

MO Governor’s Conference on Natural Resources November 2014

Conference attendees participated in two of eight facilitated discussion groups on topics identified through a TurningPoint voting process. Each discussion group reported their top four recommendations during the closing plenary session. Participants then indicated priorities among the 32 recommendations using TurningPoint. These are the final results of that ranking process.

Rank	Action/Recommendation	Topic
1	Focus on source water protection	Identify strategies for developing water resource plans
2	Identify and quantify the “Cost” of value gained: emphasize the benefits to health, environment, and the economy	Identify strategies to include the economic value of nature in policy decisions
3	Prioritize and understand the cost/benefit ratio associated with environmental improvement (such as reducing phosphorus)	Set water quality priorities based on cost and benefits to focus resources and education efforts
4	Clearly identify common issues	Identify strategies to find common ground in solving natural resource challenges – how do we go from a fragmented to a collaborative approach?
5	Bring awareness and education on natural resource issues by bringing responsibility back to local residents. Present a common message from agencies and connect the public to issues.	Identify strategies to find common ground in solving natural resource challenges – how do we go from a fragmented to a collaborative approach?
6	Clearly identify issues and problems, and clearly identify the stakeholders involved	Identify strategies to find common ground in solving natural resource challenges – how do we go from a fragmented to a collaborative approach?
7	Include outreach to external stakeholders; need public trust	Identify strategies for developing water resource plans
8	Support integrated planning by - Developing new multimedia permits - Training staff - Developing a framework for communities - Integrate flexibility into DNR’s processes	Identify strategies to move communities toward integrated planning – how do we create value for water infrastructure needs amid competing public services
9	Collaborate with private industry to promote outdoor activity (e.g. GoPro, Garmin, FitBit)	Identify creative ways to connect with the plugged-in generation e.g. social media, gaming, technology, etc.
10	Enhance coordination between federal and state agencies to determine strategies	Help small communities meet water obligations
11	Facilitate cross sector partnerships with Regional Planning Commissions, MACOG, landowners, federal and local governments, etc.	Identify strategies to move communities toward integrated planning – how do we create value for water infrastructure needs amid competing public services

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12	Ensure “Connected” parks - Internet connectivity - Scavenger app games - Interpretive trails connected to apps - Achievement awards - Interaction through the entire park	Identify creative ways to connect with the plugged-in generation e.g. social media, gaming, technology, etc.
13	Develop replacement cost data; how much money is needed to replace lost resources	Identify strategies to include the economic value of nature in policy decisions
14	Ensure agencies define shared goals and present in a unified manner, then have all stakeholders prioritize	Set water quality priorities based on cost and benefits to focus resources and education efforts
15	Develop Department of Natural Resources strategy before new rules/standards, etc. change	Help small communities meet water obligations
16	Develop an education section of DNR	Identify strategies to develop and enhance natural resource literacy for youth
17	Develop a communication plan and work with partners on an outreach plan and tools for communications	Identify strategies to move communities toward integrated planning – how do we create value for water infrastructure needs amid competing public services
18	Tailor to certain demographics, economics, and sue indicators, similar to the GPI, to better quantify impacts (both positive and negative) to the public, health, environment, etc.	Identify strategies to include the economic value of nature in policy decisions
19	Use technology to motivate action	Identify creative ways to connect with the plugged-in generation e.g. social media, gaming, technology, etc.
20	Meet regulatory and private citizens’ needs	Set water quality priorities based on cost and benefits to focus resources and education efforts
21	Research and adopt the use of existing modeling tools in furtherance of and to develop a “state conservation and green infrastructure plan”	Identify strategies to include the economic value of nature in policy decisions
22	Examine a way to do Intergovernmental funding and mitigate liability (upstream)	Help small communities meet water obligations
23	Develop a Natural Resources Partner bluebook to be updated and shared annually	Identify strategies to find common ground in solving natural resource challenges – how do we go from a fragmented to a collaborative approach?
24	Use more effective marketing campaigns - Develop slogan and tagline	Identify creative ways to connect with the plugged-in generation e.g. social media, gaming, technology, etc.

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25	Develop one plan with multiple facets, e.g.: - State, Region, User - Demands vs. Capacity	Identify strategies for developing water resource plans
26	Inventory water resources and set criteria based on stakeholder interest (e.g. wetlands)	Set water quality priorities based on cost and benefits to focus resources and education efforts
27	DNR look internally, analyze processes, regulatory flexibility, understand legal constraints	Identify strategies to move communities toward integrated planning – how do we create value for water infrastructure needs amid competing public services
28	Target non-science curriculum in upper grades	Identify strategies to develop and enhance natural resource literacy for youth
29	Identify stakeholders beyond users	Identify strategies for developing water resource plans
30	Develop partnerships for community gardens linked with other outdoor classrooms	Identify strategies to develop and enhance natural resource literacy for youth
31	Examine loading-based permitting	Help small communities meet water obligations
32	Provide funding for substitute teachers and transportation for teachers and students to get to parks	Identify strategies to develop and enhance natural resource literacy for youth