

Rangeland Summit The Roads to Restoration

“We abuse land because we see it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.”

— Aldo Leopold

“Examine each question in terms of what is ethically and aesthetically right, as well as what is economically expedient. A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.”

— Aldo Leopold

Goal: to Share the journey that the Yager/Van Duzen Environmental Stewards (Y.E.S) has taken of traveling from a place of constrained engagement down the road to our current state of catalyzed restoration

*This journey has the ability to build landscape and landowner Resiliency, Improve Effectiveness of Conservation efforts, while **Building PARTNERSHIPS based on Trust***

Resilient partnerships draw on diverse knowledge, skills, abilities, viewpoints, and relationships to learn, adapt, innovate, and transform in the face of disturbance.

THEMES:

Pre trip planning: or making sure that you have the right PEOPLE, PLACE AND TIME

- Is there a momentum?
 - What is the Rally for landowner engagement?
- Reward has to be greater than the risk
- Relationships are all about the people

Rules of the Road

- Landowners have a “bundle” of concerns that serve as drivers. Of primary concern is having an economically beneficial and an efficient landscape scale business
- *Government as a partner can provide unique resources, incentives and opportunities important to collective efforts*
- Multiparty place based cooperative efforts/projects are grounded in high quality information.
- There are natural Connections between people, communities and nature/ecosystems
- Benefits that accrue to society include public goods such as clean air, clean water, aesthetics, and open space

Travel guide

- Conservation and restoration work on private landscapes work best under the model partner centric conservation in contrast to the older model of biological centric conservation
- Over half of the species on the federal endangered species list have more than 80% of their habitat on nonfederal lands

Building Bridges of Trust

- Shared Ownership and shared responsibility
- Use the 80/20 rule of working on the 80% you can agree on.
- Remember that it is about the Project/Issue, not People
- Pick Solutions not fights
- Have Fun....Share a meal and make sure that are gracious and generous with praise and thanks
- Be honest, even when it's tough

Road Map

- Know where you are going. Take the time to develop your group's mission and vision.
- Develop your values and rules as a group

Road Blocks

- Not purely interest driven approach that can allow certain interests or resources to be exploited
- Ego Centric
- *Funding for CAPACITY, without the funding to pay for a group to work together with staff, movements can lose momentum.*
- Communities are able to foster self-regulation among users to the extent that the community plays an important role in their lives.

Navigator

- Who's in the driver's seat
 - Critical to have a landowner champion to be the face, as they have more credibility with other landowners and have the ability to drive the project forward than the best intended government agency or staff
- Who's on the bus?
 - Have the right State and Federal staff
 - Multi parties are on the bus and leads to shared responsibility for success and outcomes

Stops along the way

- Stop for a picnic and to smell the roses
 - Proper timing is critical. Too often the desire is to move the project/issue along. Successful relationships and projects are based on the slow development of relationships built over time
- Pick up Hitch Hikers...
 - Groups need diversity and sometimes needs new players to get re-energized or bring new thoughts to the group.