

The Role of the Coordinator

Coordinator, by definition it is someone who assists people in working together, especially to increase effectiveness.

Being a coordinator can be the most confusing and stimulating job there is, the jack-of-all trades, master of none position. The coordinator is looked upon as the "go to person." You are glue, for you keep things together and get stuck to many situations, some rewarding and frustrating. Yet, after each completed task, you will learn something to which you will draw from towards the next endeavor,

Timing is important. Knowing when to take charge and when to step a side. Building and strengthening the local steering committee in tomorrows leaders.

A coordinator must have vision.

A coordinator must be a creative salesperson. They must learn who their customers are, who are the movers and shakers, who is fore and who is against. They have the ability to convince the busiest person in the community, to take an interest in the project. A coordinator builds success one person at a time.

Let's review.

Who can take a fragmented group of people and turn them into a productive organization? The coordinator.

Who gets called upon at the steering committee meetings when no one else seems to have the answer? The coordinator.

Who makes that extra effort to make sure the group continues forward, without letting them know? The coordinator

Who has the most diverse job in the world? The coordinator

Who has the opportunity to use their creativity in helping communities understand about our local environments? The coordinator

What's the difference between great watershed projects and struggling watershed projects? A coordinator.