



Floodplains for the Future (FFTF) Shared Monitoring Program

May 2020 Results Summit – Summary

LOCATION: ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

DATE: MAY 28, 2020

With a smaller set of metrics, FFTF partners were able to discuss the metric results and how they relate to the strategies of the program. Although unable to meet in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic, partners held a productive and engaging meeting thanks to a suite of interactive virtual meeting tools.

OVERVIEW

The 2020 Results Summit for the FFTF Shared Monitoring Plan brought together over 30 partners, virtually, to discuss the results from the annual call for metric data in 2019. In spite of physical distance and a new virtual meeting format, FFTF partners maintained a high level of collaboration and had productive discussions about the results and what they mean for the FFTF program. The monitoring team presented results from two metrics: Combined Contributions by FFTF Partners and Built Environment in the Floodplain. With only two metrics presented, this allowed plenty of time for partners to discuss the results and specifically, what they revealed about the collective work of partners on the FFTF strategies. After discussing the results, partners were asked to share ideas about how to learn from the metrics to further adapt program strategies. Ideas included involvement of elected officials through tours and educational opportunities as well as inviting representatives to join from cities not currently participating in the program. The monitoring team also shared information about other metrics to advance in 2020 and previewed the 2021 results cycle

HIGHLIGHTS

RESULTS

The Monitoring Team presented results for two metrics:

- Combined Contributions by FFTF Partners: \$7,454,806 in combined contributions in 2019.
- Built Environment in the Floodplain: 250 acres of new built environment in the floodplain from 2015-2017.

FUNDING CYCLES

After reviewing results from the Combined Contributions by FFTF Partners metric, partners noted the cyclical nature of expenditures under the FFTF program. This three-year pattern acknowledges and provides evidence for a cycle inherent to project planning and implementation.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT

The Built Environment in the Floodplain metric showed that development continues in the floodplain. Partners noted the importance of understanding the drivers behind development, including the relationship between development and land use policy decisions. This metric inspired discussion about how to further investigate the impact of particular land use policies and programs.

LEARNING CYCLE AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

Moving forward, each Results Cycle will be followed by a Learning Cycle to learn from the results and use them to adapt the strategies of the FFTF program. Partners recognized a need to involve policy makers in the FFTF program, learn from them, and also educate them about their work in the watershed to inform future policy development.

HIGHLIGHTS, continued

ADVANCING METRICS IN 2020

Throughout the remainder of 2020, the FFTF monitoring team will advance four additional metrics: actively farmed land, accessible stream miles, dollars of flood damage, and existing climate conditions. FFTF partners will play an integral role in the development of the protocols and results for these metrics.

2021 RESULTS CYCLE

Looking ahead to the 2021 results cycle, results will be compiled for 15 metrics. As part of a dot exercise, partners indicated which metrics they are most looking forward to reviewing. This information will help the monitoring team generate results and present them with sufficient context at next year's Results Summit.

METRICS PRESENTED AT MAY 2019 RESULTS SUMMIT



Investments

Combined Contributions

Floodplain Reconnection Projects
At-risk Structures
Conserved Farmland
Agricultural Viability
Use of Climate Projections
Restored Habitat



Land

Built Environment in Floodplain

Actively Farmed Land
Connected/Natural Floodplain
Existing Climate Conditions
Accessible Stream Miles



Outcomes

Overall Floodplain Status
Farm Businesses
Farm Revenue
Farm Drainage
\$\$ of Flood Damages
Salmonids

(Metrics not presented at this Summit)

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