

*“The following list provides the strategies considered to be the most important, in priority order, by the committee and the four county commissions.”*

## **River Corridor Management and Intergovernmental Coordination**

### **(Organized by theme or possible sub-committee)**

#### **Septic tanks (or, Water quality)**

- 1** Establish consistent septic system setbacks on both Florida and Georgia sides of the river (Committee, local governments)
- 4** Encourage proper maintenance of septic systems within the river corridor (Committee, state agencies, local governments)
- 12** Monitor Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) programs in both states (Committee)

#### **Rules and regulations**

- 2** Promote bank-to-bank legislation to unify recreation and wildlife management laws (Committee)
- 5** Design shoreline guidelines/incentives e.g. river corridor, vegetative buffers, and setbacks (Committee subcommittee/local governments)

#### **Planning, land use**

- 3** Evaluate each County's land use pattern as reflected in their Comprehensive Plans and encourage consistency with river protection, using Best Management Practices (BMPs), and similar measures (Committee subcommittee/local governments)
- 6** Promote conservation easements and/or less-than-fee acquisitions that maintain a forest-based economy and protect river resources by continuing compatible agricultural uses, such as tree farming
- 9** Integrate the St. Marys River management plan into other natural resource management plans, comprehensive plans, and conservation programs on an ongoing basis

#### **Outreach, communications**

- 7** Continue and expand annual river cleanups (Committee/WA)
- 8** Continue and expand publications programs: River Guide, POSM newsletter, and website (Committee/WA)
- 10** Hire cost effective Committee administrative assistance to enhance effectiveness and communication - emphasize outsourcing (Committee)
- 11** Establish a St. Marys River library/information clearinghouse/database for use by Committee, citizens, local government agencies (Committee/Watershed Association[WA])