

Upper Susquehanna Coalition

Headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay



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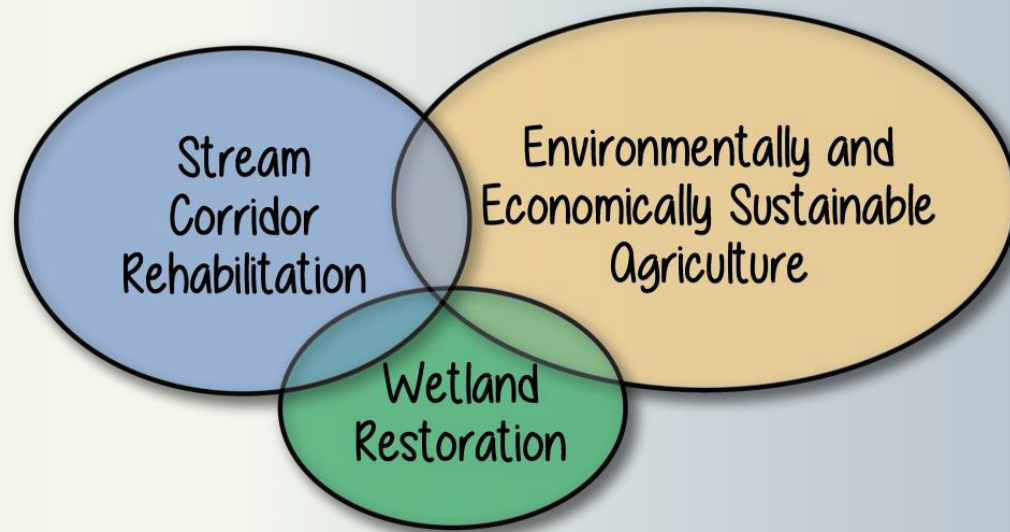


The Watershed



- 7500 square miles
- 13,800 miles of streams
- 17,000 miles of roads
- 69% Forested
- 23% Agriculture
- 3% Suburban/Urban
- 4% Open Water/Wetlands

Focus Areas



USC Approach to Focus Areas

- Wetland Team
- Stream Team
- Ag Team
- **Concept of teams is to build capacity within USC and our partners to address nonpoint source issues within our identified focus areas**



Keys to Success

- Partnerships
- Coordination at a regional level
- SWCD's Relationships and reputations at the local level
- Flexible funding
- Prioritizing work based on local needs
- Regional Delivery
- Team Development that provides local support and expertise

Partners

NRCS
 NYS Federation of Kettle Lakes Associations
 Regional Planning Boards
 The Wetland Trust
 Butternut Valley Association
 CB Commission
 Friends of the Chemung River
 4-H Clubs
 Pennsylvania State Conservation Commission
 The Nature Conservancy

NYSDAM
 EFC
 ESD
 Binghamton University
 Choose Clean Water Coalition
 FSA
 Friends of the Chemung River
 US Forest Service

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 NYSDOT
 One Tree Planted
 Ontario Co. SWCD
 Stroud
 SUNY Oneonta
 Land Trusts: Finger Lakes & Otsego Land Trust

Upper Susquehanna Conservation Alliance
 Tri-County Grazers
 Alliance for CB
 SRBC
 NYS Wetlands Forum
 RC&Ds
 NFWF
 YCC
 Co. WQCCs
 Chesapeake Bay Program
 Trout Unlimited
 Cornell University
 Natural Heritage
 Cornell Cooperative Extension
 NYSWCC
 Farm Bureau
 Wetland Restoration & Training
 University of Vermont

NYSDEC
 County Planning Departments

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FUNDING SOURCES



Soil and Water Conservation Committee



Agriculture and Markets

Philosophy

- Implementation
- Support soft practices in the watershed
 - Ag: Grazing, nutrient management planning, buffers, streams, precision feed management, cover cropping, etc
 - Streams: ESI, stream rehabilitation, berm removal
 - Wetlands: wetland restoration and protection
- Don't compete with funding for SWCD's for structural work
- Constantly looking for opportunities to fund local needs
 - Teams help to build capacity within Districts and provide support if there isn't capacity there
- FILL GAPS (technically and financially)

Lessons Learned

- Work takes time
- Financial Resources
- Technical Resources
- Voluntary Approach
- Relationships at Local Level



No SINGLE program is the solution



Tools Needed





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