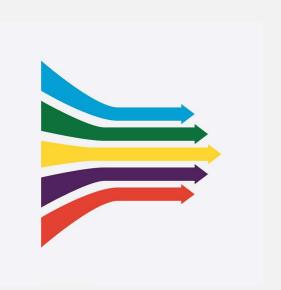


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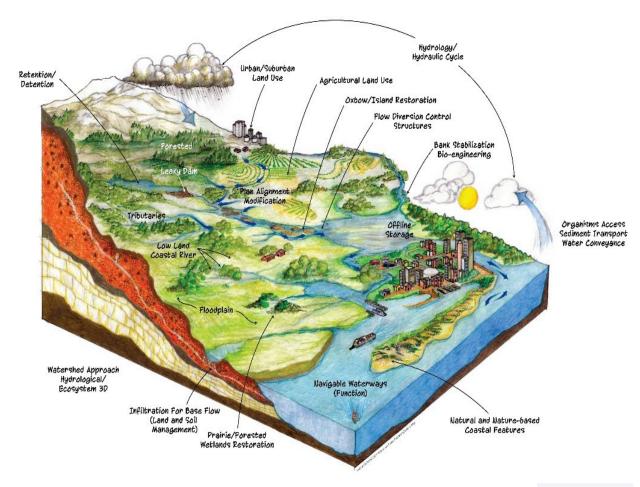
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#### Developing and Delivering

- Deliver the right project, the right way
- Systems approach
- Measuring and managing performance and value
- Advance modeling tools
- Advance regulatory process





#### Communicating and Collaborating

- Engage, communicate, collaborate
- Developing diversified value
- Working through uncertainties
- Creative exchange and investment across public and private sectors







# **Elevating and Educating**

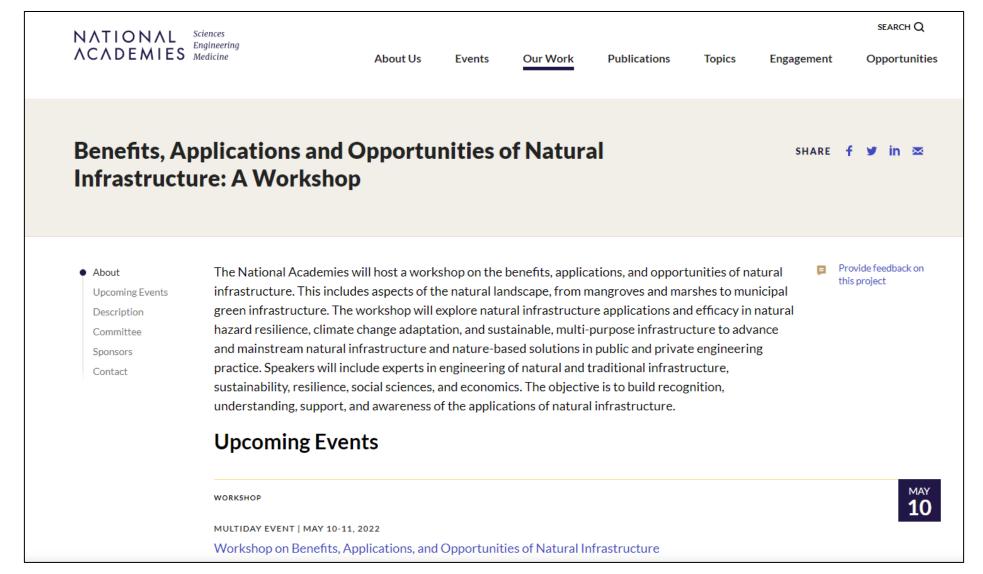
- Sharing information
- Developing knowledge
- Continual learning and innovation
- Sharing experience





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#### EWN BCA Policy Research: Overview



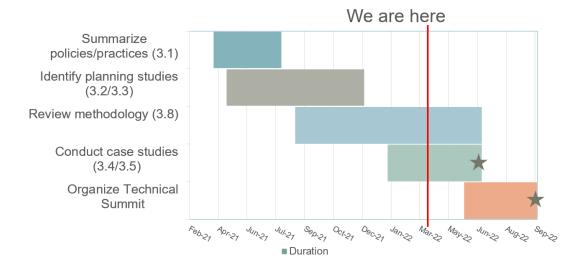
Current federal alternative evaluation process does not comprehensively value economic, environmental, and social benefits. These constraints screen out or exclude Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) and could lead to outcomes inconsistent with the Administration's priorities around community resilience and equity.



#### Approach:

- Summarize historical and current alternative evaluation policies and practices
- Identify 6 historical planning studies that considered NBS alternatives suitable for case study analysis
  - 1. Jacksonville Harbor (NAV, South East)
  - 2. Jamaica Bay Reformulation (CSRM, North East)
  - 3. Southwest Coastal (CSRM, Gulf Coast)
  - 4. South Platte River and Tributaries (FRM, North West)
  - 5. West Sacramento (FRM, Pacific)
  - 6. South San Francisco Bay Shoreline (FRM, Pacific)
- Review updated valuation methods and planning frameworks that incorporate environmental and social benefits
- Analyze case studies using updated methods and exploratory analysis to look beyond current policy constraints

#### **SCHEDULE AND PROGRESS**





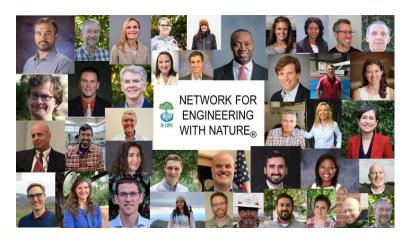
## The Network for Engineering With Nature (N-EWN)

- Multi-sector network supporting innovation
  - Types of partners: public and private sector
  - Research gov't, academic, private
  - Industry practitioners
  - Project owners
- Aligning research with the needs of practice
- Grounding approach in real projects
- EWN education: curricula and training
- Experiential learning for students systems thinking, cross-disciplinary training
- Freely flowing communication and knowledge sharing
- Accelerate implementation





















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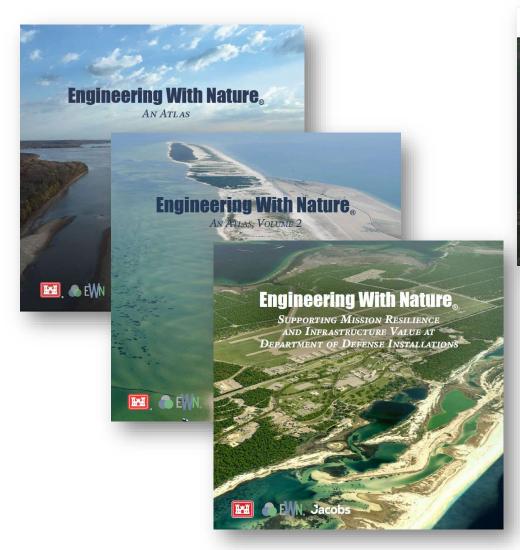








#### **Communicating Nature-Based Solutions**



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Aristotle



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