

Delta Conservation Framework

Draft Overarching Goals, Strategies

- ***GOAL A: Integrate Regular Stakeholder Communication and Socio-Economic Considerations into Delta Conservation Planning and Implementation Processes.***
 - *Strategy A1:* Build Partnerships and Develop Collaborative Practices and Forums
 - *Strategy A2:* Consider Delta Socio-Economic Factors in Conservation Planning, Implementation and Management to Support Economic Vitality and Highlight Conservation Related Contributions.

- ***GOAL B: Build a Program that Promotes Public Education and Outreach Focused on Delta Community Integration with Ecosystem Conservation***
 - *Strategy B1:* Determine Responsible Entity and Build Delta Education and Outreach Program
 - *Strategy B2:* Develop and Run Local, State, and National Campaigns to Promote Delta Issues and the Role of Conservation

- ***GOAL C: Develop Multi-Benefit Focused Conservation and Land Management Solutions to Balance Environmental and Human Needs***
 - *Strategy C1:* Incorporate Conservation Goals with Levee Maintenance and Flood Management Practices to Provide Additional Habitat, and Improve Existing Habitats along Delta Channels, River Corridors, and Riparian Zones
 - *Strategy C2:* Support Sustainable Wildlife-Friendly Agriculture to Provide Connectivity and Additional Foraging and Roosting Habitats for Wildlife and Migratory Birds
 - *Strategy C3:* Reverse Land Subsidence by Implementing “Carbon Farming” Projects where High Organic Matter Building Plants to Sequester Carbon and Build Up Soils Over Time
 - *Strategy C4:* Advance State Agency Land Management Processes and Procedures
 - *Strategy C5:* Develop Action Guidelines for Assuring Reliable Water Supply for In-Delta Uses When Implementing Conservation
 - *Strategy C6:* Integrate Solutions for Improving Water Quality into Conservation Project Planning and Implementation

- ***GOAL D: Protect, Restore, Enhance and Sustain the Physical Processes that Create and Maintain Connected, Resilient and Diverse Aquatic and Terrestrial Delta Ecosystems and their Transitional Zones at a Scale and Landscape Configuration that Supports Prime Ecological Function and that Integrates with Human Needs.***
 - *Strategy D1:* Protect Delta Ecosystems and Transition Zones with Potential for Conservation and Human Benefits

- Strategy D2: In Designated Conservation Lands Restore, Enhance and Manage Ecosystem Processes to Improve Function and Habitat Quality for Life History Support for Resident and Migratory Wildlife
- ***GOAL E: Create Conditions Conducive to Meeting or Exceeding the Goals in Existing Species Recovery Plans***
 - Strategy E1: Optimize the Level of Wildlife Population and Ecosystem Connectivity at Multiple Scales
 - Strategy E2: Optimize the Level of Ecosystem Function at Multiple Scales to Support a Thriving Delta Food Web
 - Strategy E3: Develop and Implement Coordinated and Proactive Approaches for the Early Detection, Rapid Response, and Long-Term Control and Management of Harmful Invasive Species.
 - Strategy E4: Reduce the Risks of Habitat Loss and Degradation from Pollution
 - Strategy E5: Optimize the Level of Co-Benefits for Human Use of Conservation Areas and Reduced Adverse Effects on Delta Wildlife from Human Disturbance
- ***GOAL F: Build Climate Change Adaptation Considerations and Adaptive Management Approaches into Planning and Implementation of Delta Conservation Projects.***
 - Strategy F1: Develop Resources and a Suite of Recommended Management Actions for Integrating Delta Climate Change Adaptation into Delta Conservation and Community Planning
 - Strategy F2: Directly Integrate Adaptive Management into Conservation Project Planning
- ***GOAL G: Improve the Capacity and Approaches for Permitting Processes in the Context of Delta Conservation Implementation.***
 - Strategy G1: Develop Regional Permitting Frameworks for the Delta Conservation Opportunity Regions
 - Strategy G2: Directly Engage with Permitting Agencies to Find Ways to Improve the Permitting Process for Conservation-related Projects
- ***GOAL H: Develop Mechanisms to Secure Long-Term Funding for Continued Conservation Implementation and Long-Term Management of Conservation Lands.***
 - Strategy H1: Integrate with Existing Short-Term State Funding Opportunities
 - Strategy H2: Develop Long-Term Funding Support for Delta Conservation and Adaptive Management
 - Strategy H3: Develop Tools for Effectively Broadcasting Available Funding Opportunities