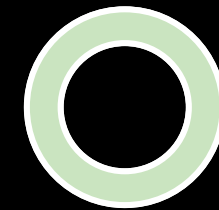
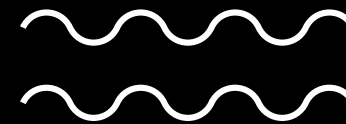
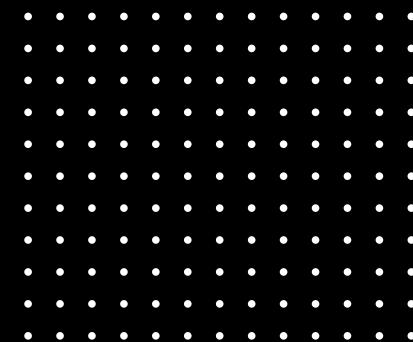


Developing a new
(consolidated)
“Healthy Forests
and Trees”
Outcome?




- Would enable a broader consideration of all the forests and trees in the watershed, outside of riparian areas and communities, and consideration of opportunities to improve forest health/condition
- The previously proposed Watershed Health outcome would have covered forests more broadly, but that has since evolved into a decision support focused outcome so there is now a gap
- Would enable development of a consolidated Management Strategy and Workplan
- Could eventually develop additional outputs or indicators related to overall forest/TC trends in the watershed, forest stewardship, agroforestry and more

Pros of consolidating





Cons of consolidating

- Having separate outcomes helps maintain more focus on these two critical (but different) areas for restoring trees and forests
 - Having two distinct outcomes also speaks to the differences in the communities, landscapes, and people engaged in the work.
 - Consolidating into a broader outcome would also be a significant broadening of the scope of work for the Forestry Workgroup
 - Could be capacity limitations with developing additional outputs/indicators
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Considerations for consolidating

- Is there a way to combine the outcomes in a way that better drives towards the ultimate watershed restoration goal?
- Would combining into a broader outcome result in more holistic consideration of forests throughout the watershed?
- Would combining result in diluting focus on forest buffers and community tree canopy?
- Would a combined outcome be manageable for the FWG to support?

Potential option for a “Healthy Forests and Trees” outcome

Conserve and restore healthy forests and tree cover to maximize benefits for water quality, habitat and people throughout the watershed, with a particular focus on riparian areas and communities.

Working toward a net gain in canopy, plant and maintain ## new acres of community trees by 2035. Working toward having XX% of riparian areas forested throughout the watershed, plant and maintain XX acres of forest buffers and reduce the loss of existing forest buffers to achieve at least XX% of riparian areas forested by 2035.



Discussion

- Thoughts on suggested revised outcome language?
 - Would the proposed revised outcome help us better meet our watershed restoration goal?
 - Other input?
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