

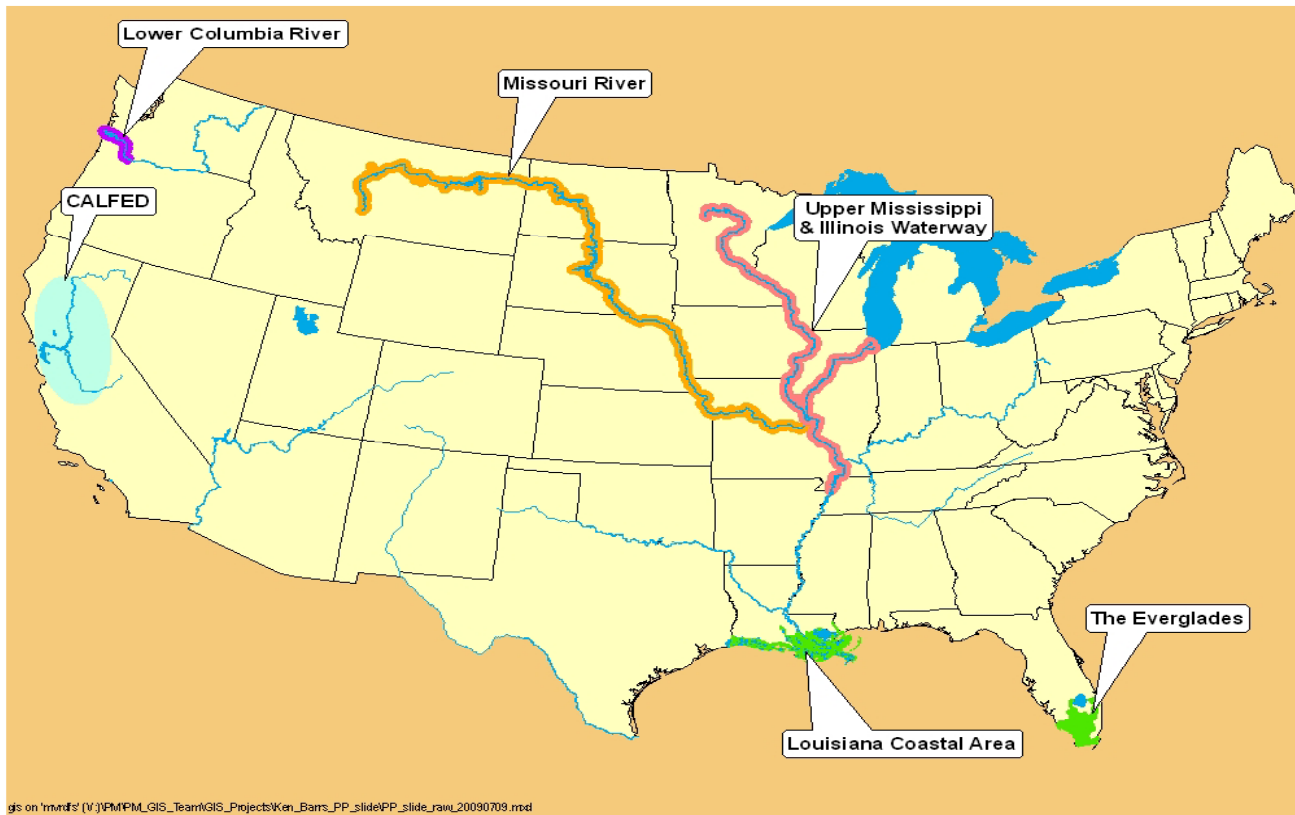
Creation of a National Community for Ecosystem Restoration (NCER)

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Presentation Outline

- The Need
- The Goal
- Membership
- Mission
- Implementation
- Governance
- Feedback

Ecosystem Restoration Programs



The Need

- Recommendations
 - National Research Council
 - USACE Environmental Advisory Board
- NCER Conference attendees request for collaboration to bridge our bi-annual conferences
- NCER 2009 – Initial Launch and Feedback
- AWRA 2009 - Feedback

Initial Goal

- Connect all ongoing ecosystem restoration efforts and fill recognized knowledge transfer and communication gaps
- Help enable a collaborative and holistic life-cycle approach to ecosystem restoration

National Community Membership



Great Waters Restoration Coalition

- 125 NGO leaders throughout the nation
- Mission
 - Development of policy
 - Advocating on policy and funding
 - Galvanizing public support to make restoration a national priority
 - Providing forum for information and resource sharing
 - Collaborating across ecosystems and stakeholder groups
- Will compliment not duplicate our efforts!

The Mission

- Technical Tools
- Knowledge Gateway
- Policy and Planning
- Partnerships and Networking

Technical Tools

- Modeling and analytical tools to support planning, design and operations
- Technologies supporting monitoring and adaptive management
- Technical standards and guidelines for ecosystem restoration

Knowledge Gateway

- Knowledge sharing platform
- Training, developmental and job opportunities
- Roster of experts

Policy and Planning

- National policy communication platform
- Adaptive management and monitoring policy
- Plan formulation for watershed level restoration programs

Partnerships and Networking

- Virtual ecosystem conference center
- Bi-annual National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration
- Promotion of active partnerships between government agencies and NGOs for individual restoration programs

Implementation

- Jul 2009 Initial Launch at NCER 2009
 - Leadership Summit
 - Closing Plenary
 - Questionnaire – All Meeting Participants
- Nov 2009 Annual AWRA Conference
- May 2010 Reconvened Supporters
- Jun 2010 Three Working Sub-Groups
 - Mission, Governance and Implementation
 - Two Sub-team Meetings Prior to Aug
- Aug 2010 – Next Large Team Meeting

Three Sub-Teams - Current Members

National Community for Ecosystem Restoration Sub-Teams		
<u>Implementation</u>	<u>Governance</u>	<u>Mission</u>
Acosta	Apgar	Boesch
Evans	Appelbaum	Bush
Guinto	Barnett	Doll
Loftin	Berg	Dudley
McKenzie	Best	Galat
Neubert	Getzen	Gorman
Perk	Goldsmith	Judson
Porthouse	Hackney	Olson
Pratt Miles	Harwell	Onley
Staebell	St Clair	Padera
Tazik	Stinson	Rabbe
Theriot		Shortelle
Tipple		Smith
Voss		Thompson
		Trivedi
		Ulrich
		Wagner
		Wingard

Initial Thoughts - Proposed Governance

- **501c3—Non-Profit/Tax Exempt**
 - **Initial Formation**
 - Core Planning Group (6-8)
 - Steering/Advisory Committee (12-15)
 - **Eventual Governing Board**
 - Charter/By Laws
 - Officers
 - Board of Directors – Regional & At-Large
 - Standing Committees – Conference, Education, Policy....
 - Working Groups – organize workshops, conf sessions.....
- **Network of Restoration Practitioners**
- **Professional Society**
- **Umbrella Organization – Scale Up Over Time**

Feedback Results To Date

- **Mission Feedback**

- The collaboration need is there
- Better define our focus (i.e., SER)
- Large scale or all inclusive?

- **Proposed Governance**

- How much structure is really needed?
- Need for Executive Director?
- Volunteer or Paid Staff?
- Legal issues?

- **Implementation Challenges**

- Communication
- Funding
- Clarity of mission and target audience
- Value added – publications?

Discussion

Your Feedback to Us

- Insights on “Mission”
- Insights on “Governance”
- What implementation challenges do you foresee?
- Are you willing to support?
- Are you willing to help implement?

