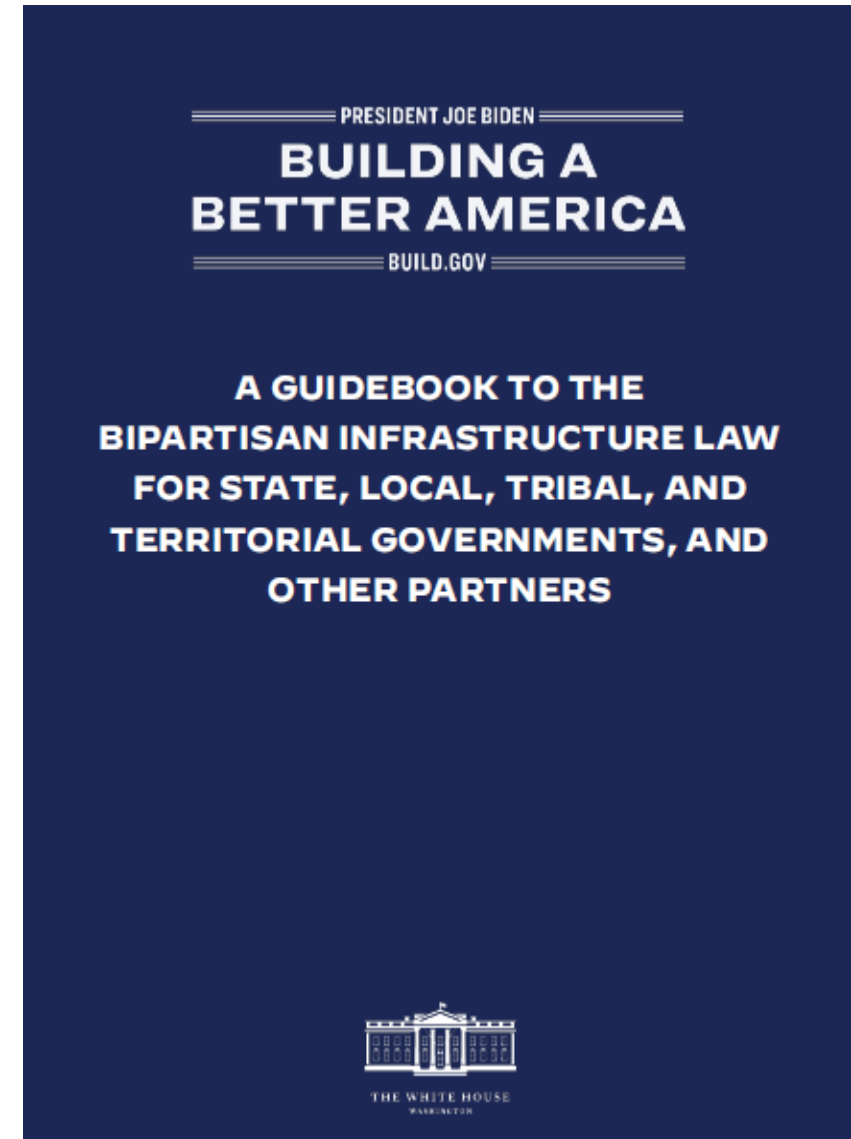
- \$15,000,000 Total FY22-FY26
 - \$3,000,000/Year
 - Estimated Funds Available for Projects Each Year: \$2,617,000 - \$2,697,000
- Foci:
 - Infrastructure
 - Community Development
 - Climate Change/ Resiliency
 - Environmental Justice (Justice40)
- Must Still Generally Fit With SNEP's Overall Goals, Strategic Plan, and Authorities



Some Examples



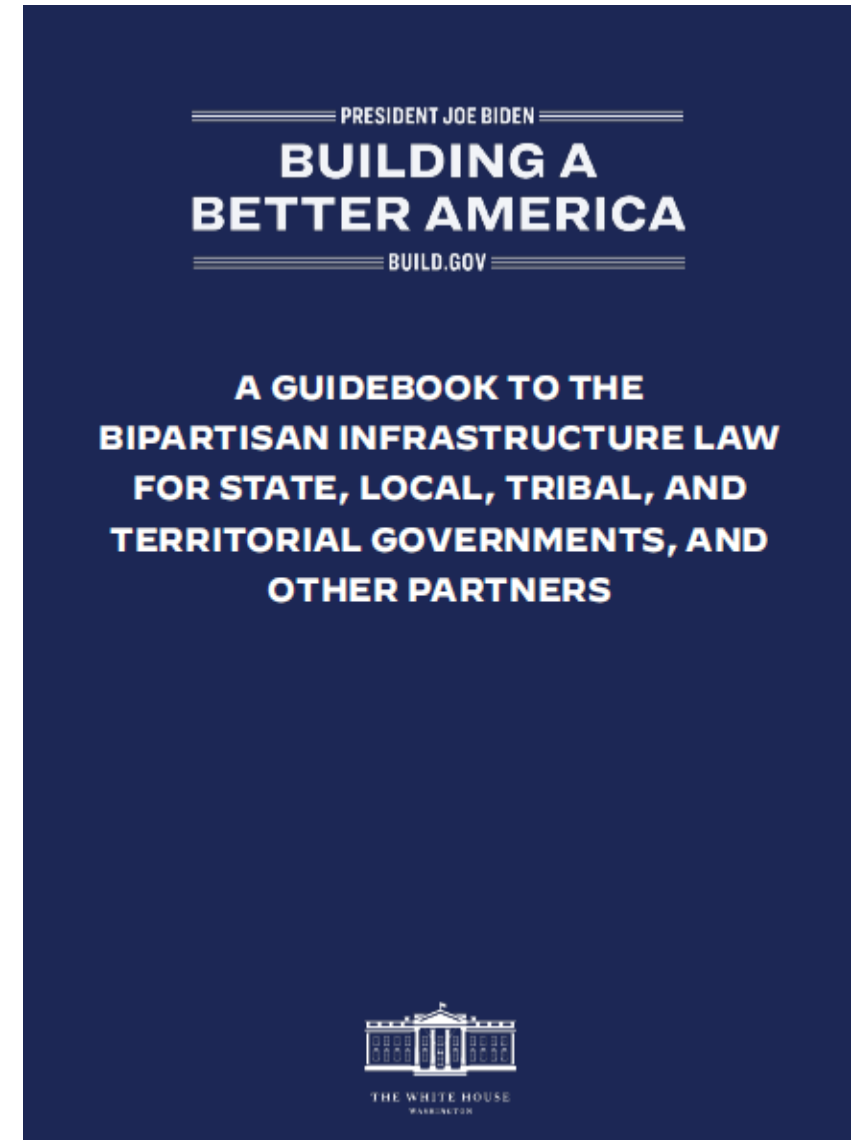
- Stormwater Planning and Mitigation
- Working with Disadvantaged Communities
- Saltmarsh Restoration and Resilience
- Carbon Sequestration
- Shoreline Stabilization using Nature Based Solutions
- Nutrient Management or Mitigation



BIL Spending FY23-26

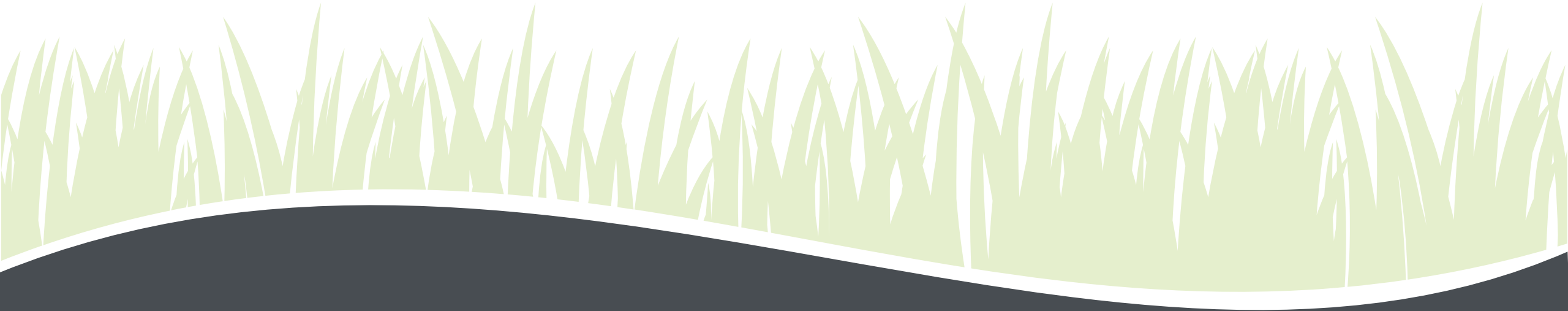


- On what topics, projects, events, and/or research should SNEP dedicate future BIL funds?
- What are general themes we might focus on?
- Which are most urgent? Which can wait until later years?
- How can we best invest in environmental justice areas?
- How can we best address climate change resiliency?
- Should we focus on fewer large projects, or more smaller projects? Quick projects or long-term?
- Are there specific geographies we should focus on?





Role of the Steering Committee

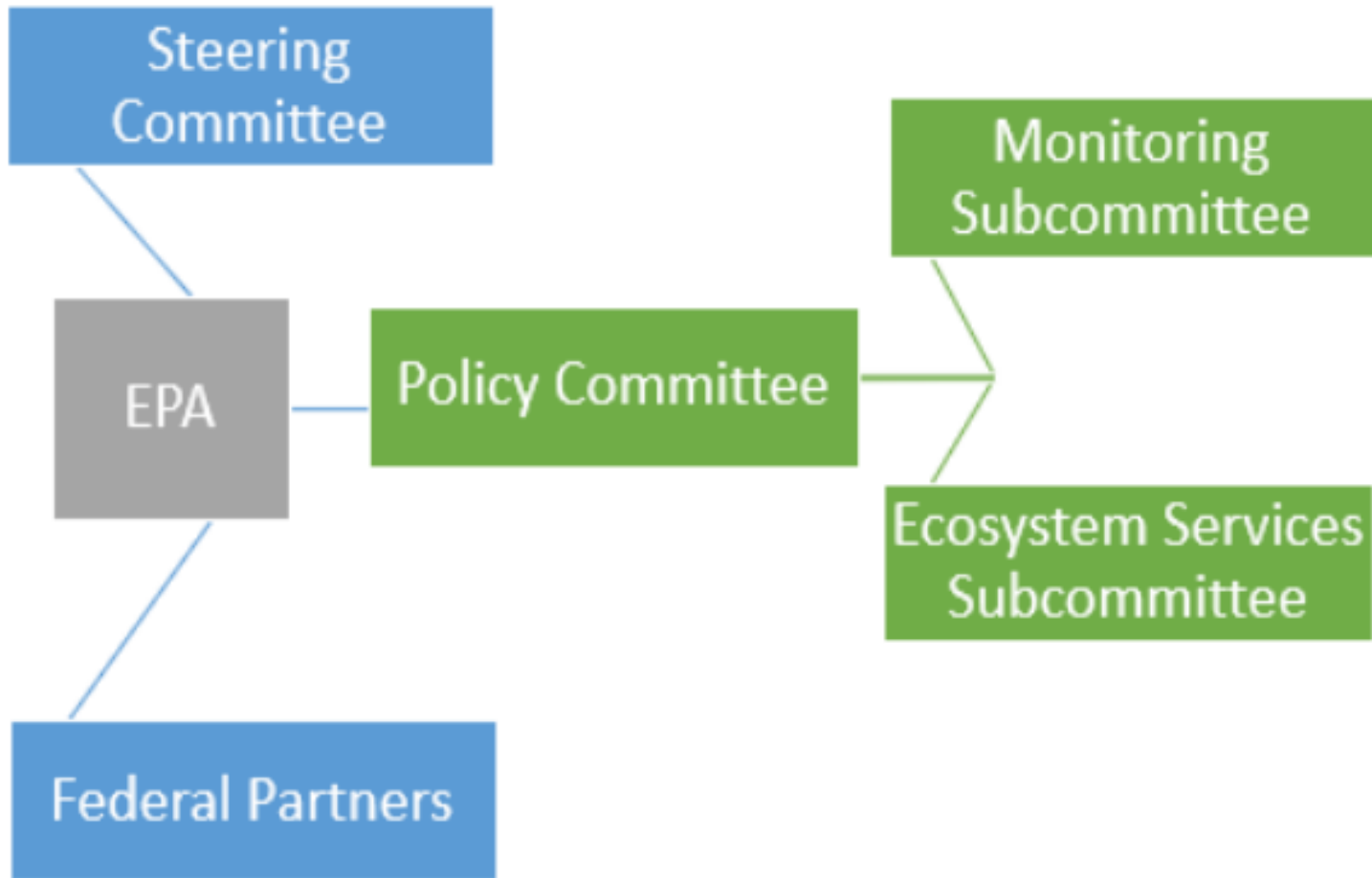


FY12 Omnibus Appropriations Bill



The conferees recommend that the Agency convene and lead a comprehensive regional policy coordination and outreach effort to protect, enhance, and restore the coastal watersheds of southern New England. No entity or consortium exists to meet these challenges, and there is an urgent and immediate need for such an effort. For example, in Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay, there are documented extensive areas of pollution severely degrading fish and wildlife habitat and water quality; problems that are compounded by the effects of warmer water temperatures and milder winters. The conferees recommend that EPA establish goals for the regional effort, emphasizing water quality and habitat restoration as well as the development and implementation of innovative technologies to meet these challenges and create jobs. The effort should provide for streamlined interagency communication and involve an inclusive stakeholder process. Specifically, EPA should collaborate with State agencies as well as other Federal partners such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Small Business Administration. The Agency should also include stakeholders from local governments and agencies, non-governmental organizations, and academic institutions. The conferees also recommend that the Agency, through this regional effort, facilitate the development of strategies to restore and protect the southern New England Estuaries

Role of the Steering Committee



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Steering Committee

- Convenes at least twice each year and includes representatives of state and federal agencies, tribes, EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD), non-governmental organizations, regional planning organizations, and the two National Estuary Programs.
- Provides a forum to inform SNEP implementation, funding priorities, regional challenges, and needs.
- Suggests future program directions and opportunities to leverage resources and partnerships.

Policy Committee

- Convenes several times each year and includes Steering Committee representatives with key planning and program management significance. Provides regional perspectives on how best to implement SNEP's vision and goals.
- Considers program priorities and decision making, policy issues, opportunities for action, regional solutions, leveraging of resources, and promising technologies and approaches.
- Suggests annual program and budget priority to Steering Committee.
- Proposes options to support subcommittee recommendations.

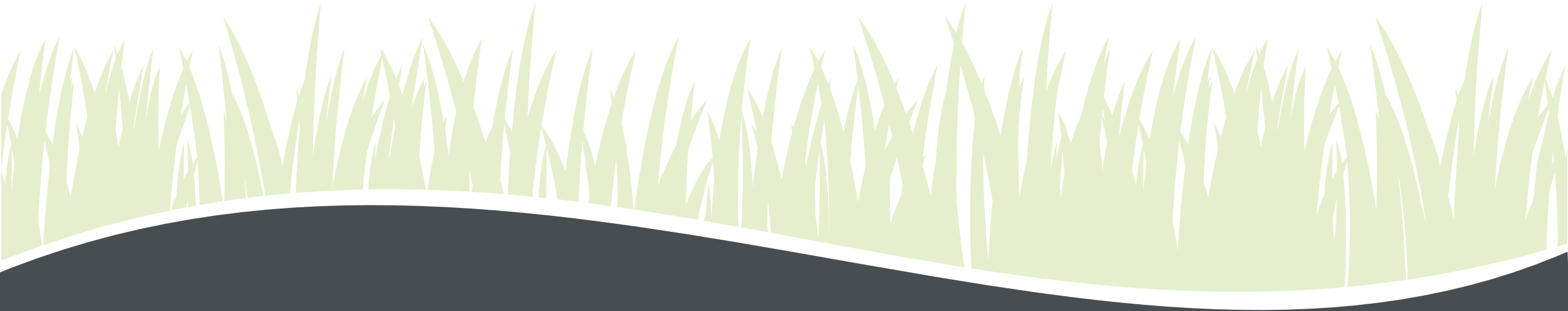
Role of the Steering Committee



- How do you envision the role of the Steering Committee in the future?
- What have you liked/not liked about the past and current role of the Committee?
- Would you like more input on SNEP funding decisions?
- Would you like more input on SNEP programmatic direction?
- Would you prefer a different SNEP Committee structure in general?
- How do you feel the Steering Committee should interact with SNEP's other committees (Policy, Federal, Monitoring and Ecosystem Service Subcommittees)?
- Would you like more engagement between meetings?
- What are the best ways to solicit your opinions/input?



Envisioning the Steering Committee Post-COVID



Steering Committee Post COVID



- How and when do we return to in-person meetings?
- Do we keep with two meetings per year?
- Do we keep with shorter format, or return to full day?



Adjourn
Thank You For Your Time And Attention!

