

Several ideas have been generated to date on priorities for the CHNEP in the next 20 years. In the survey available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHNEPretreat> we ask you to tell us the six things you'd like CHNEP to accomplish in the next 20 years (question 4, see list below). The survey also asks:

- What one think you are most produce that CHNEP accomplished in its first 20 years (question 2).
- What one thing you hope CHNEP has accomplished by 2035 (question 3).
- Are there other areas CHNEP should focus on in the next 20 years (question 5)

Question 4 options:

- Climate change adaptation planning throughout watershed
- Change CHNEP footprint to include Caloosahatchee and Lake Okeechobee
- Connecting science to business results to demonstrate why this is important
- Advocacy role, urge increased enforcement of existing regulations
- Continued emphasis on protection and restoration of the natural hydrology
- Camps for kids to learn about the environment and the watershed, and teacher workshops
- Agricultural partners for riparian restoration
- Caloosahatchee River restoration
- Embedded partnerships with local education entities
- Ensure that we have science to support the program when we advocate
- Foster a fishery to effect the economy of the area
- Continue to manage data and analysis like the water atlas
- Data management Southwest Florida Regional Ambient Monitoring Program valuable
- Maintain institutional memory as people retire
- More CHNEP staff
- Continue internal education/trainings
- Continue to translate the technical details into understandable documents
- Low impact development
- Advocate for the conversion to central sewer where possible
- Planning for sea level rise throughout the watershed
- Conservation
- Conservation easements on rivers in the watershed
- Conservation in Hardee and DeSoto to maintain what is left
- Focus on wildlife corridors
- Act as a clearing house for what other partners are doing
- Continued facilitation collaboration and convening
- Continued support for the Management Conference
- Expand CHNEP to cover the entire watershed restoration and protection
- Funding for the program
- Birds
- Monitoring of water quality and documenting the successes and failures
- Wading and diving bird monitoring
- Buy in and ownership from public of the resources
- Environmental Stewardship, education, personal responsibility

- Innovative outreach to reach ever changing population
- Press to understand what we are doing and tell it
- Public Education, why this is important
- Sustainable use and identification of impacts to waters
- Train more citizens to be scientists so we can use the data
- Focus on the science rather than advocacy
- Red tide research
- Canals to streams led by the community groups
- End waste water discharge to surface water
- Large-scale ecosystem restoration
- Mangrove and oyster bed restoration
- Stormwater drainage that is good for entire watershed including canals
- Estuary restoration
- Seagrass targets
- Status and trends analysis
- Numeric Nutrient Criteria
- Taking stand against preemption of local rules
- Water Atlas
- Establishing partners throughout the watershed
- Funding and support for Florida Native Plant Society
- Advocacy and review procedures
- Advocacy role for consistency with the CHNEP's CCMP
- Areawide Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of Phosphate mining
- Fertilizer ordinances
- Community if climate change proactive
- Punta Gorda Climate Change Adaptation Plan
- Babcock Ranch
- Cohesion with private/public local experts.
- Creating vision for landscape conservation-map
- Expertise of staff to address many needs in local areas.
- Extraordinary passion and enthusiasm by staff at every instance
- Forum for stakeholder/partner participation
- Integrated natural science leadership
- Internships and staff volunteers
- Overall citizen support
- Workshops to address study area issues
- CCHMN
- Citizen Science: water quality monitoring and mangrove restoration
- Coordination of watershed water quality monitoring
- Documented water quality and used tools to improve same
- Volunteer monitoring for shorelines and oysters
- Calendar
- Conceptual diagrams of complex environmental processes
- Conservation Landscaping Program in Hardee and DeSoto
- Education to general public

- Engaged people living on the estuary to help
- Environmental education programs, public schools and universities
- High quality printed materials
- Magazine/posters
- Nature festival
- Public education of a changing population
- Public outreach for kids
- Supporting outreach financially
- Wading trips
- GIS library, PDVM, FLUCCS
- Tidal creek numeric nutrient criteria research
- Increase in conservation, preservation and stewardship lands
- RESTORE Act Committees
- RESTORE Act Planning and education
- RRPP grants, especially research
- Southwest Florida Regional Ecosystem Restoration Plan
- Minimum Flows and Levels
- Regional collaboration and national multi-agency approaches to regional scale problems
- Leadership annual overview of trends; priority water bodies; actions undertaken and projected; priority actions needed; document water quality improvements
- Educate public to support fed/state/local efforts/projects for environment
- Abundant scallops, oysters, seagrasses, mangroves, etc.
- Meeting all targets and remove all 303(d) listed sites
- Underwrite environmental education resource teachers for each school district
- Balance nutrient loads to eliminate red tide events
- WETPLAN- all stormwater ponds in CHNEP properly planted and maintained, with great water quality for discharge into area waters.
- Move towns and people so 100% natural shoreline with 100 ft. buffer
- Create watershed management plans
- Environmental justice leadership
- Meet water quality natural system targets and maintain with increased development/growth
- Restored Caloosahatchee to the most productive and healthy in southwest Florida.
- Help elected officials codify protections that recognize/address complexity of ocean-atmosphere-life interactions
- Restored regions springs
- Adopt to sea level rise
- Assessment of the whole study area
- Build smart growth sustainably cities; abandon coastal communities
- Leadership in vulnerability assessments of all major coastal communities and adaptation plans
- Prepare watershed for sea level rise
- 100% increase in conservation lands purchased
- Conservation easements Peace River shoreline
- Conservation lands
- Habitat connectivity
- Preserve 20,000 acres

- Natural resource employees are higher paid than NFL athletes
- Strengthen and build more partnerships; e.g., universities
- All citizens know and respect natural environment
- All that is done now
- Create "virtual watershed" for disseminating information and tools to partners within and outside the CHNEP watershed area
- Educate so no more lawns or runoff
- Environmental education in every school
- Establish trainings to allow students (by age group) experience camp in estuary where they live
- Help elected officials codify protections that recognize and address the complexity of ocean-atmosphere-life interactions
- Influence public policy regarding environmental stewardship
- Integrate CHNEP materials into adopted school standards statewide
- Make stewardship and leave-no-trace ethic common among all
- Mullet has been renamed... now everyone wants to eat and protect them.
- Public know, appreciate and commit to sustainability of local environment
- Public understand and support science-based policies
- Website: water quality, habitat and outreach priorities and successes; projects added to water atlas;
- Researched new ways to restore prop scars
- Revise a way to protect against sink holes
- tarpon life cycles have been fully documented
- All invasive species are under control (Brazilian pepper, melaleuca, cogon)
- Big Kahuna = integrated watershed management
- Black bear and panther can be seen in SWF
- Caloosahatchee (discharges, water quality loads, etc.)
- Charlotte Harbor most pristine of all NEPs
- coast-to-coast trail
- Delist all impaired waters
- Ecotourism drives economy
- Established marine protected areas for all stages of tarpon and snook
- Feral hogs controlled
- Fishable, swimmable water
- Florida panther has been delisted
- Huge scallop industry in Charlotte harbor
- Improve freshwater flows to increase critical habitats
- Improve water quality to provide for our needs
- Increase shoreline wetland protection
- Load coordination of pollutant load reduction plans for impaired waters; bring together stakeholders
- Minimum and maximum flows for the Caloosahatchee estuary
- Mitigate effects of population growth
- Mosquito ditches are thing of the past
- Oysters and scallops are raised commercially in Charlotte harbor

- Peace River headwater wetlands restored
- Preserved watershed; stopped phosphate mining and reclaimed all mined areas
- Reclaimed all mining areas and restore to same or better quality
- Restore clean freshwater flows to springs, rivers and estuaries
- Restore fisheries top not only sustainable but support thriving travel, tourism, restaurant commercial and recreational
- Restored all mangrove channels
- Smalltooth sawfish is delisted, children know we have the coolest fish ever and love seeing them when they are out.
- Stop exotic plant and animal invasions
- Sustained ecological integrity of Charlotte Harbor
- Total restoration and reclamation of our wetlands, no future disturbances
- World famous trail system -- as famous as Appalachian Trail
- Excess nutrient loading has been stopped
- Improve water quality targets
- Improve water quality targets by 15%
- Research in general
- Funding Support of Management Conference
- Oyster/scallop restoration
- Identifying gaps in knowledge
- Scallop restoration
- Fertilizer rule pre-emption
- Land purchase support
- Support water quality improvements in Charlotte Harbor Basin
- Environmental land acquisition
- Stewardship
- Watershed protection
- Database
- Peer reviewer for Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Estuary Report card for Southwest Florida Report
- Regional planning for habitat protection and restoration
- Southwest Florida region ecosystem restoration plan
- Support Shell Prairie Joshua Creek assurance plan
- Water quality monitoring
- Adventures in Charlotte Harbor watershed book
- calendar and magazine
- Community directed projects using native plants
- Conservation lands stewardship conference networking and professional education
- Data access information
- Education and outreach in the community
- Education and signage at lake and nature parks
- Educational partner school district Lee County
- Fort Myers middle academy native planting
- Fostering collaboration amongst disparate groups in order to fill gaps in data and information
- Free calendar every year with cool photos

- Grant partners environmental education Program
- Heights elementary outdoor classroom
- Low and no cost events that allow government agency staff to attend
- Provide *Adventures in Charlotte Harbor* watershed book
- Providing networking opportunities
- Translating technical and scientific information into graphics
- Water atlas
- Watershed book, mudflat trips, field experiences
- Grants for restoration and watershed studies
- Provide funding for research
- Improved mangrove environment conservation
- Motivating Homeowners Association (HOA) to improve ditch
- Oyster restoration plan
- Rain garden program
- South Venice Civic Association Restoration
- Outreach in general
- Advocacy in general
- Management Conference in general
- Data Management in general
- Restoration in general
- Standards in general