

IV. UPDATED RAP RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

The 1992 Stage 2 Report set out 50 recommendations as the basis for the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan (RAP). In 1999, the RAP Forum assigned task groups to update the original 1992 RAP Recommendations and the 1992 Delisting Criteria. The six task groups formed between 1999-2001 were: Water Quality Task Group, Urbanization and Land Management Task Group (which also examined Public Access and Aesthetics), Toxic Substances Task Group, Fish and Wildlife Task Group, Education and Public Information Task Group, and Research and Monitoring Task Group. For each recommendation the task groups: determined the current status of the recommendation; either reconfirmed, deleted or revised the recommendation; and finally laid out specific targets and timelines for implementers to meet the updated recommendation. The task groups also added new recommendations to cover perceived gaps in the original list. The RAP Forum was presented with the updates and asked to approve the changes. This process was completed in 2002.

The 1992 Recommendations were numbered 1-50 and ranked in order of importance. New recommendations put forth by the task groups between 1999-2001 were numbered A-T. In order to align the two systems and to avoid re-ranking them all, a new method of numbering was chosen. The 57 recommendations approved for this update were divided among the seven components of the RAP as shown in Figure 7. Appendix F contains a detailed record of which task groups reviewed each recommendation, the fate of original recommendations that were either combined with others or deleted.

The introductory section of each RAP component answers three questions:

- “Where Have We Been?” – challenges facing stakeholders at the beginning,
- “Where Are We Now?” – accomplishments in implementation, and
- “Where Are We Going?” – plans for future projects and emerging issues.

Following the introductory sections are the recommendations for that component with corresponding responsible agencies, targets, timelines, and status of implementation.

The Bay Area Implementation Team (BAIT) has the principal responsibility for delivering the RAP program through implementation and monitoring. BAIT is comprised of representatives from the three levels of government, three industrial partners, two conservation authorities, the RBG, an academic institution, and a public interest group.

As the Hamilton Harbour RAP has progressed a “who does what best” approach to program delivery has evolved. The Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC), for example, has taken a lead role in education and public information. Often individual tasks are delivered by collaborations that include more than one RAP component in their program delivery. An example is the Fish & Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project’s (FWHRP) delivery of many components of the RAP through fish and wildlife, open space, and monitoring activities.

It is anticipated that this particular chapter may be updated from time to time to reflect the continual implementation efforts of Bay Area Implementation Team (BAIT) members.

Figure 7. Recommendations Approved for Hamilton Harbour RAP Stage 2 Update

| New Recommendation Number (Old Numbering System) | | | | | | | |
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| Water Quality and Bacterial Contamination | Urbanization and Land Management | Toxic Substances and Sediment Remediation | Fish and Wildlife | Public Access and Aesthetics | Education and Public Information | Research and Monitoring | |
| WQ - 1 (1) | ULM - 1 (A) | TSSR - 1 (7) | FW - 1 (12) | PAA - 1 (3) | EPI - 1 (38) | RM - 1 (15) | |
| WQ - 2 (2) | ULM - 2 (4) | TSSR - 2 (20) | FW - 2 (22) | PAA - 2 (24) | EPI - 2 (33) | RM - 2 (17) | |
| WQ - 3 (26) | ULM - 3 (5) | TSSR - 3 (28) | FW - 3 (13) | PAA - 3 (G) | EPI - 3 (34) | RM - 3 (27) | |
| WQ - 4 (50) | ULM - 4 (C) | TSSR - 4 (29) | FW - 4 (10) | | EPI - 4 (E) | RM - 4 (T) | |
| | ULM - 5 (6) | TSSR - 5 (30) | FW - 5 (M) | | EPI - 5 (Q) | RM - 5 (41) | |
| | ULM - 6 (25) | TSSR - 6 (31) | FW - 6 (18) | | EPI - 6 (R) | RM - 6 (45) | |
| | ULM - 7 (F) | TSSR - 7 (37+L) | FW - 7 (19) | | | RM - 7 (46) | |
| | ULM - 8 (36) | | FW - 8 (N) | | | RM - 8 (47) | |
| | ULM - 9 (40) | | FW - 9 (9) | | | RM - 9 (48) | |
| | ULM - 10 (H) | | FW - 10 (11) | | | RM - 10 (49) | |
| | ULM - 11 (I) | | FW - 11 (14) | | | | |
| | ULM - 12 (J) | | FW - 12 (16) | | | | |
| | ULM - 13 (42) | | FW - 13 (23) | | | | |
| | ULM - 14 (K) | | | | | | |

