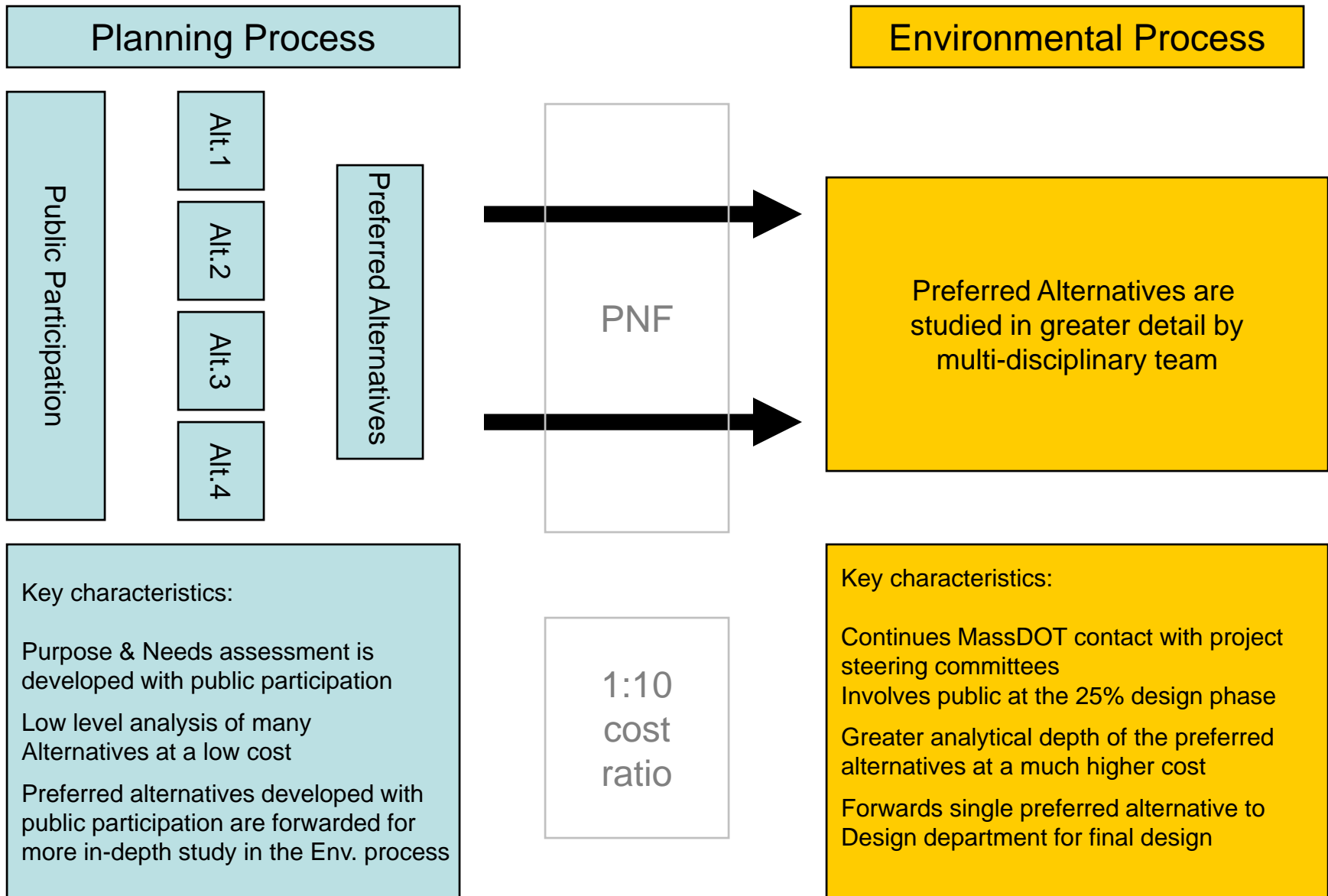


Implementation Plan (PEL)

E – Implementation Plan Activities			
Activity No.	Description of Activity	Target Completion Date	Schedule/Status
1	Submit Implementation Plan	April 15, 2011	Complete
2	Identify training opportunities and resources available. Invite resource agencies.	Spring/Summer 2011	Pending
3	FHWA input on major scope templates	Summer 2011	Pending
4	Selected MassDOT/ RPA scopes that include alternatives screened, and purpose and need for major corridor studies	Summer 2011	Pending
5	Document and flow chart the planning/environmental process and define roles	Summer 2011	Pending
6	Deploy training	Fall 2011	Pending
7	Develop and deliver recommendations for implementation	Winter 2012	Pending

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Process documentation comparison

Planning Process

Preferred Alt

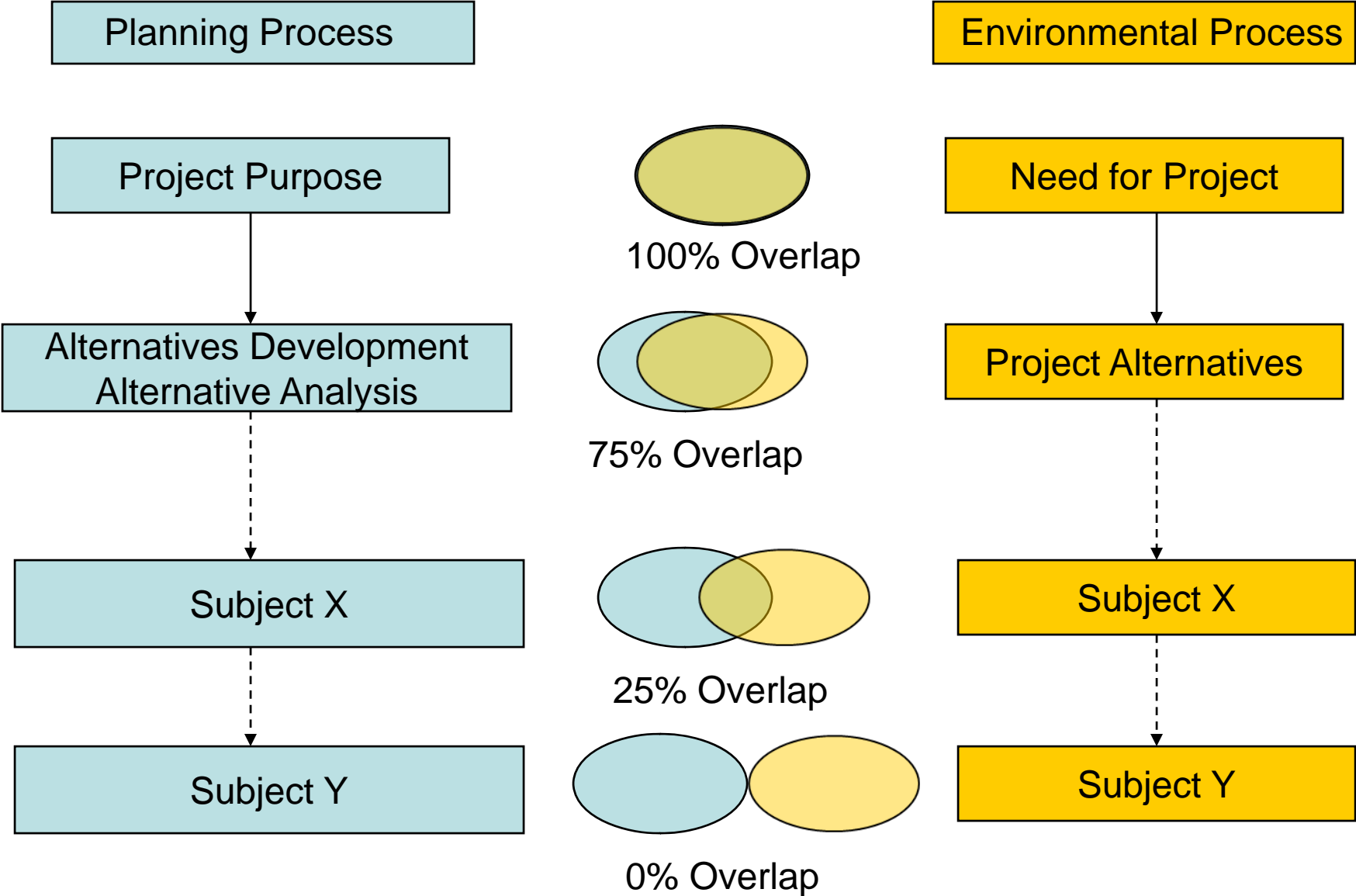
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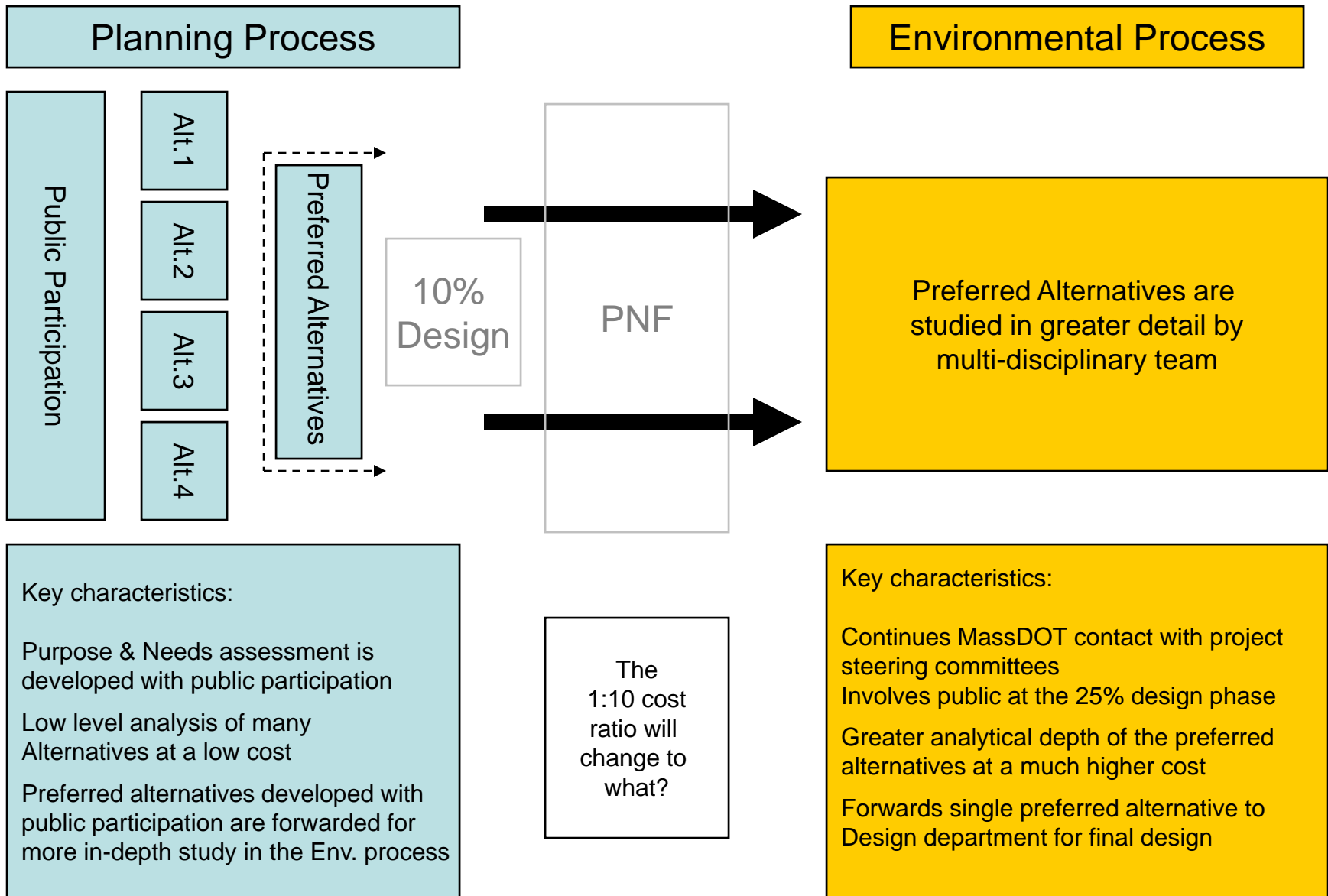
Process documentation comparison highlighting overlap
using a gross Quarterly analysis approach



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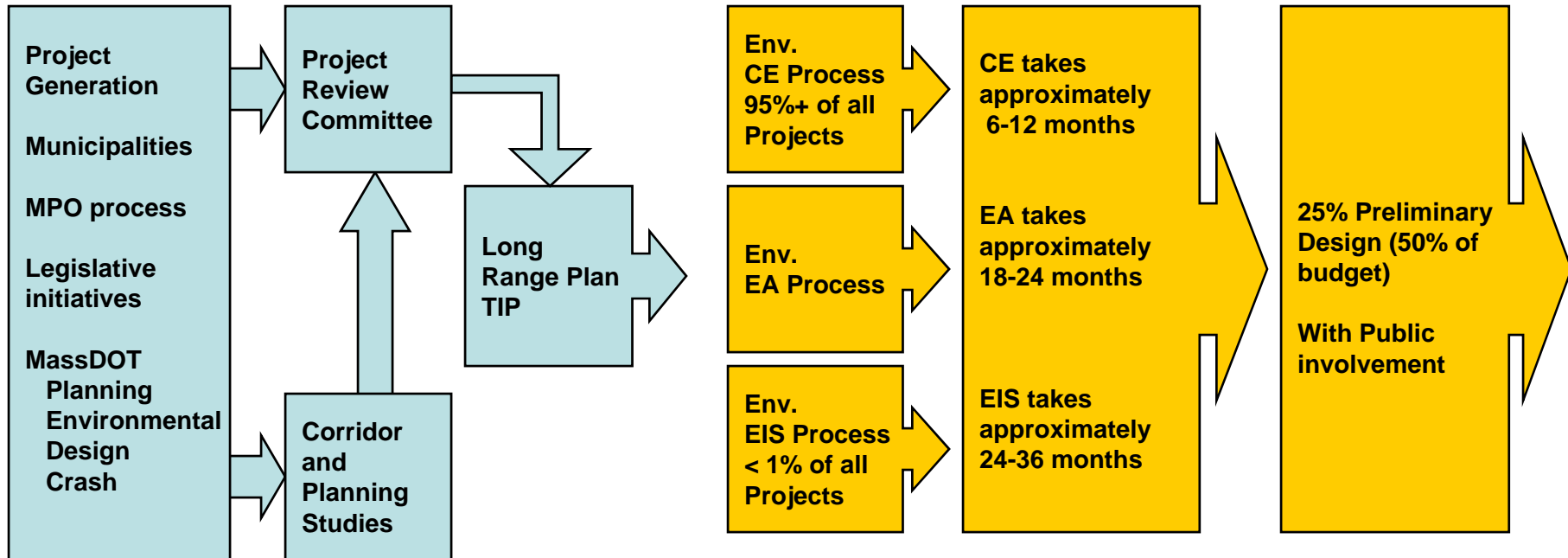
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 - **Develop a protocol to help identify which planning studies to implement these methods for based on their level of environmental impact and level of development through the MPO planning process**

Project development Timeline



Towns level planning study 6-12 months
 Corridor study 12-18 months
 Placement on LRP 12-24 months
 Potential focused Planning study 18-24 months

The Environmental process timeline is lengthened considerably by Federal and State resource agencies responding sequentially instead of concurrently, i.e. the Coast Guard and Army Corp.

Planning process 2-4 years

Environmental Process .5-3 year
 National average of 6 year

On average, the total project Planning and Environmental processing length varies from 2.5 – 7 years

Next steps

- Development project protocol to ensure all projects have been properly vetted through the planning process
- Conduct discussions to further develop our current two methods of shortening the Planning/Environmental process timeline
- Start dialogue with potential trainers