

Agenda Item #10

Revised Process for State Expenditure Plan and Approval of Next Steps

Doug Robison, PWS



Gulf Consortium Meeting
April 21, 2016
Hillsborough County

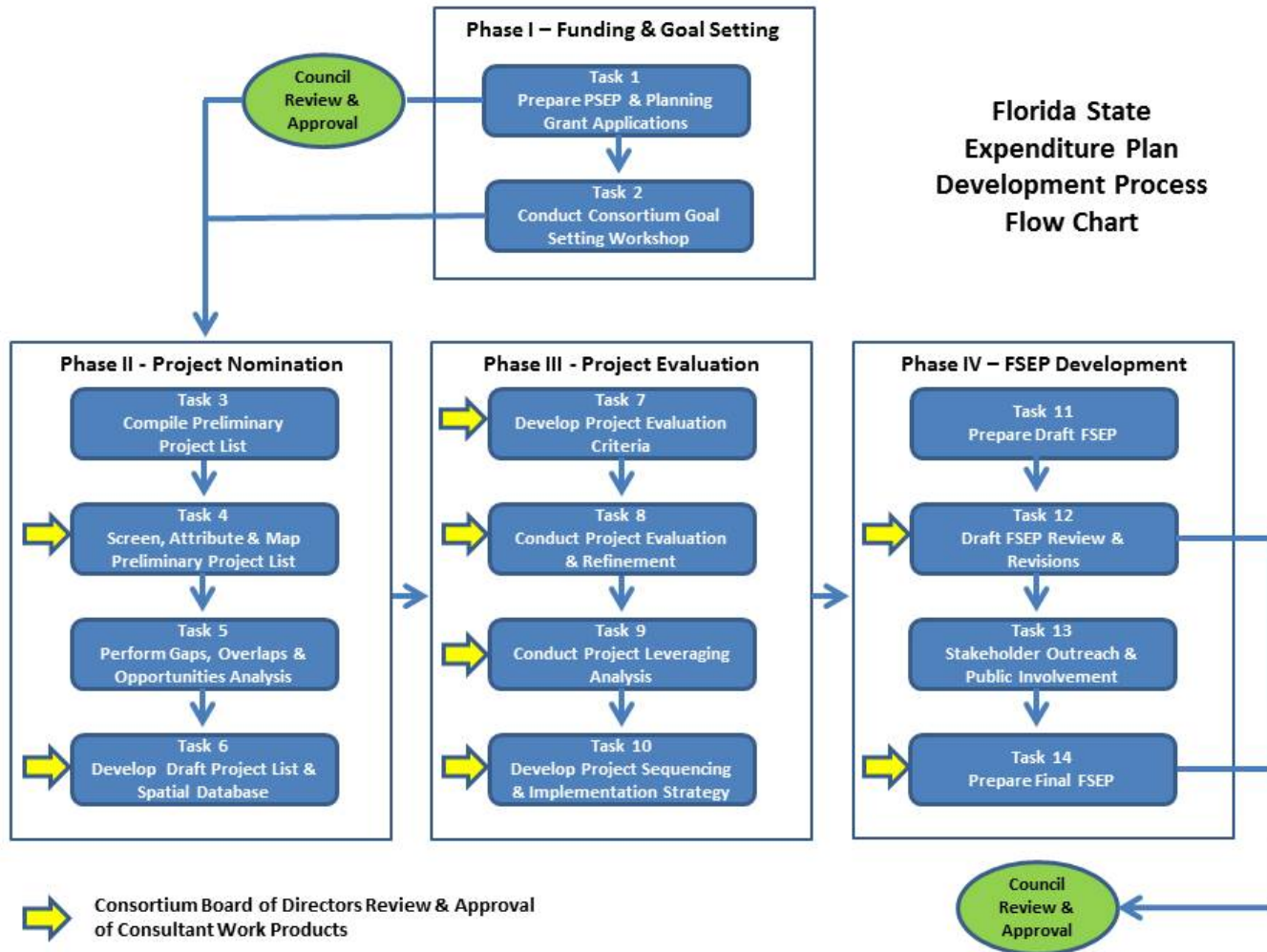
Activities Since November 17 Meeting

- Developed and refined several iterations of a revised approach for SEP development
 - Accommodate the Even-Steven split and resulting County-driven process

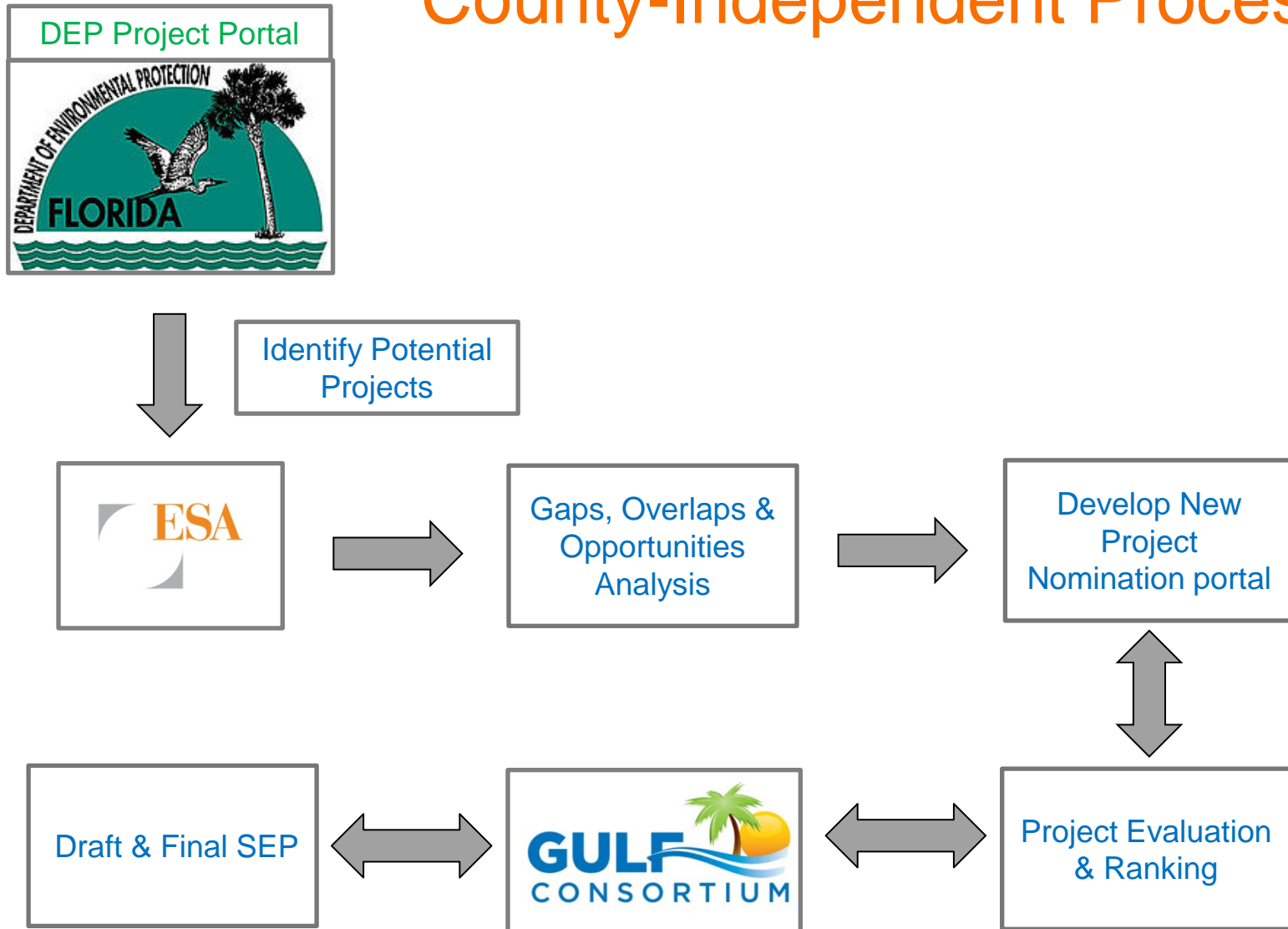
- Simultaneous revisions of the planning grant application

- Input received through:
 - 3 Executive Committee meetings
 - Communications with RESTORE Act coordinators
 - 2 meetings with Restoration Council

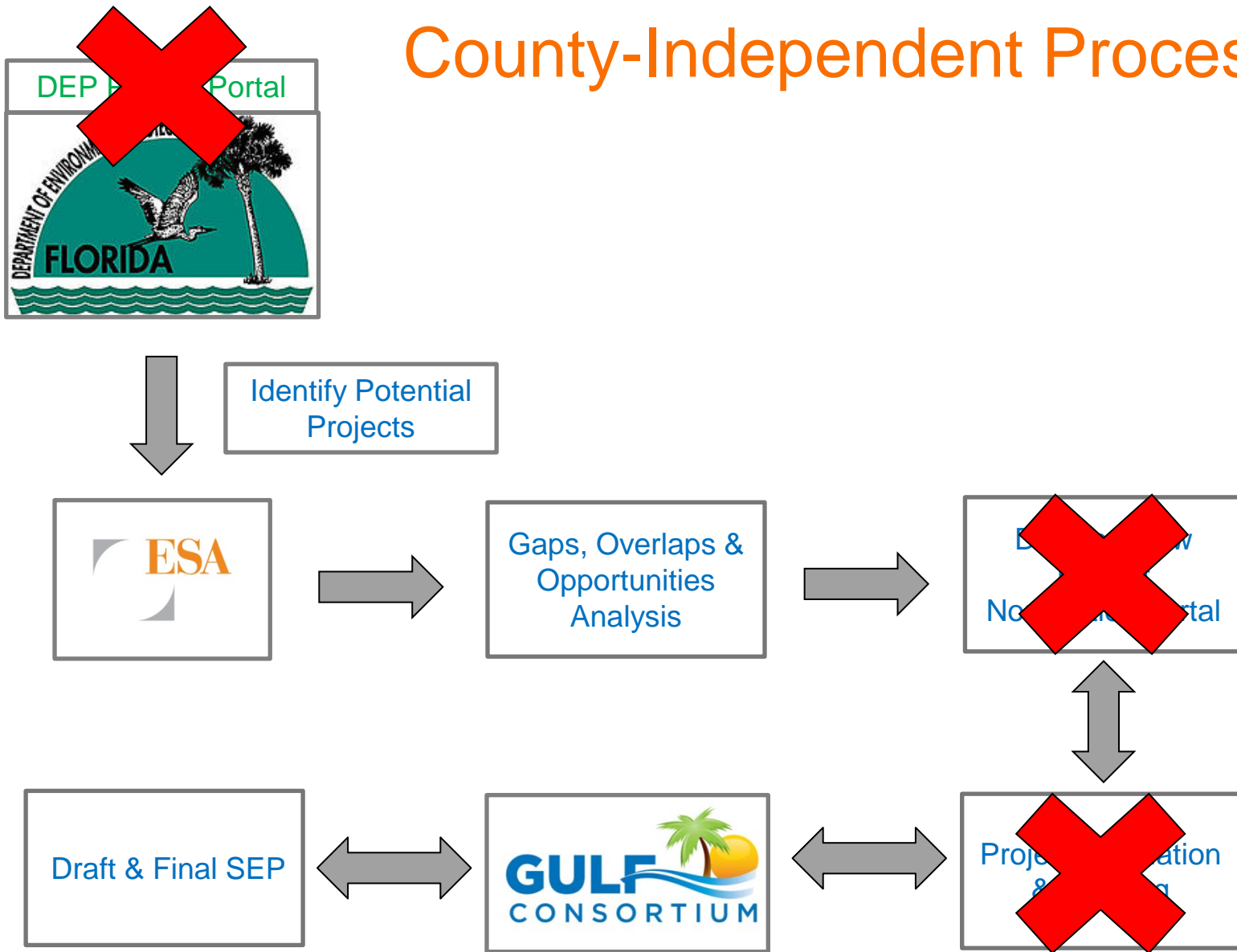
Revised SEP Development Process



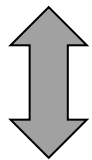
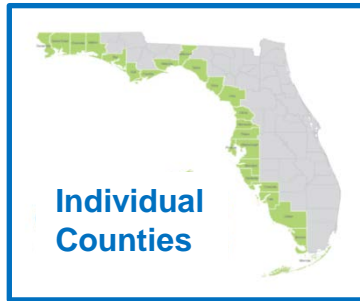
County-Independent Process



County-Independent Process



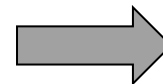
County-Driven Process



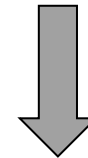
Identify Potential Projects



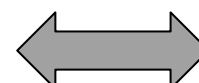
Gaps, Overlaps & Opportunities Analysis



Project Evaluation & Refinement

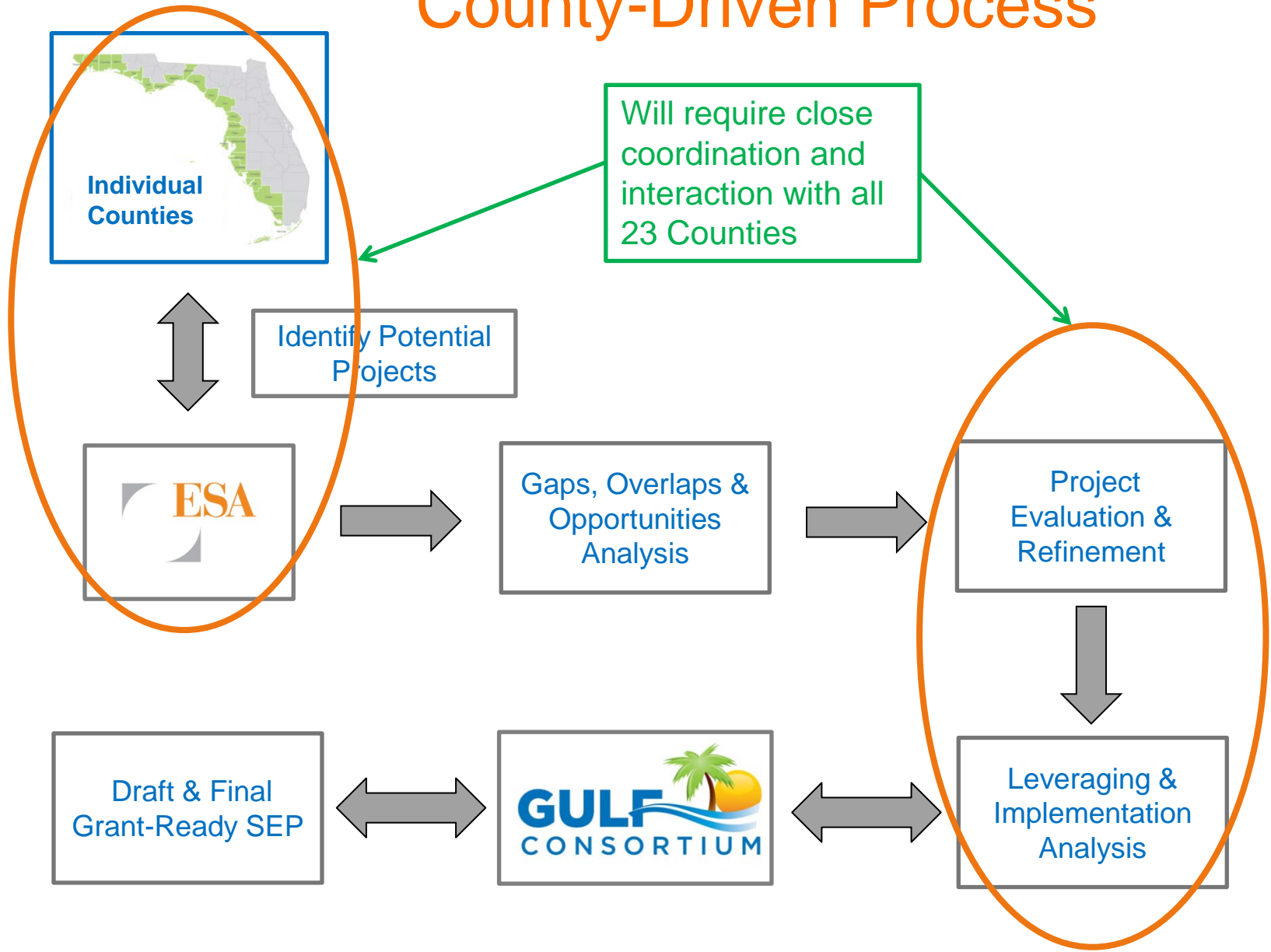


Draft & Final Grant-Ready SEP

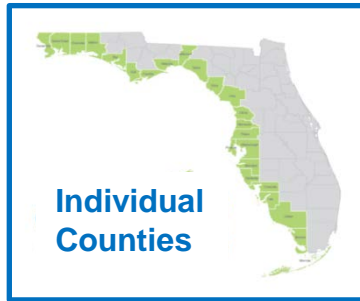


Leveraging & Implementation Analysis

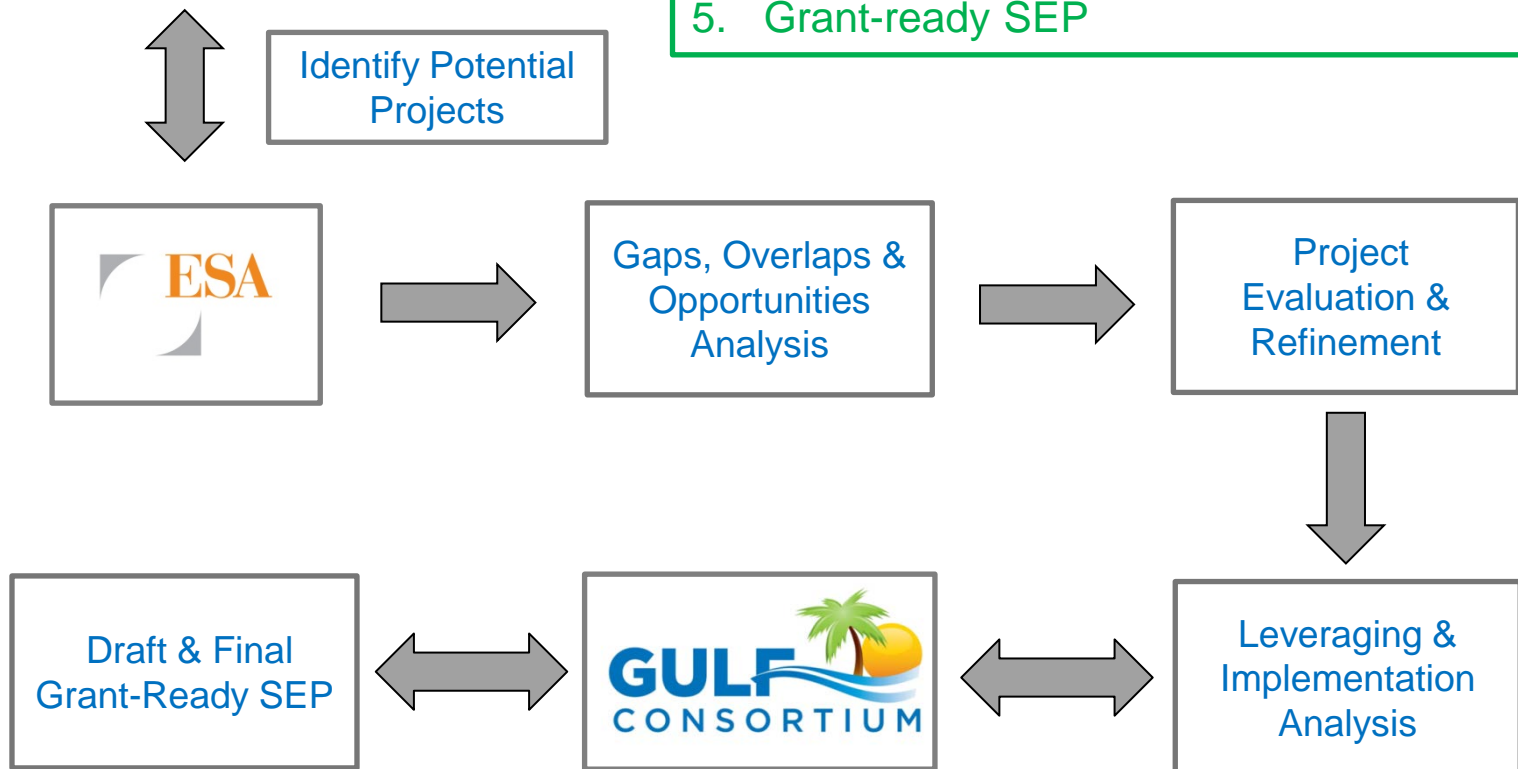
County-Driven Process



County-Driven Process



- Process Differences
1. Counties define potential projects
 2. No need for new project nomination portal
 3. Project evaluation & refinement vs. ranking
 4. Leveraging and implementation analysis
 5. Grant-ready SEP



Project Evaluation, Refinement and Enhancement

- Project evaluation only to make projects stronger
 - Technical basis
 - Does the project address a documented problem or need?
 - Feasibility
 - Public acceptance
 - Permitability and constructability
 - Cost-reasonableness and cost-effectiveness
 - Supported by “Best Available Science”
- Enhance the scope, value and benefits of each project through leveraging

Benefits of a County-Driven Process

- Each County will benefit from an equal allocation of baseline Spill Impact Component funds
- Each County will have an equal opportunity to participate in the development of the SEP
 - Every County will have a project(s) in the SEP
- Each County will have an equal responsibility to contribute to the benefits and success of the SEP

Challenges and Uncertainties

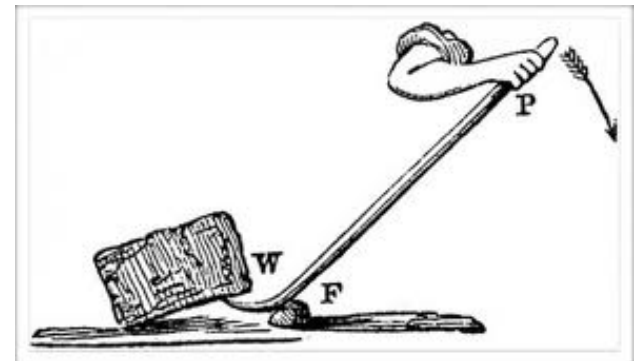
- Lesser amount of RESTORE Act settlement
 - 15-year payout and no bonding ability
- RESTORE Act requires that SEP's represent the interests and priorities of the State
 - Must ensure that the SEP is not too County-focused
- There are no precedents for an “acceptable” SEP
- The RESTORE Act bureaucracy is new and evolving

SEP Development Goals

- Optimize the suite of projects such that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts
- Maximize the total value and benefits of the SEP through leveraging
- Garner approval from the Governor and Council on first review
- Enhance the grant-readiness of each project in the SEP to get the money flowing quickly
- Ensure that each county is making progress annually

The Power of Leveraging

- Other Restore Act sources (Pots 1 and 2)
- Other DWH settlement sources
 - NFWF - environmental projects
 - NRDA - environmental and economic projects
 - Triumph Gulf Coast - economic projects
- Federal/State/regional agency sources
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - FDEP
 - 319 grants – water quality
 - Amendment 1 - land acquisition
 - Water Management Districts
 - SWIM Program
 - Local Government Cooperative funding
- Foundation and Corporate grant programs

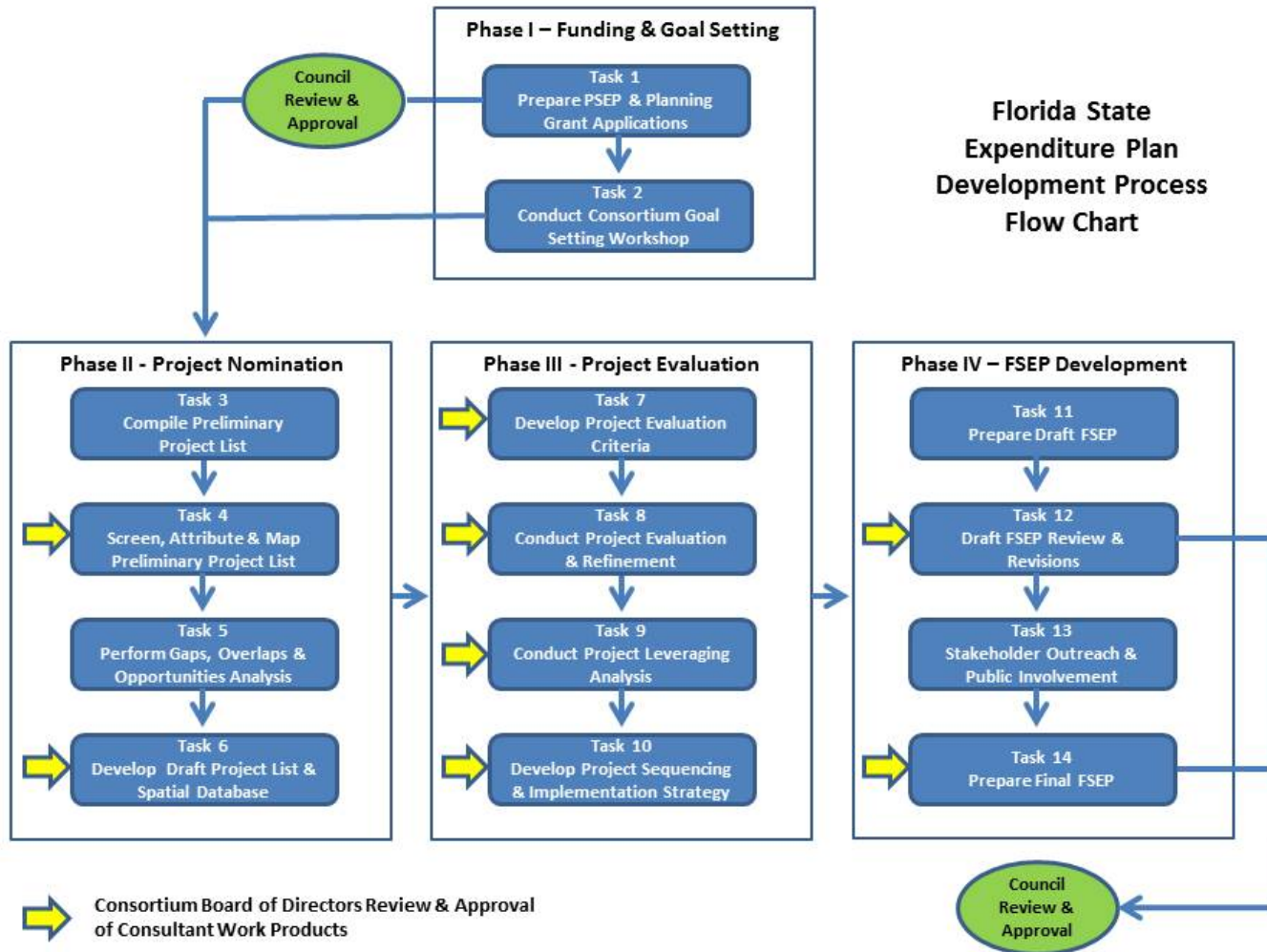


The Power of Leveraging

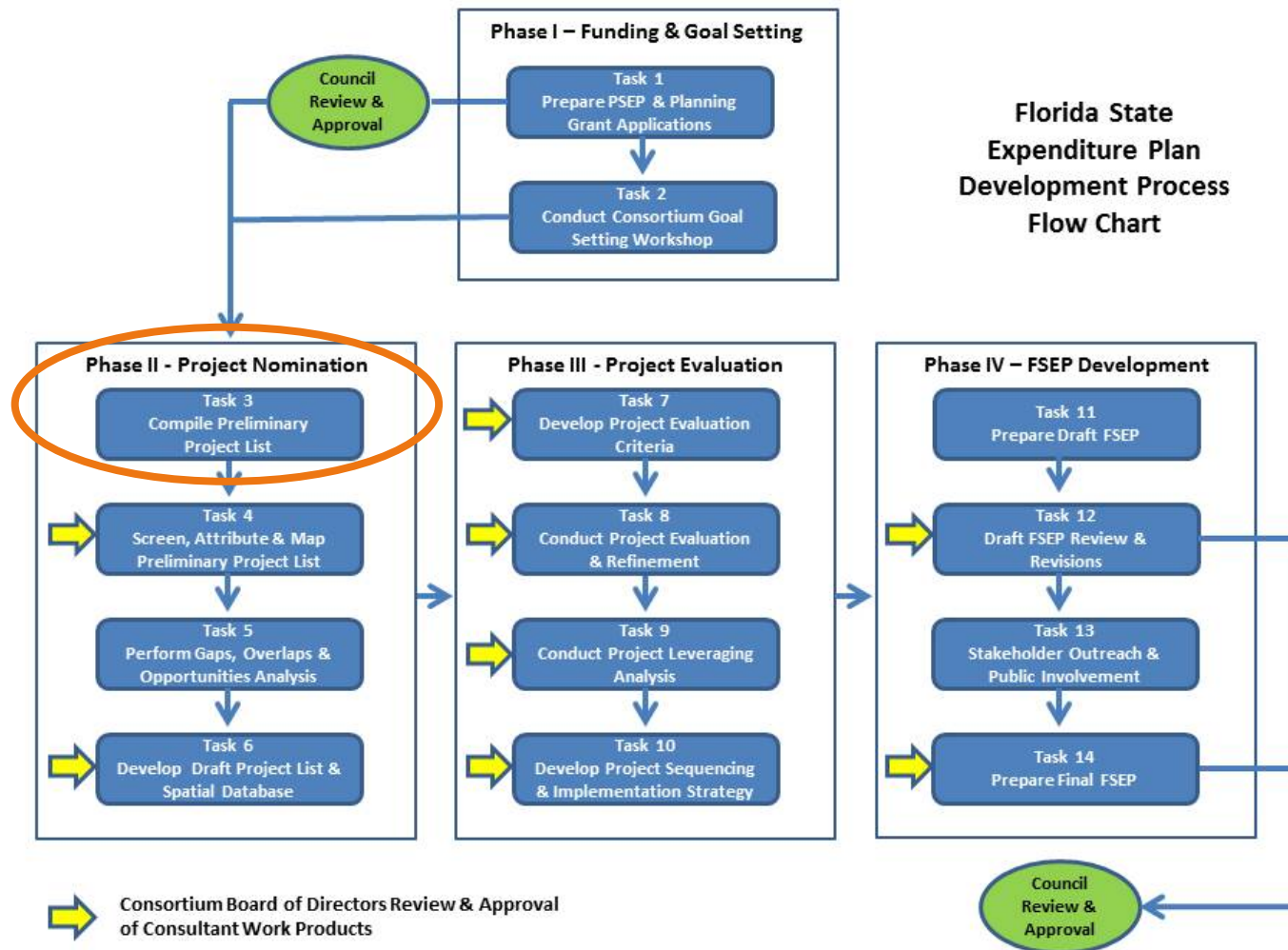
- Other Restore Act sources (Pots 1 and 2)
- Other DWH settlement sources
 - NFWF - environmental projects
 - NRDA - environmental and economic projects
 - Triumph Gulf Coast - economic projects
- Federal/State/regional agency sources
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - FDEP
 - 319 grants – water quality
 - Amendment 1 - land acquisition
 - Water Management Districts
 - SWIM Program
 - Local Government Cooperative funding
- Foundation and Corporate grant programs

SEP minimal leveraging
goal of 1:1 is attainable!
\$280M → \$560M

Revised SEP Development Process



Revised SEP Development Process



Task 3 – Compile Preliminary Project List

- Prepare and distribute standard project nomination form to each county
 - Screening criteria
 - Guidance information
- Conduct consultations with each County, as requested
 - Identify and prioritize potential projects
- Facilitate regional discussions
 - Identify shared interests and collaborative opportunities
- Compile preliminary project list

