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To: LCCMR Executive Committee and Members

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Subject: Ideas on upcoming schedule for LCCMR

On Nov. 21, LCCMR members voted to request the Executive Committee to recommend a process for a LCCMR member "retreat". The purpose of a retreat is for LCCMR members to discuss future Trust Fund priorities for funding, strategic planning, and coordination with the new dollars that will be available through the Constitutional Amendment for clean water, habitat, and parks.

Staff has reviewed various options and recommends the following:

A. Two meetings are currently scheduled Jan. 9 and Jan. 16.

Jan. 9

- Adopt 2009 Recommendation Language
- Adopt Biennial Report Due Jan. 15, 2009
- Begin discussion of Strategic Plan Revisions and 2010 RFP

Jan. 16

- Continue discussions and finalize Strategic Plan and 2010 RFP
- "Retreat": Discuss and review the mission of the Trust Fund including how it can relate to the new dedicated funding for water, habitat and parks. Discuss roles and desired coordination with the Heritage Council and other natural resource funding.

Spend a few hours beginning the long-term conversation regarding the Trust Fund mission and LCCMR process and funding recommendations. See ideas for future retreat below under Schedule Spring/Summer/Fall 2009.

B. Schedule Spring/Summer/Fall 2009 Considerations for Retreat, Site Visits and Proposal review :

Staff recommends that we review and revise the framework schedule (adopted in February 2008) for summer and fall 2009 and 2010 into an odd-year/even-year cycle for activities.

Factors to consider:

New Members - We will have at least three new members after the first of the year (2009).

- Begin the next funding proposal review cycle with a "retreat" with all appointments in place instead of delving immediately into proposal review and recommendations.
- Revise the adopted schedule framework to have more site visits/issue seminars (member discussion and outreach) in the Summer and early Fall and have the proposal review in Fall 2009 instead of June 2009.

Coordination

In addition, as requested by members, next Summer or Fall (2009) schedule a joint meeting(s) of LCCMR and the Heritage Council. Other entities have also expressed interest in a joint meeting/site visit (School Trust Fund Advisory Council and the Forest Resources Council).

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Maintain (new) consistency of timing of issuing a RFP

Proposals would still be requested during the Winter of 2009 and due in Spring 2009 (same in 2010).

Recommendation

Future Schedules for Odd Year/Even Year Activities:

Odd Year (2009) – Issue Seminars/Site Visits in Summer and early Fall. Proposal Review and allocation in Fall to recommend funding to the legislature

Even Year (2010) - The schedule would alter in the Spring/Summer/Fall of 2010 to have proposal review and allocations earlier in the year (June and July) to avoid conflict with elections in Fall 2010 and continue with site visits/issue seminars in late Fall.

Summary: The LCCMR would continue on a RFP cycle to be issued in Winter of each year – due late spring (important to have a consistent timeframe for proposers). However, the review cycle by LCCMR would alternate between Summer and Fall schedules for the upcoming legislative session between the odd and even numbered years.