

MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES

How EPA's Water Infrastructure Planning Tool Can Help Engage Community & Make Cost-Effective Multi-Benefit Investments

Augmented Alternatives Analysis Workshop @ MMSD

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/byM5nvGmcS>

9:00am Welcome & Coffee

Welcome & Introduction to the Tool

9:15am

- Opening Remarks – MMSD
- Introductions
- Challenges of present day decision making, benefits of the tool, and past pilots
- Overview of AAA: Steps 1-10
- How AAA relates to funding and planning requirements
- Q&A

Before AAA Launch: Identifying Project Alternatives

10:30

- *What investment or project do you anticipate in the near future that you've selected to use for this workshop?*
- *What are the multiple needs it is intended to address?*

11:00am

Break (15 Minutes)

Step 1: Engage Your Community + Priorities

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- *Which community engagement methods are most appropriate for your utility's situation? For example, would a fixed seat workgroup, public meetings, or surveys work best?*
- *What challenges are the community currently experiencing that this investment/project aims to address?*
- *What do you think the community would prioritize when addressing these challenges?*

Step 2: Determine Goals

Identify 3-4 goals for your upcoming investment

11:45am

- *What does your utility seek to achieve with these investments?*
- *Are there important social, environmental, or economic opportunities that our investments may provide?*
- *Are there existing community plans or "vision" documents that include sustainability priorities?*

12:15pm	Lunch (45 minutes) – Provided by MMSD
1:00pm	<p>Step 3: Define Objectives Choose 1-2 goals and identify objective(s) for those goals.</p>
1:30pm	<p>Step 4: Rank Importance of Goals Discuss approaches to this step</p>
1:45pm	<p>Steps 5&6: Establish Criteria & Metrics Build out criteria & metrics for chosen objective</p>
2:15pm	<p>Step 7: Create a Common Scale Build out scale for chosen metric</p>
3:00pm	Break (15 minutes)
3:15pm	<p>Steps 8-10: Comparison, Evaluation, and Cost Discuss the final steps of the method</p>
3:45pm	<p>Taking AAA Home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What would you need to implement AAA on a real project?</i> • <i>What would you need to implement AAA as a regular part of the decision making process?</i>
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