

Driftless Area Restoration Effort

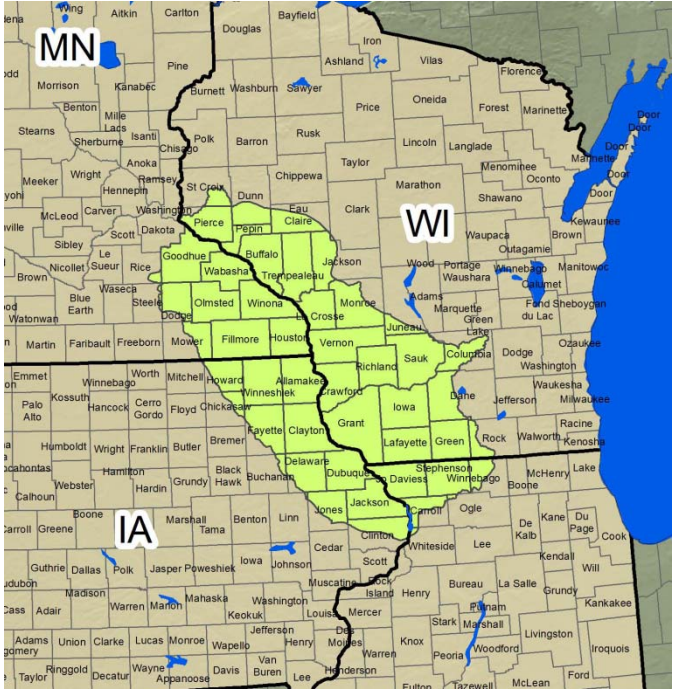
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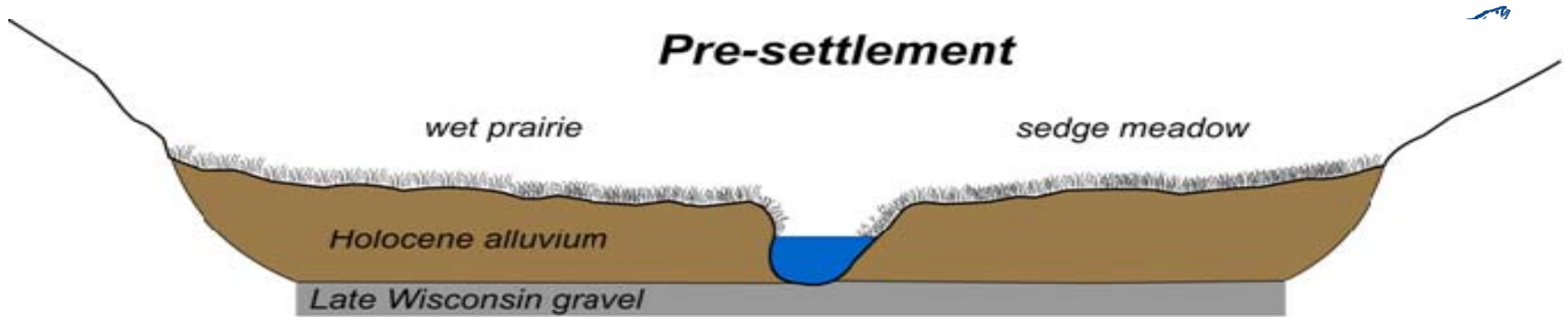


Driftless Area: WI, MN, IA, IL

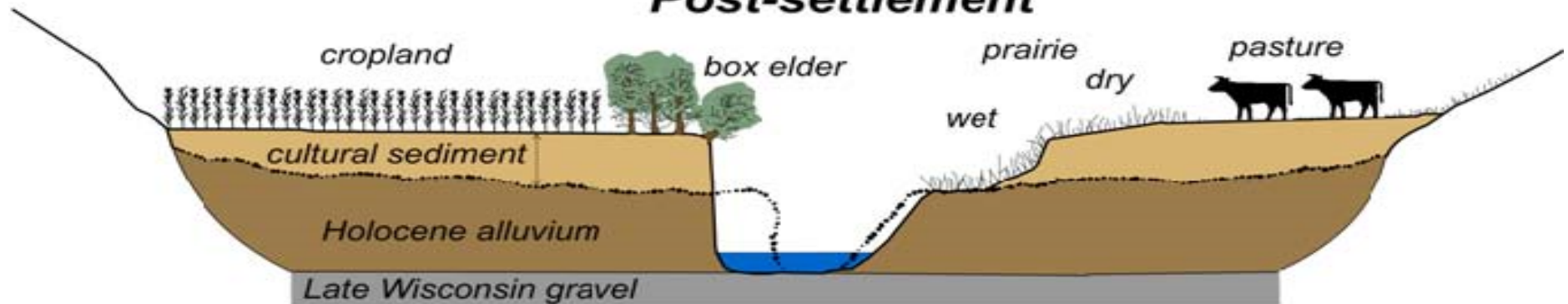




Pre-settlement



Post-settlement





Historical bank height elevation.

1930s



Credit: NRCS

Wis-917

Before



During



After

No erosion...
Restored stream...after
evening of high water.

Water
elevation
during storm.





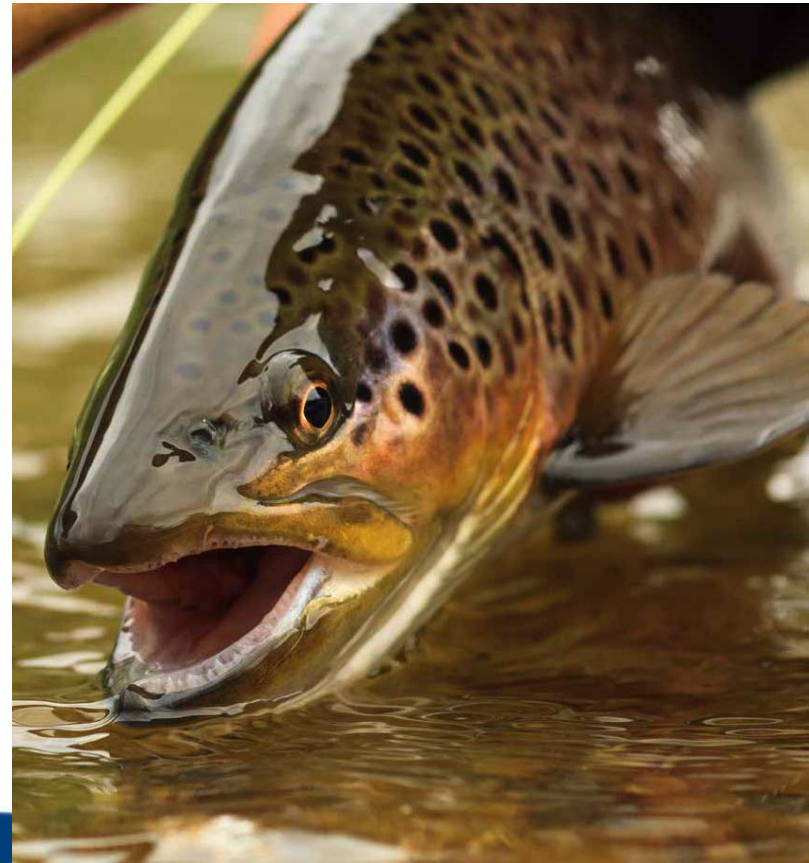
Project Planning Workshops



✎ >450 volunteers

Topics:

- ✎ Farm bill programs
- ✎ Liability
- ✎ Fundraising
- ✎ Easements
- ✎ Working with landowners



TU Chapter Workdays



Elk Creek



*Building Capacity of county,
state and federal employees.
NRCS – technical standards
DNR – habitat management,
permits, demonstration.*

Contractor Workshops

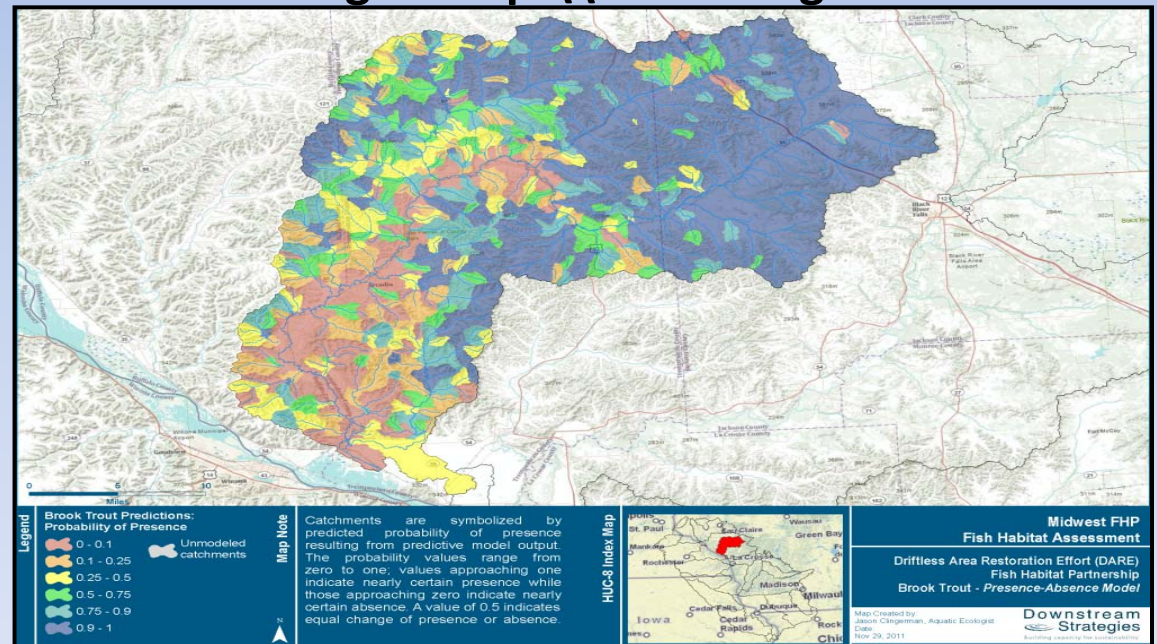


Fish Habitat Decision Support Tool

<http://www.fishhabitatool.org>

Moving to <http://ecos.fws.gov> soon!

NFHP funds for DARE went to fund the development of the web based Decision Support Tool for the Midwestern fhps. The web based DST was based on the completed habitat condition assessments and served as the baseline to further refine assessments and aid managers and practitioners in setting priorities.



Downstream Strategies
building capacity for sustainability



Save The Date!

6th Annual Driftless Area Symposium

Tuesday, March 26th, and
Wednesday, March 27th, 2013

Radisson Hotel
200 Harborview Plaza
La Crosse, WI

Join Us!

This is a great opportunity to network,
learn and connect! Two separate tracks
will be offered. Breakout sessions covering:
Watershed and Riparian Management



More information coming soon on registration & agenda to:

<http://www.darestitution.com/Symposium.html>

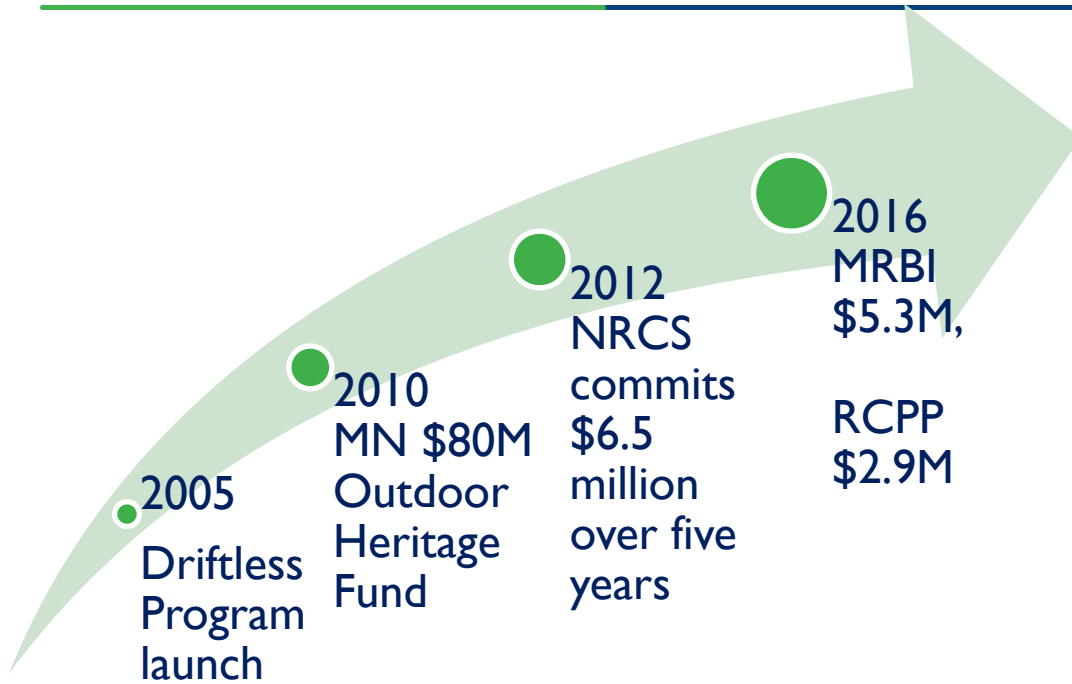


Radisson,
La Crosse, WI

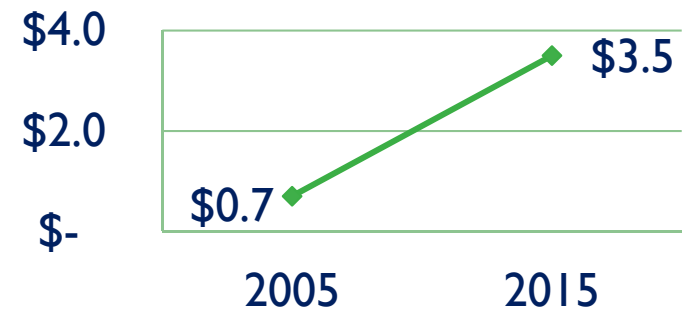
Riparian & Watershed sessions



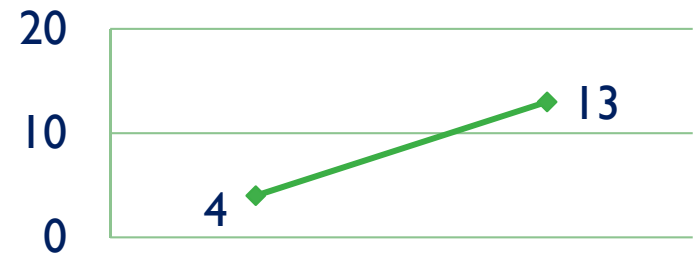
Driftless Area Program Funding



Annual Restoration Funding (millions)



Annual Miles Restored



Results



450 miles of access easements added

- More than 100 miles of spring creek restoration over the past decade.
- 200 projects
- \$40 million raised
- >450 volunteers trained



Economic Impact



- ✎ \$1.6 billion economic impact
- ✎ 6,500 jobs
- ✎ 80% of anglers surveyed are now “more likely” to fish the Driftless Area



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