

Organizing the Future of the TRBN

4th Annual TRBN Meeting
August 13th, 2018

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Overview



Membership Ask

Summary of outcomes
from meetings past



Planning Committee for Governance

Summarize the
Planning Committee
for Governance's
efforts and outcomes



Steering Committee

Introduction to TRBN's
Steering Committee

Meeting summary

Proposed Vision &
Mission Statement



Time to Vote!

2019 Meeting Location
Measurement of success

Meetings Past

Overview

**What do we perceive as
the challenges to
achieving our goals?**

Aquatics

Landscape Conservation



Funding

External Social
Factors



Communication &
Information
Sharing



Internal Structure
& Processes



Funding

External Social Factors

Communication & Information Sharing

Internal Structure & Processes

education
information sharing
collaborative opportunities
leverage work share
networking
ownership
raise awareness
leverage funds
increase funding
data sharing
public support
clearinghouse



2017 Meeting

August 15-16th
Tennessee Aquarium
Chattanooga, TN



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2. Map out core meaning of TRBN



Create a transparent governance structure

Lack of clarity on TRBN committees and their role and responsibilities

- Core Team
- Planning Committee
- Communities of Practice

Map out core purpose of the TRBN

Questions asked by old and new Members

- What is the TRBN?
- What is our vision?

Unclear purpose
is a major
impediment to
successful
collective action
by voluntary
coalitions

- Phillips &
Springer



A clear statement of TRBN's mission will aid to:

Goals	Set goals
Strategies	Formulate strategies
Objectives	Effectively establish objectives
Allocate	Allocate resources
Engagement	Promote Network member engagement

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3. Messaging
4. Support Hidden Rivers



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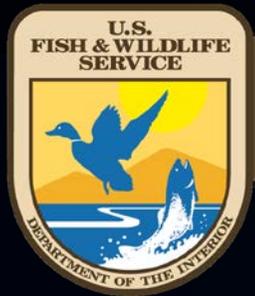
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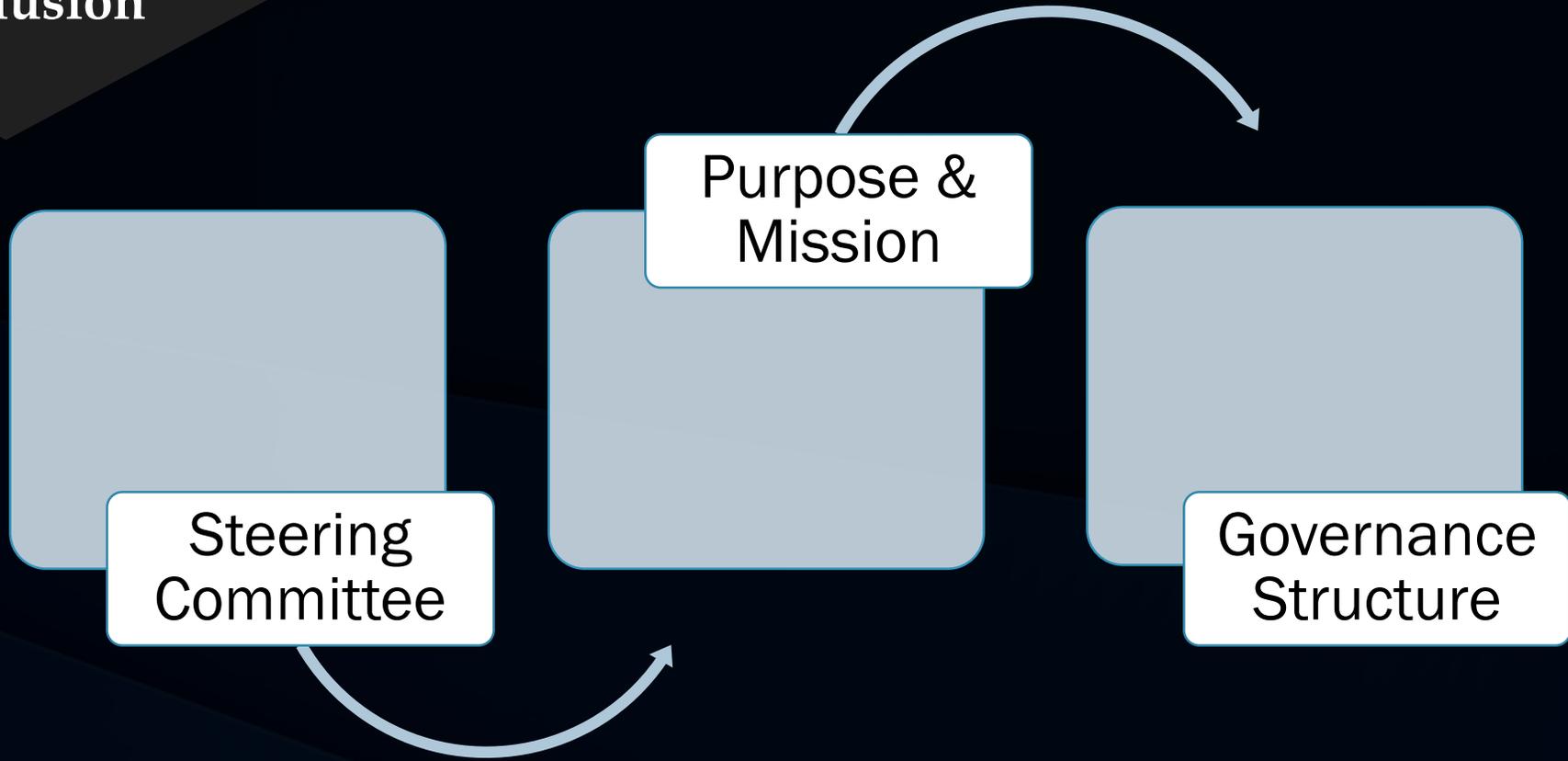
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Planning Committee for Governance



Planning Committee for Governance

Conclusion





Questions?

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TRBN Steering Committee

Our Steering Committee

Non-profit



Rob Bullard

The Nature Conservancy

Tennessee River & Cumberland River Program Director



Jason Meador

Mainspring Conservation Trust

Aquatics Program Manager



Kat Diersen

Defenders of Wildlife

Southeast Representative



Eric Romaniszyn

Haywood Waterways Association

Executive Director



Danny Sells

TN Association of Conservation Districts

Executive Director

Our Steering Committee

Federal



Jeffery Duncan
National Park Service
Regional Aquatic Ecologist



Allison Reddington
US Forest Service
Hydrologist



Shannon O'Quinn
Tennessee Valley
Authority
Water Resource Specialist



Elizabeth Smith
Office of Surface Mining,
Reclamation and Enforcement
Abandoned Mine Land Program
Specialist

Our Steering Committee

State



Andrea Leslie

**North Carolina Wildlife
Resources Commission**

Mountain Habitat
Conservation Coordinator



Tammy Whalen

**Tennessee Department
of Agriculture**

Watershed Coordinator



Stuart McGregor

**Geological Survey of
Alabama**

Director
Ecosystems Investigations
Program

Our Steering Committee

Academia



Brad Collett

**University of Tennessee
Knoxville**

Associate Professor
School of Landscape
Architecture



Duncan Elkins

**University of
Georgia**

Postdoctoral Associate
Odum School of Ecology
River Basin Center



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

River Basin Center

The Nature Conservancy 



Thank You!



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TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE



Department of
Agriculture



The Steering
Committee wants to
hear from you!

Feedback Table
Today & Tomorrow



Stretch Break



Steering Committee Progress

est. July 2018



Network Goals

Networking

Raise awareness

Funding



Aquatics

Landscape Conservation



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Strategic Plan

nt

& Mission

& Objectives

Finance Structure

es & Responsibilities

Strategies

Performance metrics

✓ Action

2018 – 2019 Steering Committee Task

The Steering Committee is currently going through a process to answer these important questions based on Membership feedback with the end result being a charter/strategic plan document.

Values

- What do we stand for?

Vision

- Where are we going?
- What do we aspire to achieve?

Mission

- What do we do?
- What do we do it for?

Strategic Objectives

- How are we going to progress?
- How do we measure success?

Action

- What do we have to do?

2018 – 2019 Steering Committee Task

TRBN Web-presence



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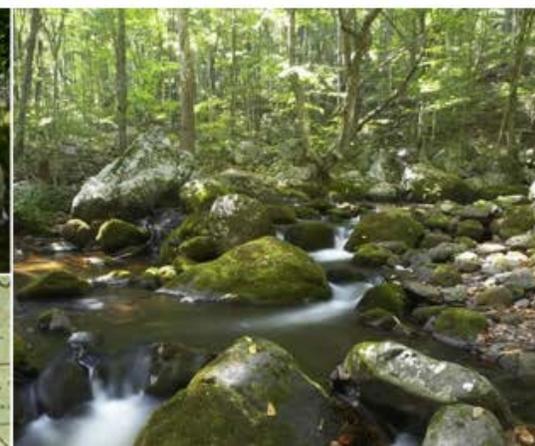
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Tennessee River
Basin Network
(TRBN) Meeting
August 13-14, 2018
Knoxville Convention
Center, 701 Henley
Street, Knoxville, TN
37902**



Steering Committee Report out

Draft Vision & Mission Statements

Please visit the Steering Committee Member table during breaks and social to provide feedback on proposed draft statements

Vision:

A Tennessee River Basin
where aquatic biodiversity
and humans thrive

Mission:

To inspire and empower the
people of the Tennessee River
Basin to effectively steward the
region's aquatic biodiversity.



Text to Vote

2019 Meeting Location

Alabama

Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge

Decatur, AL



Huntsville International Airport ~ 20 mi
Hotel stay needed – Decatur/Huntsville

Lake Guntersville State Park

Guntersville, AL



Huntsville International Airport ~ 50 mi
Self contained – on-site lodging



How should we measure TRBN success and outcomes?

- Land Conserved
- On-the-ground Projects
- New Partnerships
- Public Support/Change
- Funding
- Developed Resources
- Networking Events



Text to Vote

In Conclusion

We are *strategically* moving ahead with sustaining our unique and value added organization!



**We are still
engaged and
growing**



**Our peers have
stepped forward to
lead us**



**We are making a
difference**



Thank You