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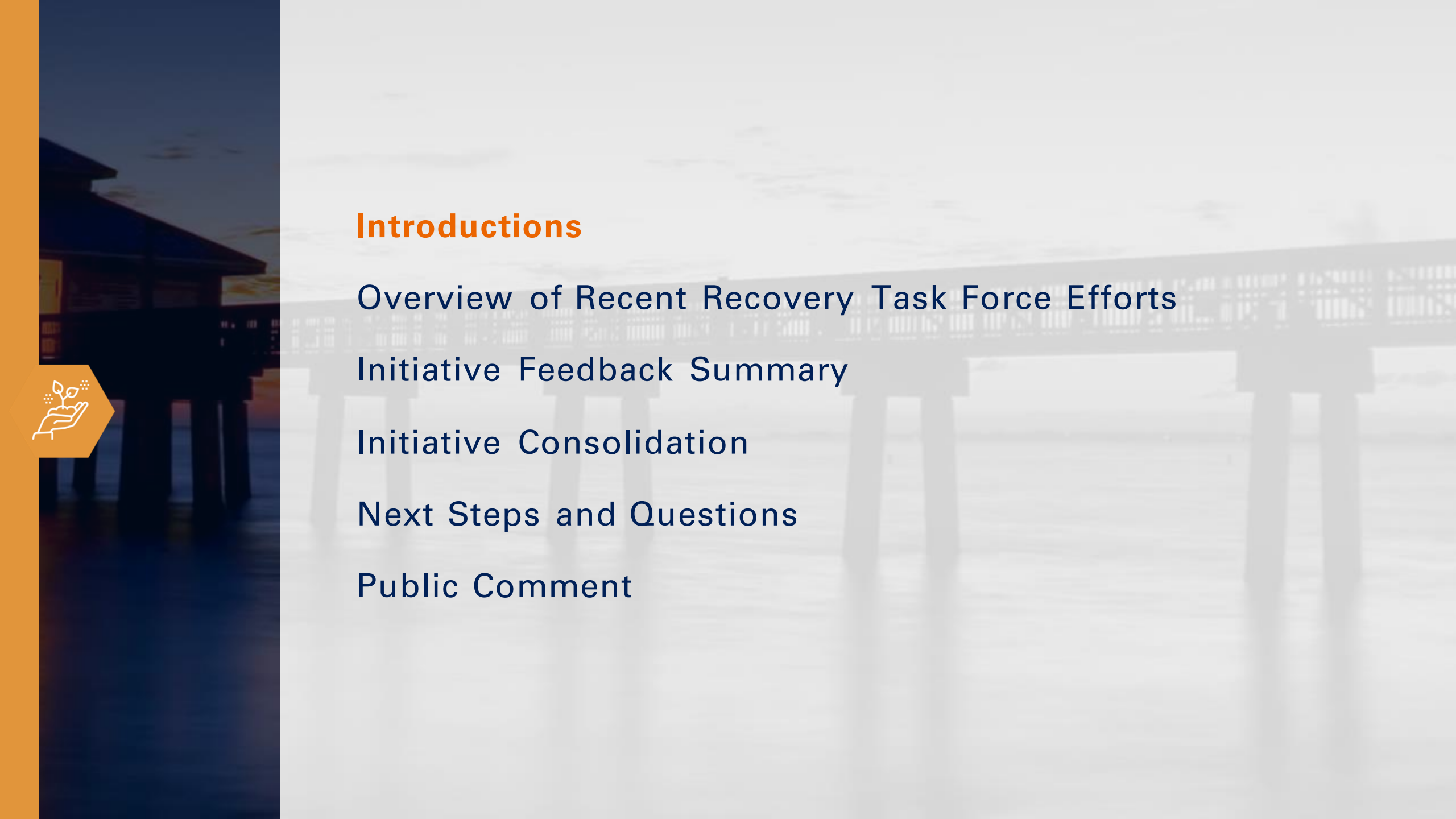
Natural Resources Branch Meeting

Lee County Recovery Task Force



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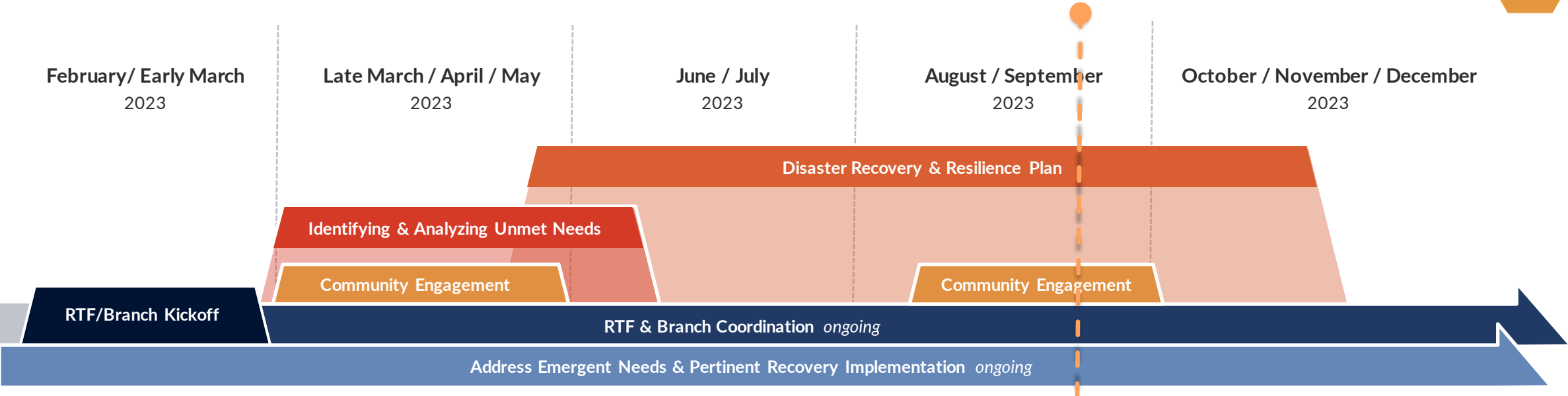
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Timeline for Long-term Recovery Planning



RTF / Branch Kickoff

Establish the working structure for RTF and launch branches. Identify immediate needs and goals to address.

Launch website.

RTF & Branch Coordination

Identify recovery objectives; inform impact and needs assessment; establish projects; incorporate community’s priorities; inform long term planning; oversee recovery plan implementation.

Identifying & Analyzing Unmet Needs

Hurricane Ian storm impact analysis, and a cursory look at outstanding needs that will begin to shape recovery priorities.

Community Engagement

Comprehensive community outreach to inform and validate needs, identify solutions, and validate planning.

Hurricane Ian Disaster Recovery & Resilience Plan

A framework for Lee County’s recovery from Hurricane Ian, including prioritized projects, funding sources, and key stakeholders.

Emergent Needs & Pertinent Recovery Implementation

Conduct recovery operations and manage recovery funding streams: short-term, intermediate, long-term.

RTF is forum to identify emergent and time sensitive needs and identifying best path forward.

Meeting Purpose



Review recent Recovery Task Force efforts.



Review Recovery Task Force and County Feedback.



Review consolidation plans and identify additional Initiatives to combine.



Review Branch next steps.

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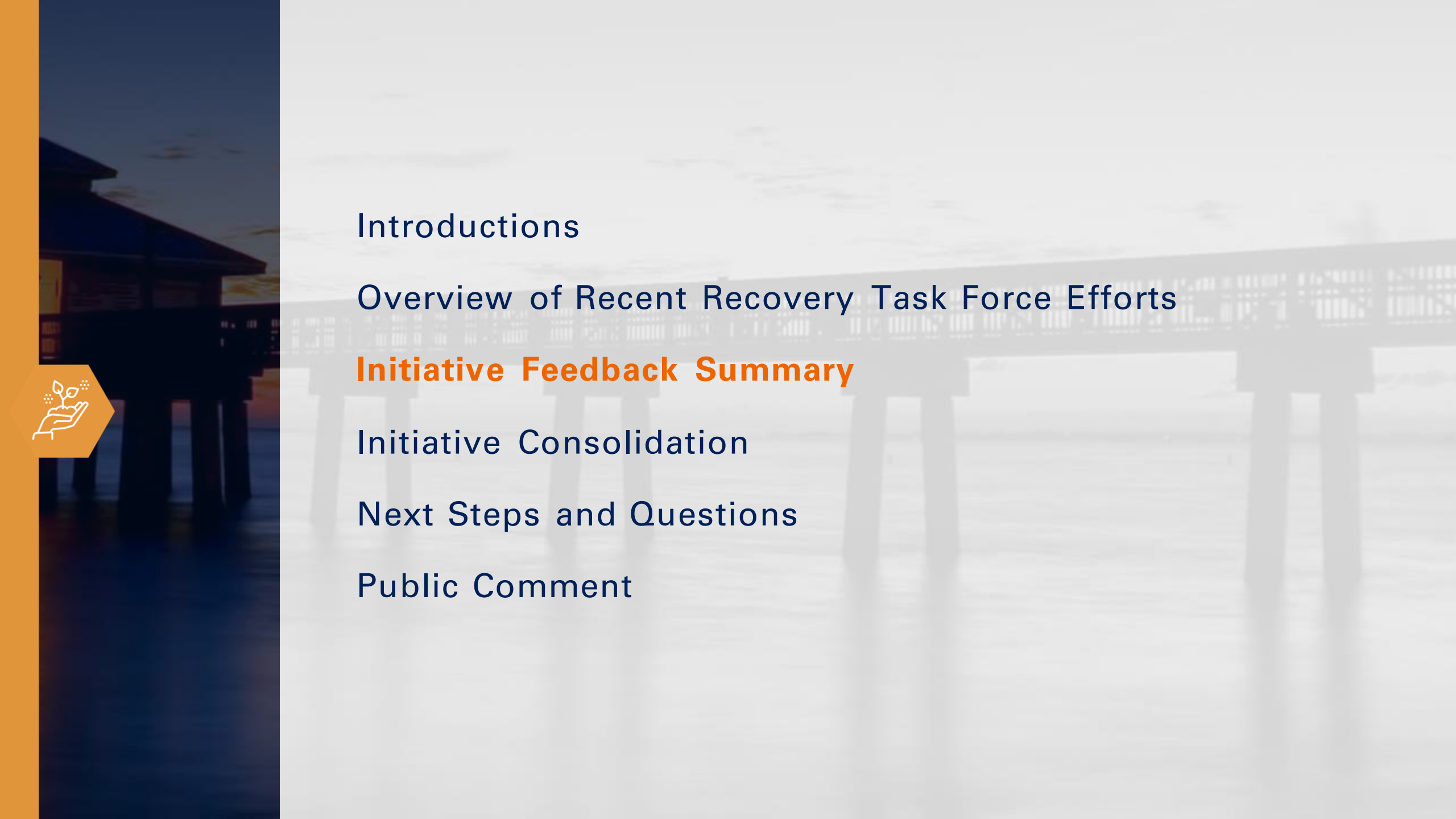
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Overview of Recent Recovery Task Force Efforts



- Recent strategic pause to address feedback from a multitude of stakeholders and align draft Initiative Profiles with feedback and perspectives from the County Administration.
 - Hosted a series of one-on-one meetings between the ResilientLee Support Team's Lead Subject Matter Expert and Subject Matter Experts from the County Administration to review the draft Initiative Profiles for all eight Branches.
- Executed five regularly scheduled Branch Meetings in August and three outstanding meetings in September to review current draft Initiative Profiles.
 - Following recent Branch meetings, circulated an online Survey Form to Branch Members requesting their additional feedback to current draft Initiative Profiles.



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Feedback Summary



Branch

- Branch member feedback further defined the Initiative concepts in descriptions and implementation steps.

Recovery Task Force

- RTF member comments highlighted the need for a regional approach.

County

- County feedback provided technical details in ongoing County work to include.
- Feedback also indicated Initiative realignment and consolidation suggestions.

NR01: Water Quality and Green Infrastructure



Branch Feedback	RTF Feedback	County Feedback
• Measures of Success: permit requirements, water quality standards, and nutrient reduction in waterways. • Establish public transparency of permitting for items that pertain to water quality. • Focus working group to include water quality experts. • Continue to develop green infrastructure and water quality regulatory incentives. • Suggestion to create another Initiative for Water Management, related to flooding and water levels. • If the Initiative is changed to water quality, remove references to flood mitigation. • Water quality is more than nutrients. This should include bacteria and other pollutants.		• Recommendation to move Stormwater Focus to Infrastructure. • Recommend a Stormwater Plan to include Flood Mitigation Plans and to include all of Lee County. • Suggest Determining Reuse Water Extension involvement in the plan. • Recommend a regional approach for Stormwater Drainage Design Criteria and potential new state requirements. • Consider responsibility for municipalities' maintenance requirements of flow ways to support a regional approach. • Gap: DR/GR Development and problem identification. • Recommend increasing recognition of the Stormwater Master plan and corresponding policies. • Integration of County DOT and Natural Resources maintenance responsibilities. For example: • County DOT works to maintain canals, build drainage ways, and maintain long-term maintenance. • Natural Resources manages natural bodies for Flood and drainage control.

NR02: Community Outreach and Education



Branch Feedback	RTF Feedback	County Feedback
• Provide education programs to the public.		• Suggest addressing school curriculum involvement in Initiative. • Recommend determining the goal and structure of working groups. • Create a distinction between learning campaign and defining research needs and objectives. • Describe policies that need to be evaluated in policy assessment. • Initiative should understand the current resources for estuary research and determine the needs, feasibility of the center, and if so the role of this center. • Suggest developing content process and identify content for educational campaigns.

NR03: Wildlife Protection



Branch Feedback	RTF Feedback	County Feedback
• Measure of success: Number of areas with residual debris and progress of removal. • Harmful Impact of Styrofoam debris from installation on manufactured homes.		• Recommendation for further development. • Suggest the conservation of critical wildlife habitat by establishing policy to acquire and manage land, etc. at the County level will help accomplish the goal of wildlife.

NR04: Coastal Protection



Branch Feedback	RTF Feedback	County Feedback
		• Suggest re-evaluating/defining measures of success. • Recommend developing regulatory actions regarding Coastal Protection. • Program Alignment: Coastal Advisory works to develop beaches and eroded shoreline planning and evaluates bed tax funding for beaches.

NR05: Land Management



Branch Feedback	RTF Feedback	County Feedback
		• Suggest Floodplain Acquisition to be moved to Infrastructure. • Recommends for working group to be a long-standing committee with no sunset clause and suggests initiatives are tracked by the individual responsible party and report progress to the overall Long-Term Recovery Annual Report. • Recommend the development of a Regional Tree Planting Program and County-wide approach. • Determine the role of the Conservation 20/20 Program. • Suggestion: Utilizing existing Park Operations and Maintenance staff affords economy of scale.

NR06: Debris Management



Branch Feedback	RTF Feedback	County Feedback
		• Suggestion: Clearly Define the Scope of the Problem. • Context: Debris Management Process follows state guidelines and needs additional feedback from Solid Waste and existing approach. • Suggest moving Debris Management to the current location of DMS Planning • Existing work: Public Safety and municipalities have debris management plans. The catastrophic damage waiver that was granted may not be granted again and there was confusion for debris pick up. • Recommend expanding educational portion of Debris Management and clarity of messaging to the public.

NR07: Multi-Use Trails



Branch Feedback	RTF Feedback	County Feedback
Combine with another Initiative: Infrastructure, Land Management, or Community Outreach and Education		- Context to consider: Lee County continues its expansion of parks and trails including the public access and use of Conservation 2020 lands. New properties are purchased each year. - Some concern with Rails to Trails Feasibility. - Existing work: The Parks Department working with the internal department on Rivers Trails Conservation Areas to expand the trail network. - Recommend increasing recognition of the Lee County Master Plan that contains a trail network system.

NR08: Economic Impact and Access to Natural Resources



Branch Feedback	RTF Feedback	County Feedback
		• Recommend reference: Lee County has a beach renourishment plan that covers the entire county of critically eroded shoreline. • Suggest re-evaluating measures of success. • Define the access challenge.

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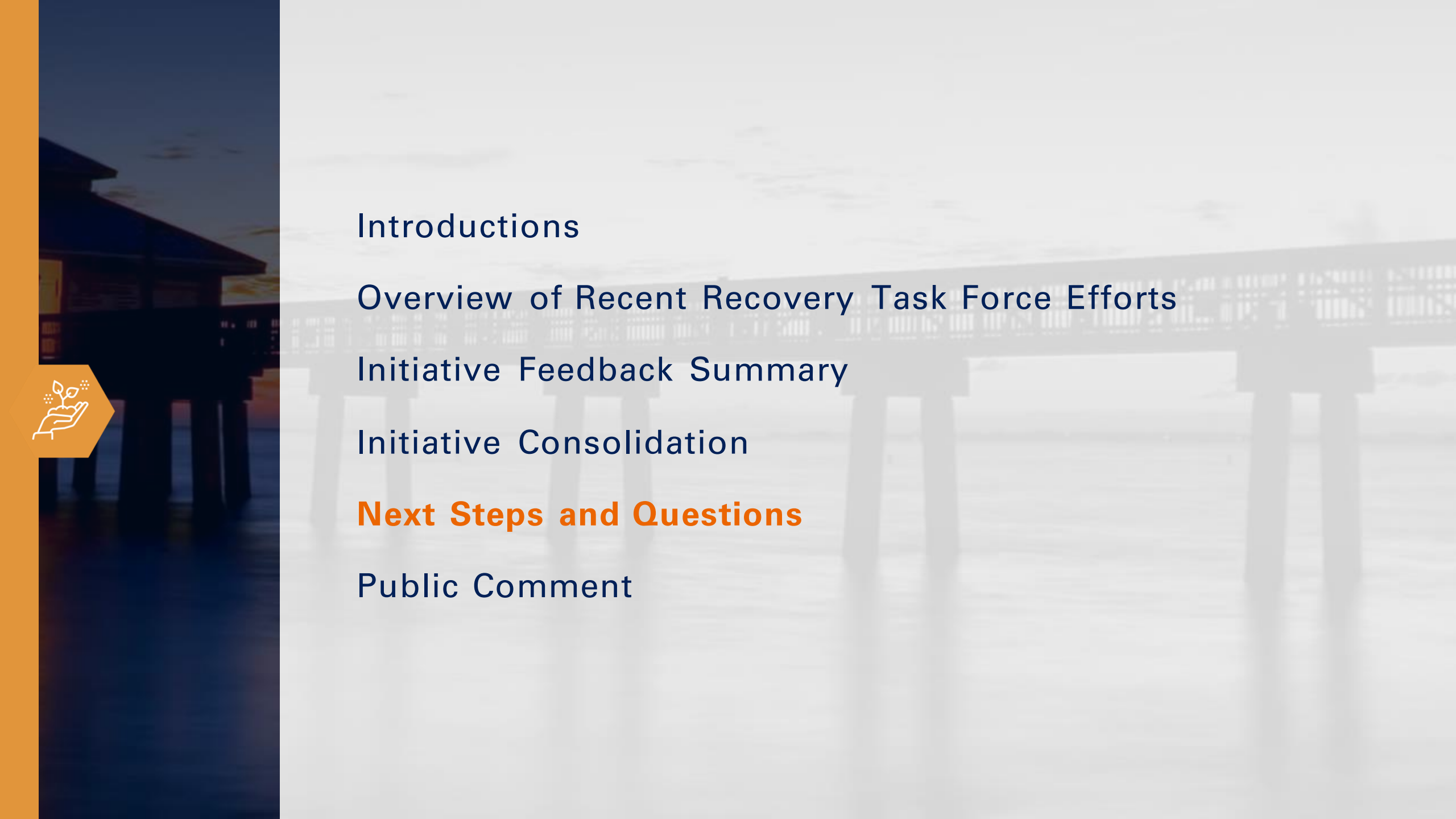
- Feedback suggests consolidation within and across Branch Initiatives.
 - Some Branch Initiatives are similar to other existing Branch Initiatives – these can be combined and redefined with new elements making current objectives more robust.
 - Initiatives aligned with other Branch priorities may become more powerful and **address more than one community challenge**.
 - Final Initiatives will be organized by **tying emerging themes from multiple Branches** and highlighting impacts in adoption.

Themes intersect in a similar fashion to Workshop Sessions.



Initiative Consolidations





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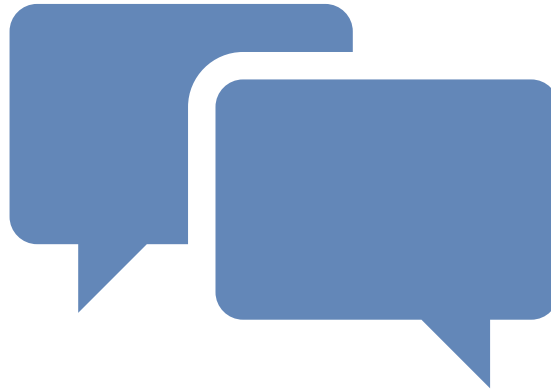
Draft Initiative Profile Development:

- The Support Team will continue:
 - Integrating feedback from implementing governments and stakeholders.
 - Consolidating draft Initiative Profiles within and across Branches.

Next Process Steps:

- The next versions of draft Initiative Profiles that Branch Members will receive will become the new baseline.
- Branch Meetings will be hosted in October 2023 to review updated draft Initiative Profiles.
- As the project continues, final Plan development will begin.

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