ROADMAP

• WHO’S MISSING?
• WHY NIC?
• BACKGROUND
• WHAT WE DO
• LESSONS LEARNED
• WHAT DO YOU THINK?
PREFACE

- ASPIRATIONAL TALK
- OUR EXPERIENCE
- NOT A “BETTER THAN...” TALK
- WE ARE TODDLERS
- NOMENCLATURE – NATURE VS NATURAL SPACE VS NATURAL AREA VS OPEN SPACE
Do you have a program focused on urban nature, on or off of City/County owned lands, in your community?

Yes!

Maybe?

No
What word(s) do you think about when you think about urban nature?
WHY NIC?
80% Urban

20% Rural

US Census - 2010
NOW

BUILD
OUT
NOW BUILD OUT

OR

connectivity access
NIC ORIGIN

- BORN IN PLANNING SERVICES
- DESIGN GUIDELINES
- NIC STRATEGIC PLAN (2015)
VISION

• CONNECTED NETWORK
• PUBLIC/PRIVATE LANDS
• EQUITY/INCLUSION
• EASY ACCESS
• FUNCTIONAL HABITAT
NIC PROGRAM GOALS

Access + Connectivity + Stewardship
FOUNDATIONS
WILDLIFE CONNECTIVITY
WHAT WE DO

• BIODIVERSITY MONITORING
• ON-THE-GROUND PROJECTS
• POLICY
• OUTREACH/EDUCATION/TRAINING
• ACCESSIBILITY/EQUITY
POLICY PARTNERSHIP!

- PLANNING SERVICES
- DEPARTMENTAL BMPs
- LONG RANGE PLANNING
- DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
- LAND USE/BLDG CODES
LESSONS LEARNED

- BROAD SCOPE!
- BUILD IT YOURSELF
- “THIS IS NOT NATURE!”
- LEVERAGE STAFF CAPACITY
- ACCESSIBILITY
- GATEWAY NATURE
- DEDICATED FUNDING
- STRAT PLAN IS KEY
- THE RIGHT METRICS ARE ESSENTIAL
What word do you think about when you think about urban nature?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- WHAT MAKES YOU EXCITED?
- WHAT MAKES YOU UNCOMFORTABLE?
- WHAT ARE WE MISSING?
- WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS SPACE?
- HOW RECEPTIVE WOULD YOUR COMMUNITY/ORG BE TO NIC?
THANKS!

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