



The Boardman-Ottaway River Restoration Project: A timeless model for collaboration and convergence of disparate communities

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Project Fundamentals

- Remove Brown Bridge, Boardman and Sabin Dams, and modify Union Street Dam
- Return the Boardman to a more natural, cold water, free flowing river



An Evolutionary Model For Restoration – Started with an idea....

Create a diverse and dynamic advisory team of funders and resource stewardship leaders:

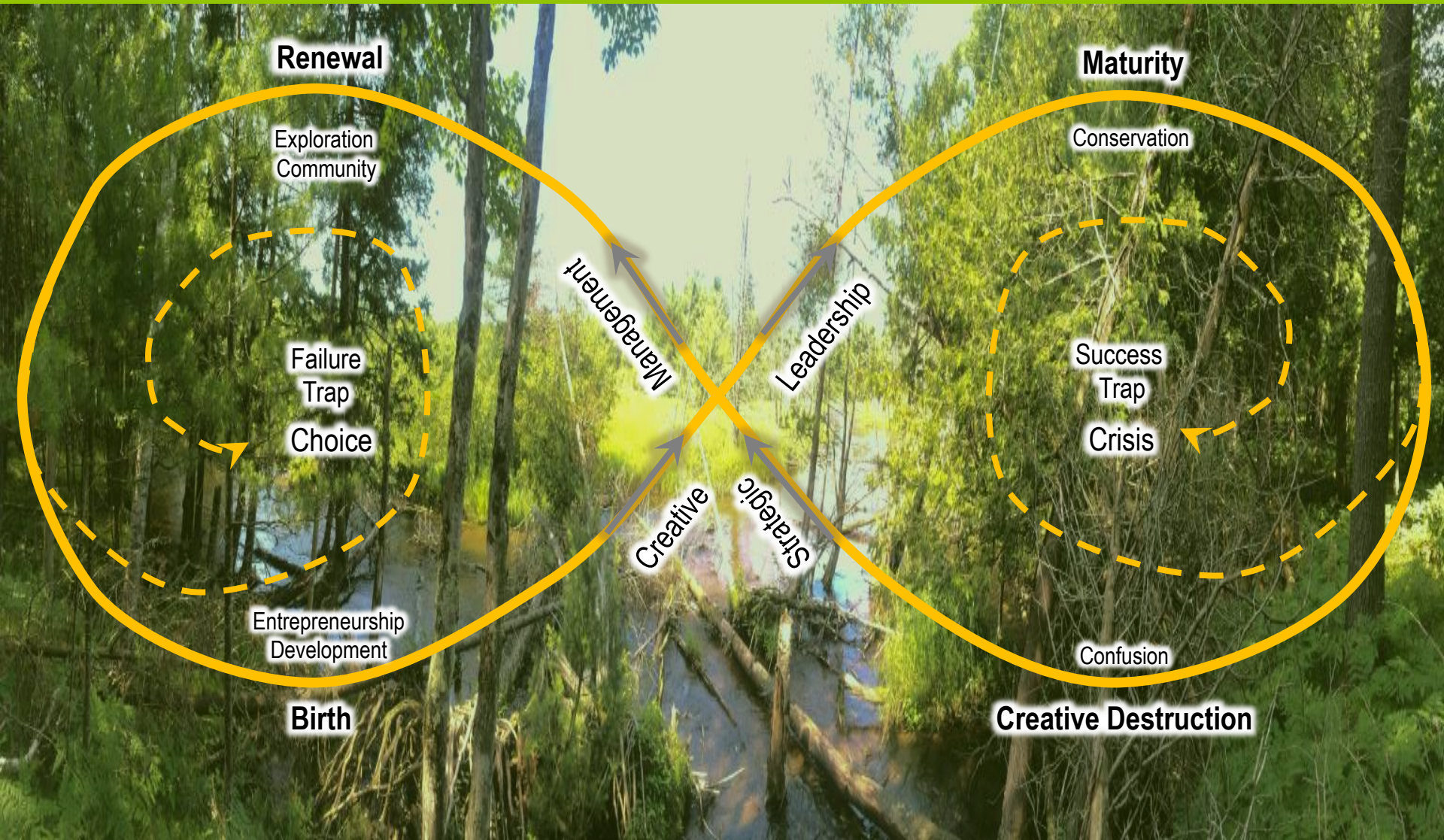
- Help find and leverage funding and other resources that align with local priorities
- Implement policy change at the state level that will allow watershed-based hydrologically conscious economic development balanced with a meaningful conservation ethic
- Create regional strategies for prosperity and sustainability

An Evolutionary Model For Restoration – Continues to emerge

Iterative Learning Process Works To Instill A Traditional Ecological Knowledge Based Conservation Ethic

- Much like species/system evolution learns to adapt and solve a constant supply of “survival problems” in order to seek balance in its existence; An Eco-cyclic Model for collaboration helps build intuitive understanding into complex systems
- Establishing common ground in water...
- This model allows the time and space for a convergence of disparate communities.
- Everything, every being, every process, EVERYTHING has a life cycle; it's simply a matter of scale in time and space - the key is to learn how best to adapt and survive in the face of adversity and change.
- **Foremost - let's try not reinvent the wheel.** Look for solutions to our challenges by first understanding that in all likelihood Nature has very likely long solved similar challenges through adaptation and evolution.

Eco-cyclic Model For Collaborative Restoration - A system Grounded in trust and relationships



A Grounded Model For Collaborative Restoration

Renewal
Wisdom
Community
Leaders

Maturity
Truth
Good Policy

Failure
Courage

Success
Respect

Citizen
Engagement

Economic
Development

Entrepreneurship
Development
Love

Creative
Strategic
Humility
Placemaking

Confusion
Creative Destruction
Honesty

Watershed
Planning

Governmental
Involvement

TRUST



THE BOARDMAN RIVER DAMS STUDY

When Are We Done?

“Walking in a good way...when I reflect on my journey through life: What is the path I will choose? What steps will I take while on this journey? What impact, good or bad, will my steps have on the world around me? Will I be able to look back on my journey and feel proud? Have I truly tried to Walk in a Good Way?”

Henry “Hank” Bailey

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