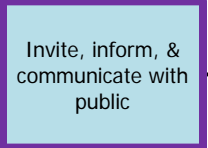
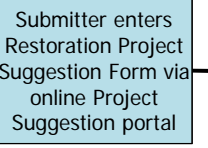
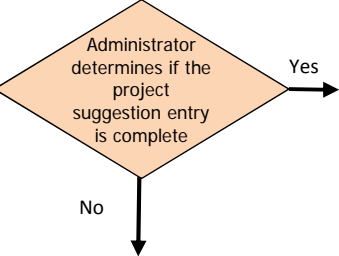
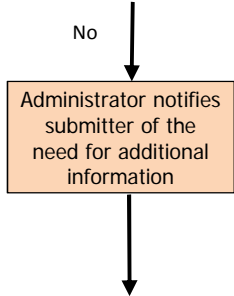
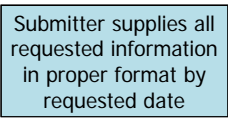
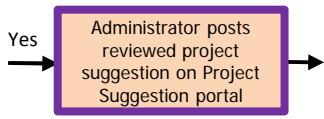
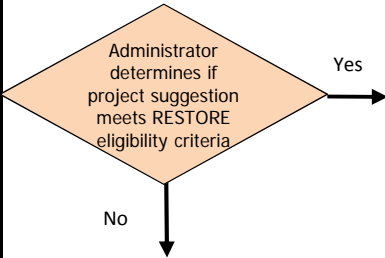


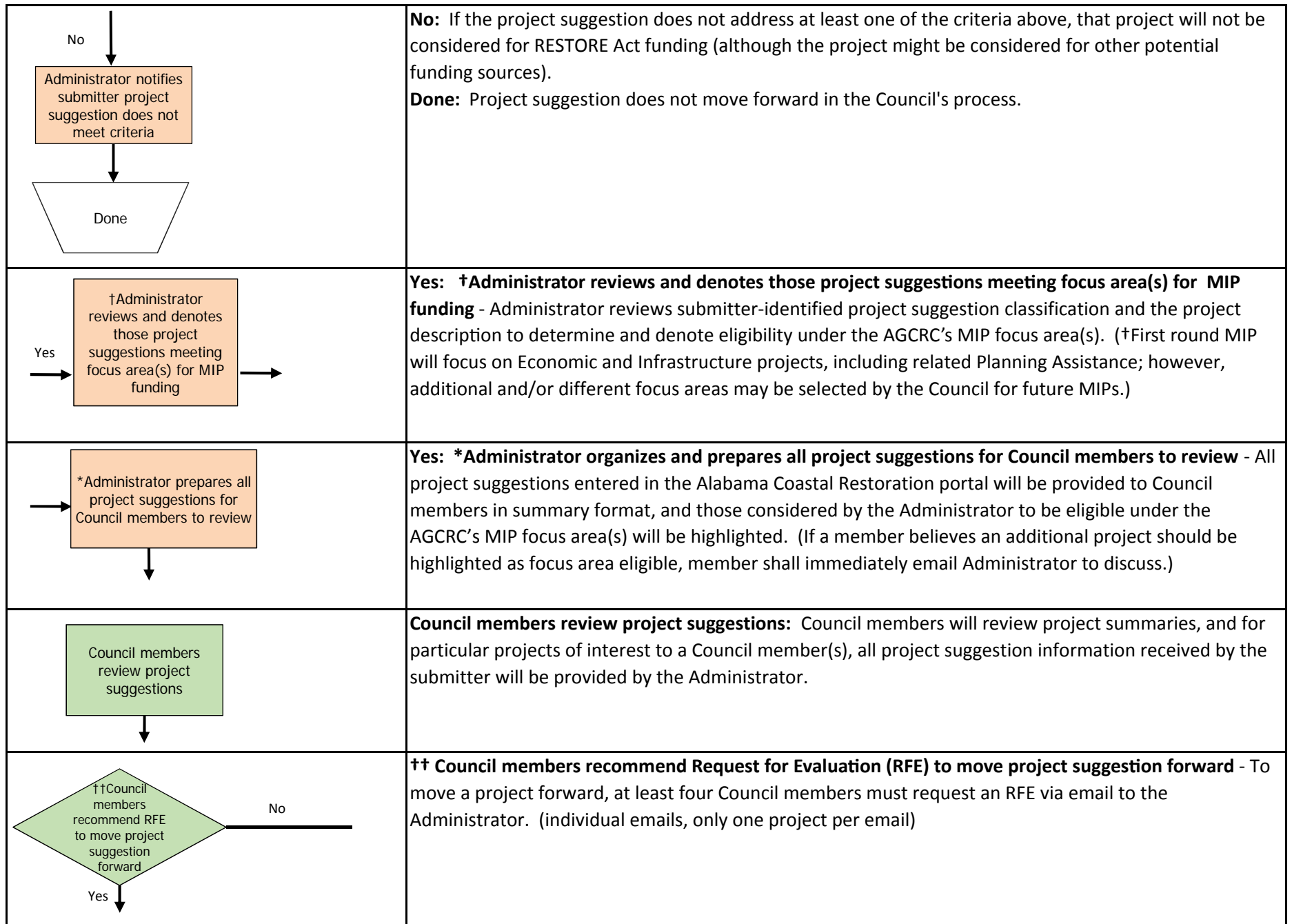
# Project Selection Process Framework for Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP) Development

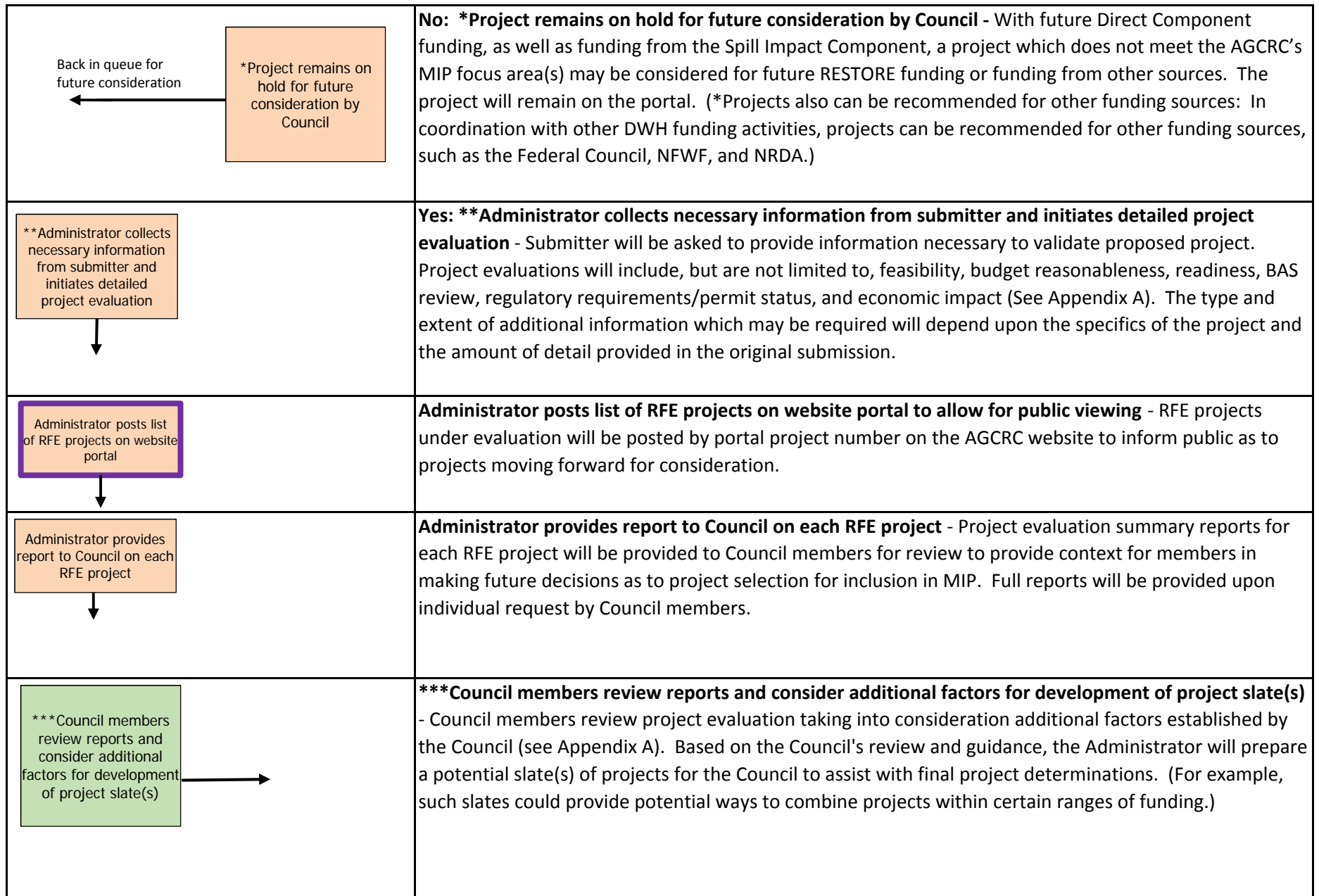
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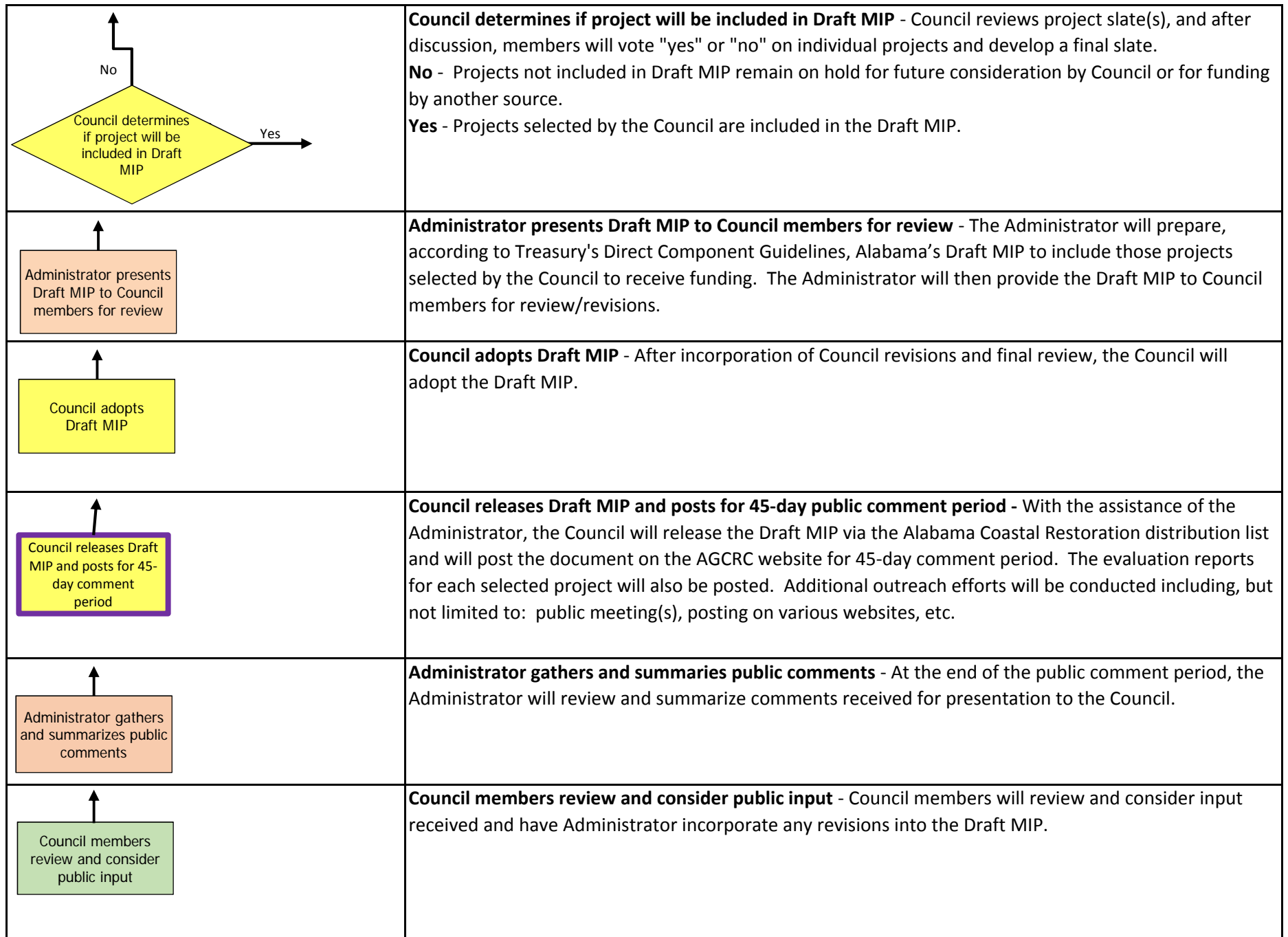
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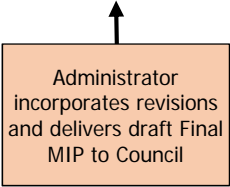
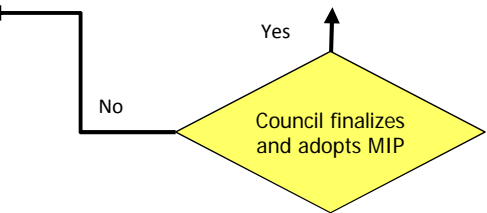
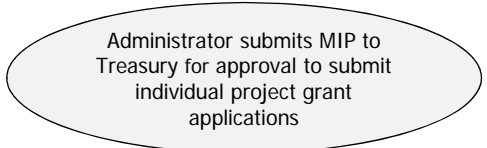
 <p>Invite, inform, &amp; communicate with public</p>	<p><b>Invite, Inform and Communicate with Public:</b> The State of Alabama’s portal for project suggestions went live in March, 2014, and is housed on the Alabama Coastal Restoration website, <a href="http://www.alabamacoastalrestoration.org">www.alabamacoastalrestoration.org</a>. The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council (AGCRC) Executive Director is available to speak to individuals/groups regarding the RESTORE Act and related activities, including the process by which one enters a project. Additionally, other staff with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (which serves as the Administrative Agent for the AGCRC), are available to answer questions regarding RESTORE Act activities and the project suggestion portal. The public is also encouraged to sign up for email updates on the website. This email distribution list is used to alert the public to public meetings, any deadlines as to project suggestion consideration for inclusion in MIPs and SEPs, and other announcements.</p>
 <p>Submitter enters Restoration Project Suggestion Form via online Project Suggestion portal</p>	<p><b>Submitter enters Restoration Project Suggestion Form via online portal:</b> Individuals/organizations/public entities (Submitter) enter project suggestions via the online portal. The Project Suggestion Form is designed to accommodate submittals for several different potential funding sources, including the AGCRC, the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (Federal Council), the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF), and the Natural Resource Damages Assessment (NRDA). The portal may also inform decisions as to other funding opportunities.</p>
 <p>Administrator determines if the project suggestion entry is complete</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>	<p><b>Administrator determines if the project suggestion is complete:</b> The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources serves as the Administrative Agent (Administrator) for the AGCRC. In order to move forward in the evaluation process, a project suggestion must include specific information, including, but not limited to: contact information, project description and location, primary classification, estimated cost, and a budget outline. The Administrator is tasked with reviewing the submittals to ensure they contain the required information and do not contain offensive materials prior to posting.</p>

 <p>No</p> <p>Administrator notifies submitter of the need for additional information</p>	<p><b>Administrator notifies submitter of the need for additional information:</b> If any required information is missing from the project suggestion, the submitter is contacted and given an opportunity to provide the information before it can be posted for public review and further consideration.</p>
 <p>Submitter supplies all requested information in proper format by requested date</p>	<p><b>Submitter supplies all requested information in proper format by requested date:</b> If interested in completing the project suggestion, submitter must provide necessary information to have the project posted.</p>
 <p>Yes</p> <p>Administrator posts reviewed project suggestion on Project Suggestion portal</p>	<p><b>Administrator posts reviewed project suggestion on Project Suggestion portal:</b> Once determined complete, the Administrator will tag the project as “reviewed.” The project suggestion will then be posted online under Project Suggestion Submittals and be available for consideration and review by the public.</p>
 <p>Administrator determines if project suggestion meets RESTORE eligibility criteria</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>	<p><b>Administrator determines if project suggestion meets RESTORE eligibility criteria:</b> According to the RESTORE Act, to be eligible for funding, one or more of the project activities listed below must be carried out in the Gulf Coast Region: Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region; Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources; Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring; Workforce development and job creation; Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill; Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure; Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure; Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing; Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region; and Planning assistance.</p>







 <p>Administrator incorporates revisions and delivers draft Final MIP to Council</p>	<p><b>Administrator incorporates revisions and delivers draft Final MIP to Council</b> - Administrator prepares revised Draft MIP for Council review, and when complete, distributes draft Final MIP to Council for review.</p>
 <p>Council finalizes and adopts MIP</p>	<p><b>Council finalizes and adopts MIP</b> - Council reviews, finalizes and adopts Final MIP. <b>No</b> - Projects not included in Final MIP remain on hold for future consideration by Council or for funding by another source.</p>
 <p>Administrator submits MIP to Treasury for approval to submit individual project grant applications</p>	<p><b>Administrator submits MIP to Treasury for approval to submit individual project grant applications</b> - Administrator completes Treasury application and submits MIP for approval. Once approved, individual project grants must be submitted to Treasury before funding will be made available.</p>