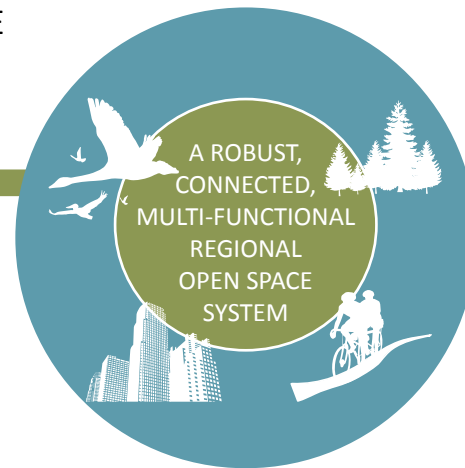


PUGET SOUND REGIONAL OPEN SPACE STRATEGY ROSS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MAY 3, 2012
8:30 - 10:30am

REPORT FROM
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS
WORKING DRAFT



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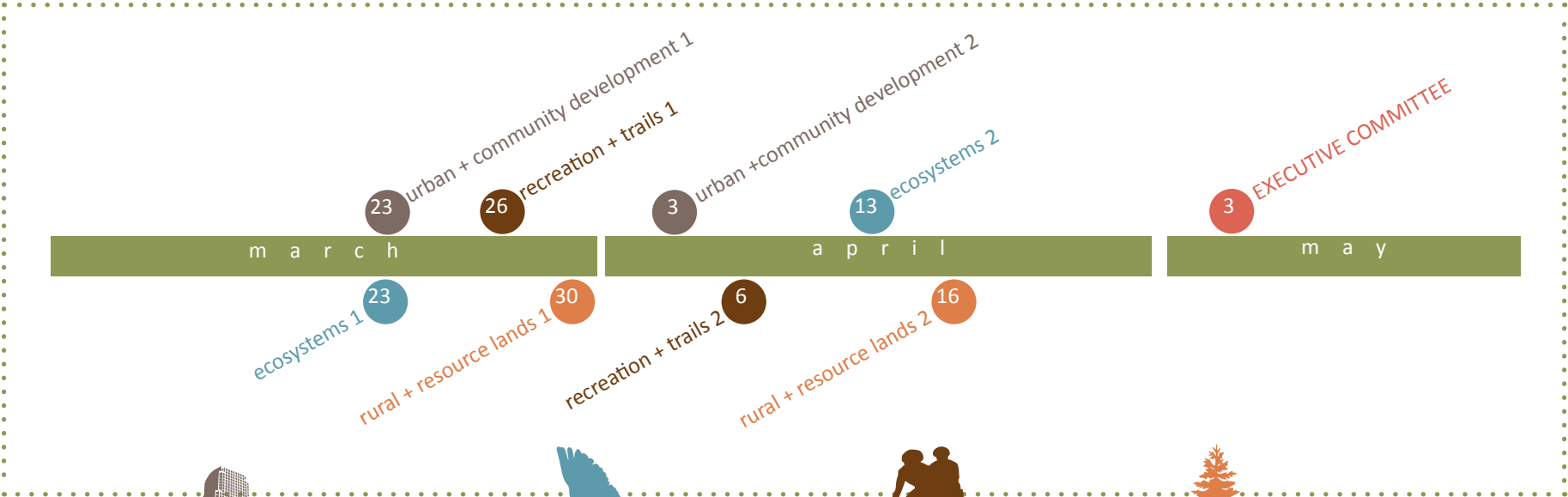
EACH TAC HAD TWO WORK SESSIONS:

SESSION 1:

Early Principles/Goals + Assets/Opportunities/Challenges/Gaps

SESSION 2:

Established Sub-visions, Reviewed Working Conceptual Tools + Highlighted Partners and Resources



TIMELINE OF TAC WORK SESSIONS



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ECOSYSTEMS

URBAN + COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A complete, connected, diverse, financially viable, publicly embraced and well managed open space system of appropriately scaled spaces that accommodates the needs of the environment and assures community health, personal well-being, and provides access for all members of the community regardless of their exact geographic location or income



A diverse and resilient landscape of rural and resource lands owned and operated by those that live in or are connected to the region. This landscape provides the food, resources, and ecosystem services we need; supports active resource-based economies; fosters rural communities; contributes to the identity and health of the region; and preserves our legacy for future generations.

RURAL + RESOURCE LANDS

RECREATION + TRAILS

A complete, context-sensitive, well managed and maintained system of land and water resources that promotes the full spectrum of human recreational activity, offering opportunities for all people and contributing to the health and vitality of current and future generations. This system provides for the full continuum of communities urban to rural, alpine to marine, land and water.



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WORKING
ROSS VISION
+ TAC SUBVISIONS



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ECOSYSTEMS TAC CO-LEADS

Bob Fuerstenberg, King County DNRP – Retired
Crittter Thompson, UW Decision Commons

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STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Incorporate & link current efforts such as Puget Sound Partnership Watershed Characterization & WRIAs; TNC and state/county habitat assessments; and Biodiversity Strategies.

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Evaluate varying contributions of open space landscape types and assess values derived from a regional open space strategy.

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Recognize that ecosystems extend beyond the four counties, occur at a variety of scales, and incorporate all lands, not just open space.

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Consult existing science identifying habitat priorities and outline appropriate management and gradients of public access.

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RURAL + RESOURCE LANDS TAC CO-LEADS

Lauren Smith, King County Executive's Office

Skip Swenson, Forterra

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STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Identify key lands that need protection by mapping rural land use, resource lands and current trends to highlight key conditions and threats.

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Outline gaps in research, monitoring, and protection strategies.

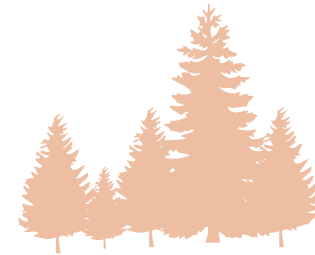
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Support rural communities and economies

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Position major land acquisitions as community investments

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RECREATION + TRAILS TAC CO-LEADS

Amy Shumann, Public Health - Seattle & King County
Jennifer Knauer, Hook Knauer LLC

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STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Integrate PSRC’s transportation-oriented trail plan with county level recreation-oriented trail planning to create a centralized, accessible database of existing trail plans and recreational/commuter trail maps.

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Utilize streets as open space – expand on the “complete streets” approach (e.g. biofiltration of surface runoff, tree canopies, multi-modal transit)

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Outline how best to link existing recreational assets by utilizing utility corridors and other linear systems.

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Improve regional wayfinding between parks and recreational facilities and within cities and urban areas.

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Utilize existing analysis (regional opportunity mapping and county health assessments) to ensure that priority open space investments address health inequities and expand active recreative opportunities for underserved counties and vulnerable populations.

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URBAN + COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TAC CO-LEADS

Ben Bakkenta, Puget Sound Regional Council

Joe Tovar, Inova Planning, Communications, & Design LLC

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STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Confront “open space deserts” and utilize major infrastructure corridors to organize regional investments in parks/plazas

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Establish regional agreements to ensure open space is provided in tandem with the provision of affordable housing and support large scale redevelopment efforts with open space.

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Support water trails and connections to water by utilizing the Puget Sound shoreline, lakes, rivers and creeks to organize open space investments.

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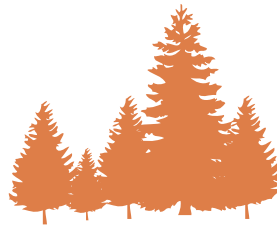


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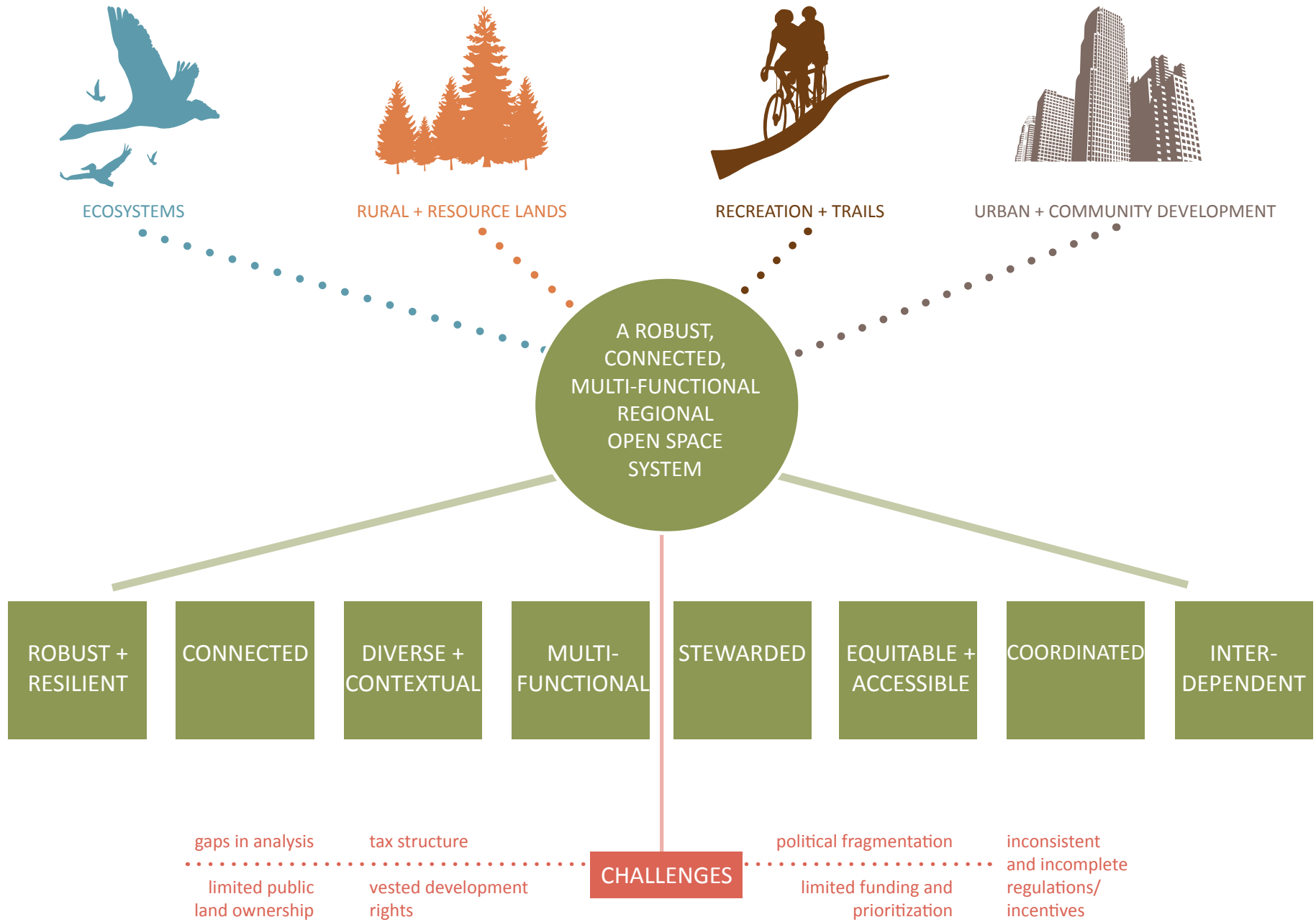
CROSS - TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARY

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SHARED PRIORITIES + CHALLENGES
WORKING CONCEPTUAL TOOLS

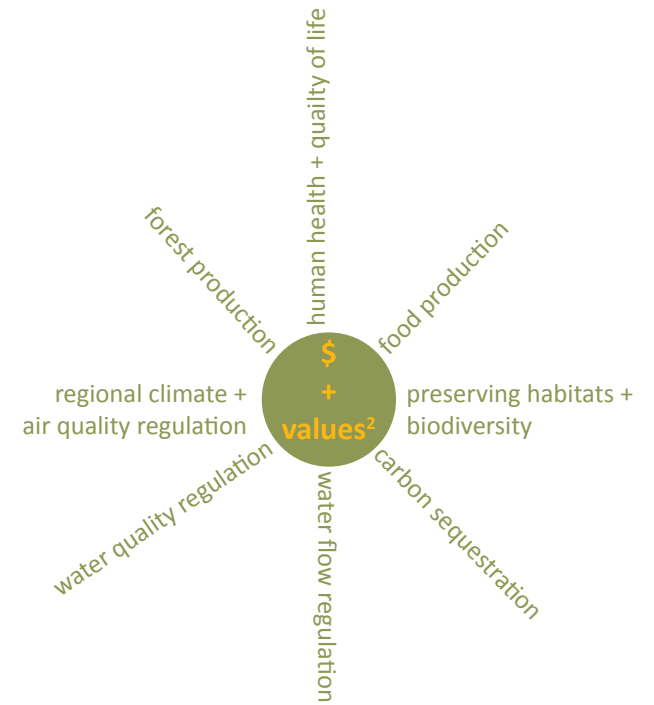
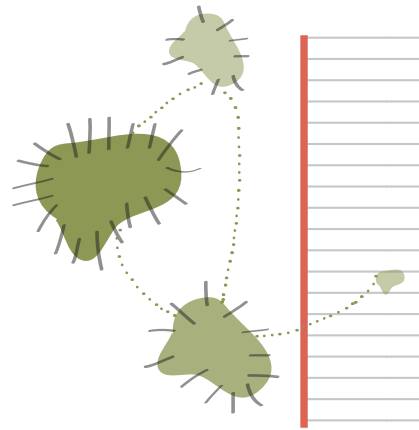
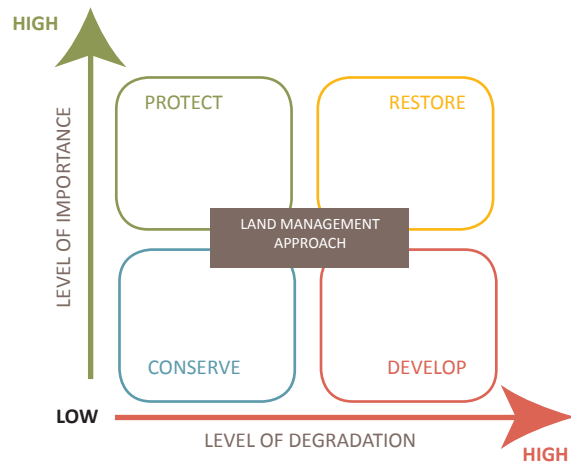


TAC SHARED PRIORITIES + CHALLENGES



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ECOSYSTEM BASED LAND ANALYSIS + VALUATION



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CHARACTERIZAION

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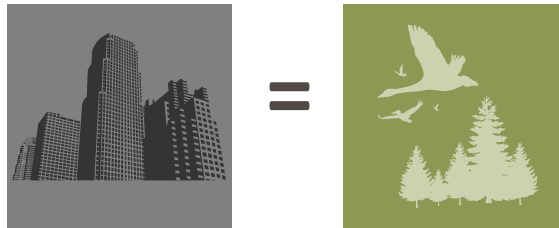
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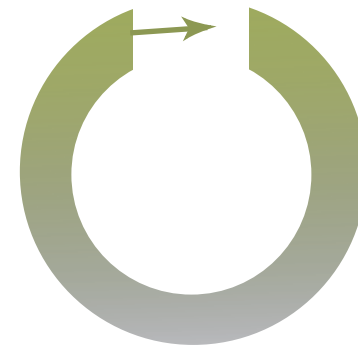
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GREY TO GREEN + GREEN TO GREY



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ecological function elsewhere?

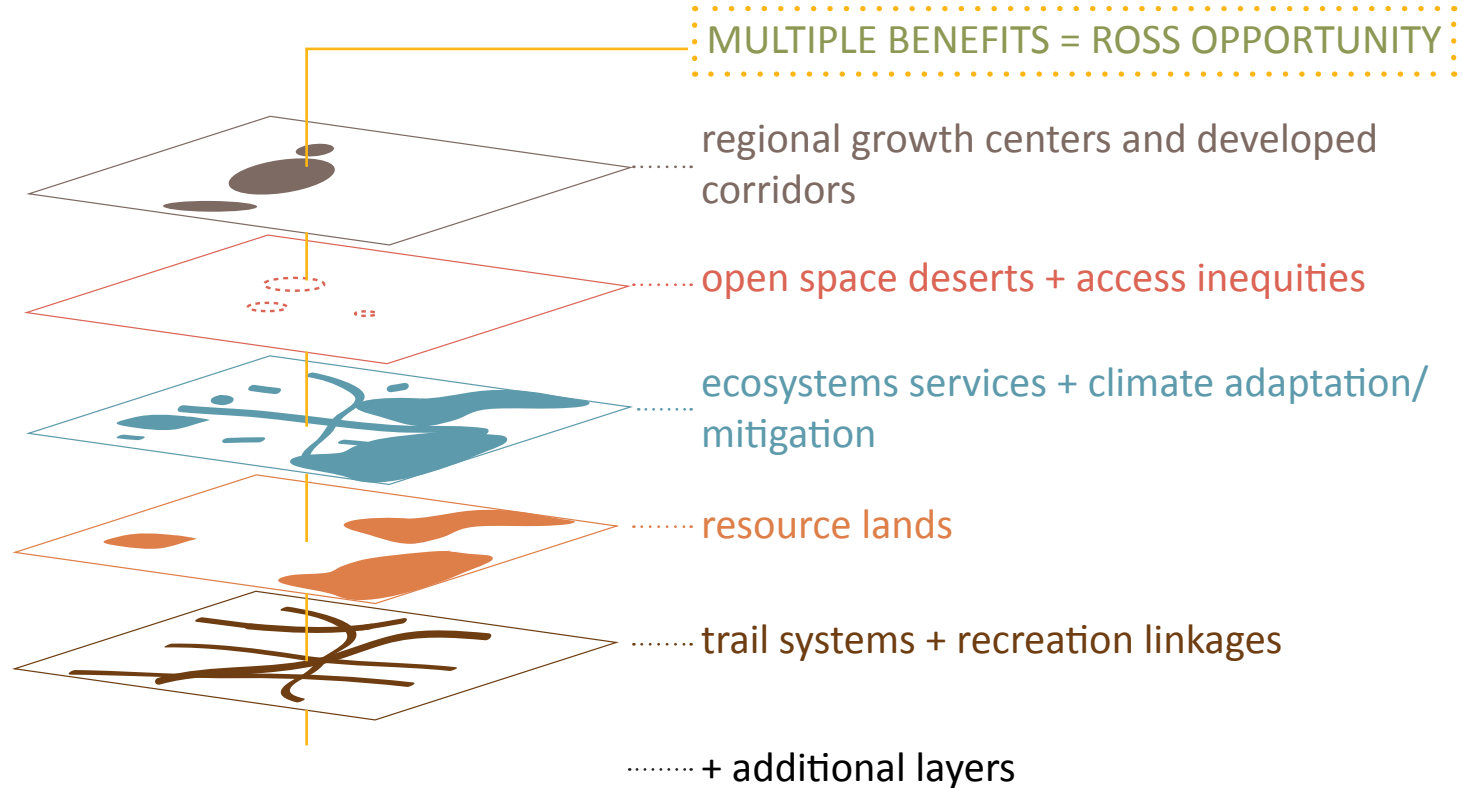
can urban greenspace and green
infrastructure reinforce growth and
development?



can disturbed areas be
restored to reclaim
ecological function?

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LAYERING + OPTIMIZING FUNCTIONS + VALUES



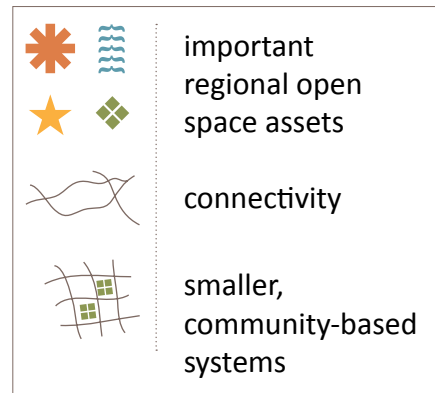
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ARTERIES + CAPILLARIES

conserving + enhancing
key regional resources

connecting assets to
create landscape scale
systems + provide
access (arteries)

ensuring that systems
are connected to local
communities
(capillaries)



ROSS WORKPLAN

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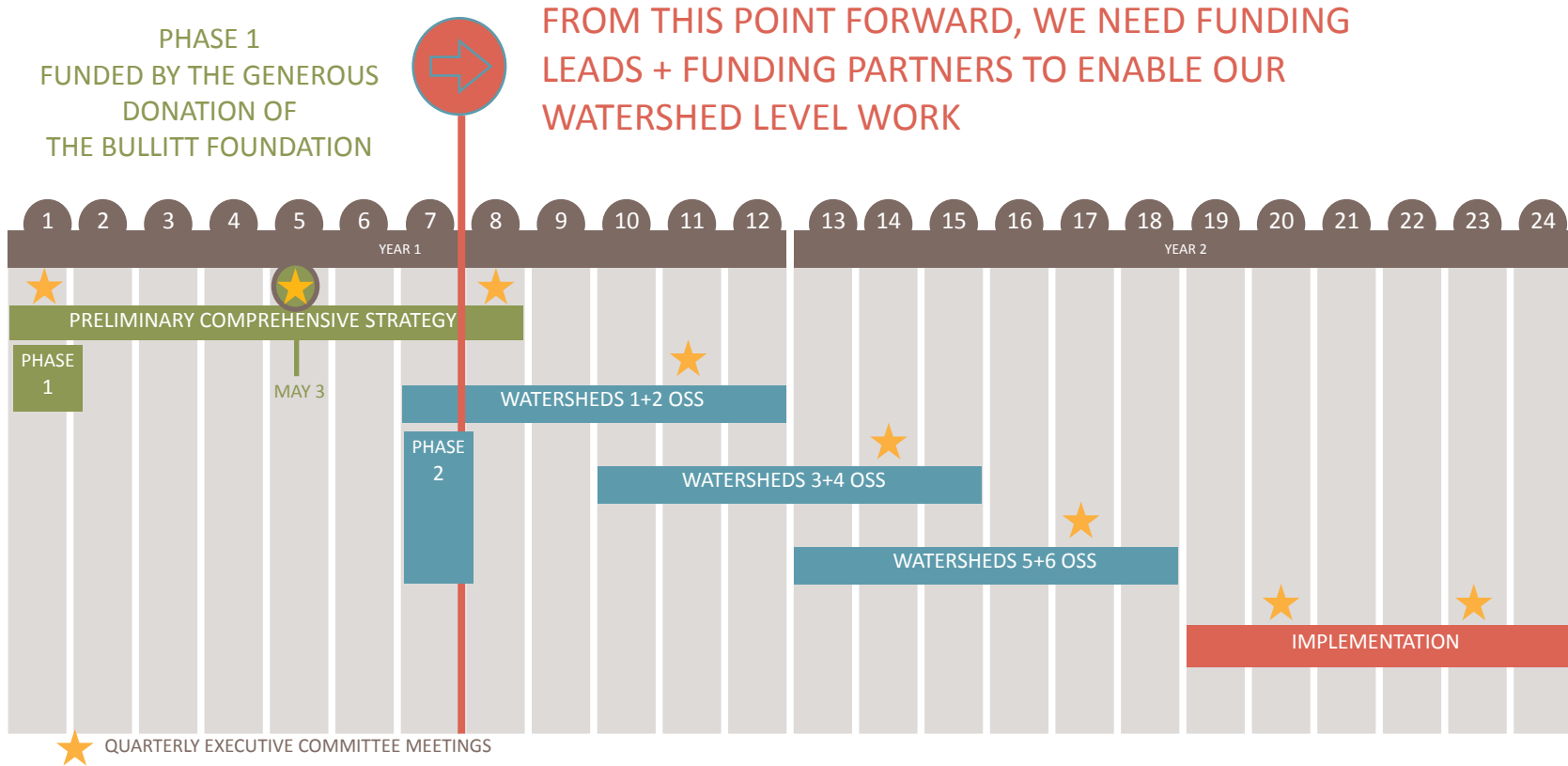
PHASE 1 SUMMER 2012

- Complete Preliminary Comprehensive Strategy
- Continue to foster alliances (ongoing)
- Secure funding for Phase 2
- Identify first 2 watersheds (likely based on funding)
- Explore current knowledge regarding ecosystem services and refine methodology for ecosystems approach. (This is the most challenging analytical element.)

PHASE 2 | START UP FALL - WINTER 2012-13 FUNDING NEEDED

- Organize with key participants already engaged in regional planning activities (PSP, TNC, Forterra, PSRC, counties, etc.) and obtain base data that they have developed. (i.e.: start with the big analytical pieces that are already underway)
- Begin mapping (This may be a challenge as the mapping protocols and data sets are likely not all congruent.)
- Complete watershed planning for first 2 watersheds
- Begin analysis and outreach for first 2 watersheds

CALENDAR + FUNDING NEEDED





WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

- WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE BASED ON THIS WORKING DRAFT?
- WHAT ELEMENTS AND THEMES ARE MISSING?
- WHAT ADVICE CAN YOU OFFER OUR FUTURE WORK?
- HOW SHOULD THE ROSS APPROACH FUNDING PARTNERSHIPS TO ENSURE THIS WORK IS ADVANCED?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT