

**North Fork Environmental Partners Meeting
Hallock State Park Preserve
Wednesday May 23, 2018**

Public Comments

Water Quality
There needs to be a reduction in the amount of marine debris.
Use citizen science to promote education and outreach.
Consider the U.S National Park Service nitrogen loading and tracking data.

Habitat
Consider the protection and restoration of habitats i.e. eel grass, and tidal wetlands.
Founder colony plots and enclosed test plots.
Consider the impact on wildlife in decision making and permitting.
Develop a monitoring program that focuses on invasive species early detection.
Focus less on marine issues and more on terrestrial issues.
Use iMap for phragmites and ludwigia monitoring in particular.

Land Preservation
Without land preservation population and impacts will continue to increase.
Create more public access.
Preserve coastal open space.

Outreach
Engage in more outreach and education with industry professionals i.e. landscapers, fishers, and aquaculture.
Outreach with citizen science is helpful when trying to create understanding of habitat restoration and restoration projects, and why these topics are important.

Science Based Decision Making

Include data collecting models

Include biological surveys

Include a lot of data, combine and collate into one place and make it accessible.

Create an online data base of the public to view trends.
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Coordination

Increase coordination of programs and activities with similar and like-minded organizations.
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Increase Visibility

PEP needs greater visibility with the general public.

Measure Success

How is success defined?

When are we done? Bench marks are needed to measure progress.
