

<p style="text-align: center;">WATERSHED PLANNING GROUP MISSION, OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES, AND WORK TASKS</p>

A. Determine Group Directions

1. Develop interagency watershed group's identity through official CNMI and Federal designation.
2. Generate ideas for resource use and development.
3. Focus on problem watersheds.
4. Prioritize watersheds for resource protection.
5. Develop strategies to achieve objective goals.
6. Utilize Soil and Water Conservation District - expand Soil and Water Conservation District's role to include non-agriculture issues.

B. Provide Technical Assistance

1. Provide guidance for total resource management.
2. Share collective knowledge for decision makers.
3. Support individual agency efforts.
4. Provide collected resource information to agencies or groups for their use.
5. Provide information on land development pressures for use by agencies.
6. Identify resource considerations for infrastructure development.
7. Delineate desired areas for preserves, parks, or temporary moratorium areas including connecting corridors between these.
8. Adapt known resource information for geographic information system use.

C. Be Involved with Decision Making and Regulatory Changes

1. Increase agency (inc. Federal) participation in permitting activities.
2. Promote more coordinated project review procedures.
3. Support development of CNMI's coastal nonpoint pollution plan.
4. Develop ameliorative approach to const. watershed management.
5. Develop resource protection strategies for incorporation into zoning standards.
6. Assist in the protection of watershed resources with better water wellhead protection measures--incorporate into projects.
7. Initiate legislative action for critical watershed protection.

D. Develop Specific Work Products

1. Promote public education of watershed processes.
2. Promote public education regarding effects of land clearings.
3. Produce and atlas of CNMI island resources.
4. Develop natural resource library for public or college library.
5. Develop an on-island natural resources expertise roster.

E. Funding

1. Assist in prioritizing grant dollar expenditures for infrastructure.
1. Attract new grant dollars for watershed projects.
2. Receive funds to implement (pooling of resources)
3. Maximize use of limited funding dollars to eliminate duplication of effort.