

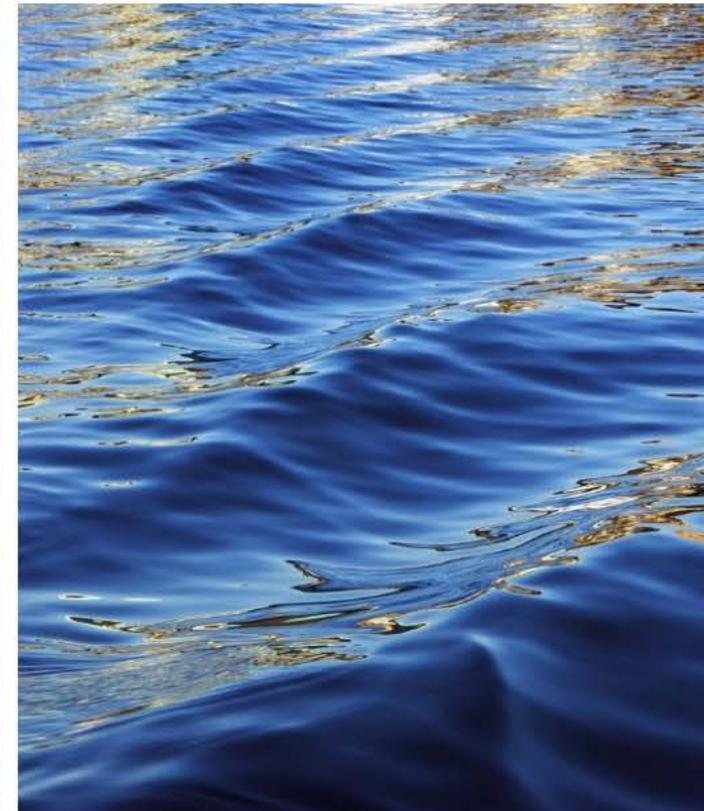


The Power of Networking & Collaboration

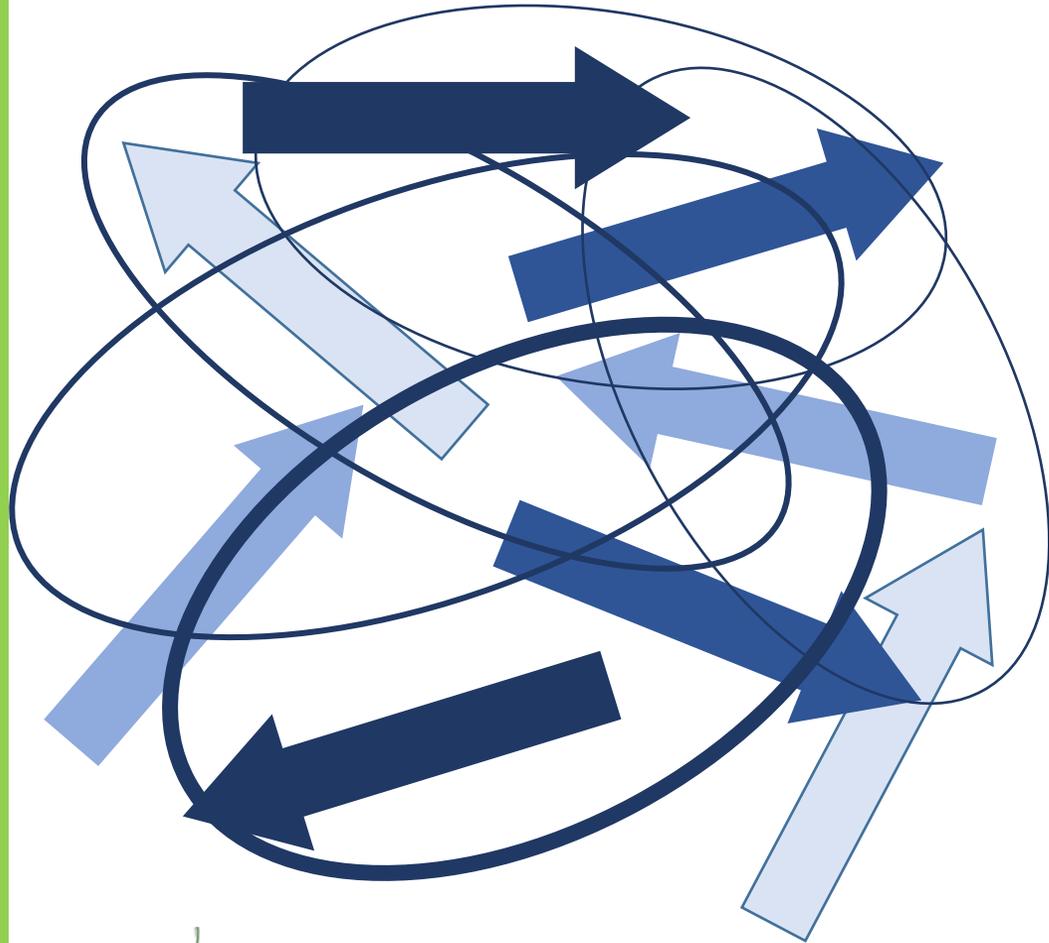
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Impact of Issue



We often...

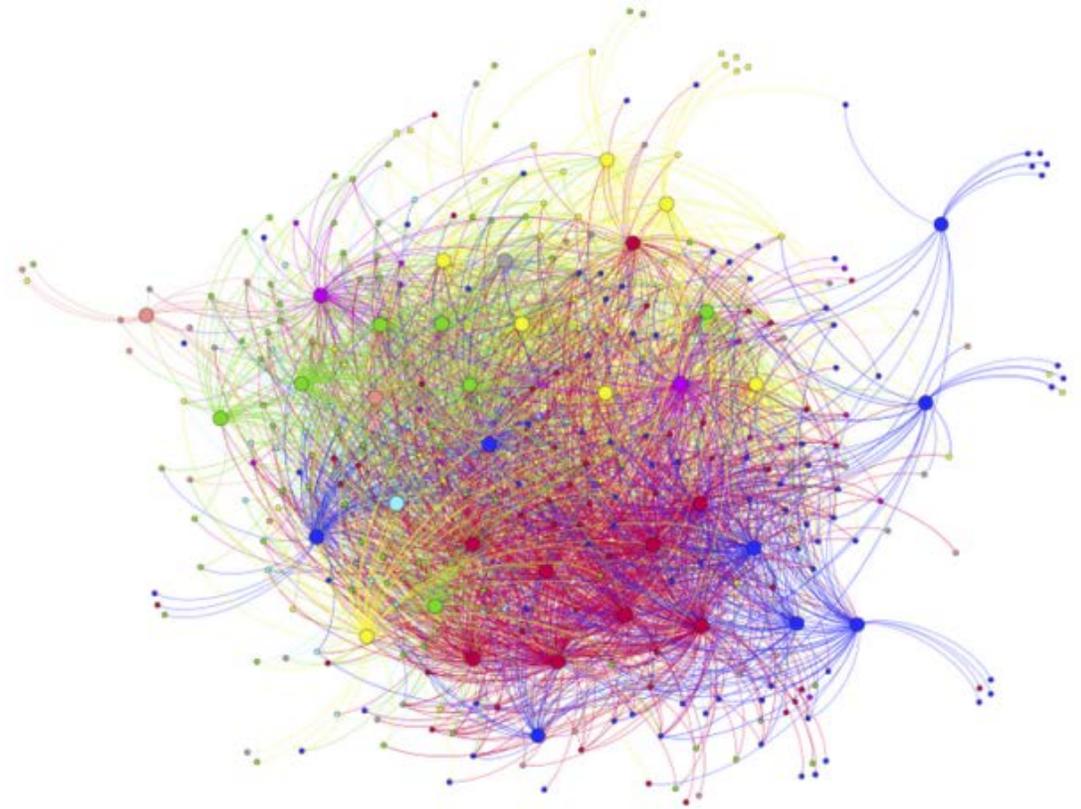
- Reinvent the wheel
- Function within single boundaries
- Compete for Resources
- Don't know what our neighbors are doing



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Cooperation Collaboration & Networking

- Joint Action
- Working together for common end/common good
- Working with someone to produce or create something
- Connect, link



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Our mission is to

Connect **Equip** **Mobilize**

*people and organizations to care
for land and water in their
community*



The Stewardship Network: Who We Are

We are **capacity builders**; providing **tools, resources, backbone support** to those who preserve, restore, and manage natural lands and waters in order to **increase the collective impact** of local conservation efforts and **knit this together** for large scale impact.



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- National & International Award-Winning Model
- "THE up-and-coming conservation organization with the right trajectory"
 - *John Curry, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation*
- Established in 1998
- Over 1,000 Partner Organizations
- 14 CCC's
 - 30 in Development
- One Hub in New England
- Inquiries from around the world



Online Resources

1. Monthly Webcast on various topics
2. Event Calendar
 - a) Share your event
 - b) Attend another
3. Job Postings
4. Archive of past webcasts and conference presentations



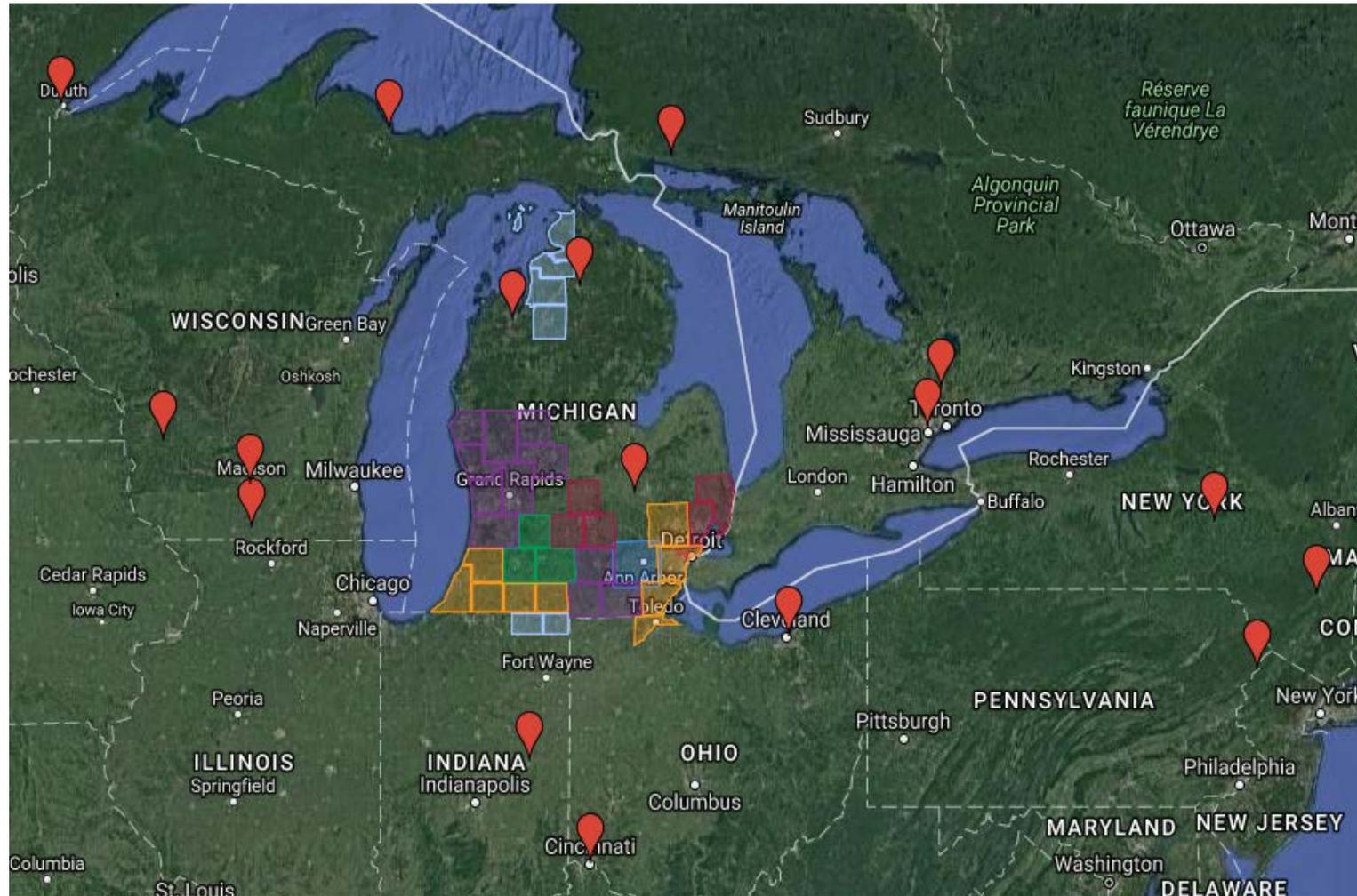
The Science, Practice & Art of Restoring Native Ecosystems



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Collaborative Conservation Communities

- Locally Defined & Controlled
- Both Organizations and Individuals
 - Local Organizers
 - Volunteers
 - Researchers
 - Gov. Agencies
- Broad Community Representation
- Revitalize System as a Whole



Collaborative Conservation Community Work

Learning & Engagement

- Trainings and workshops
- On-line discussions with thought leaders in NA protection
- Share the experience within The Stewardship Network

Conservation Action

- Implement on-the-ground ecological restoration
- Hold workdays
- Pool resources for stewardship crews

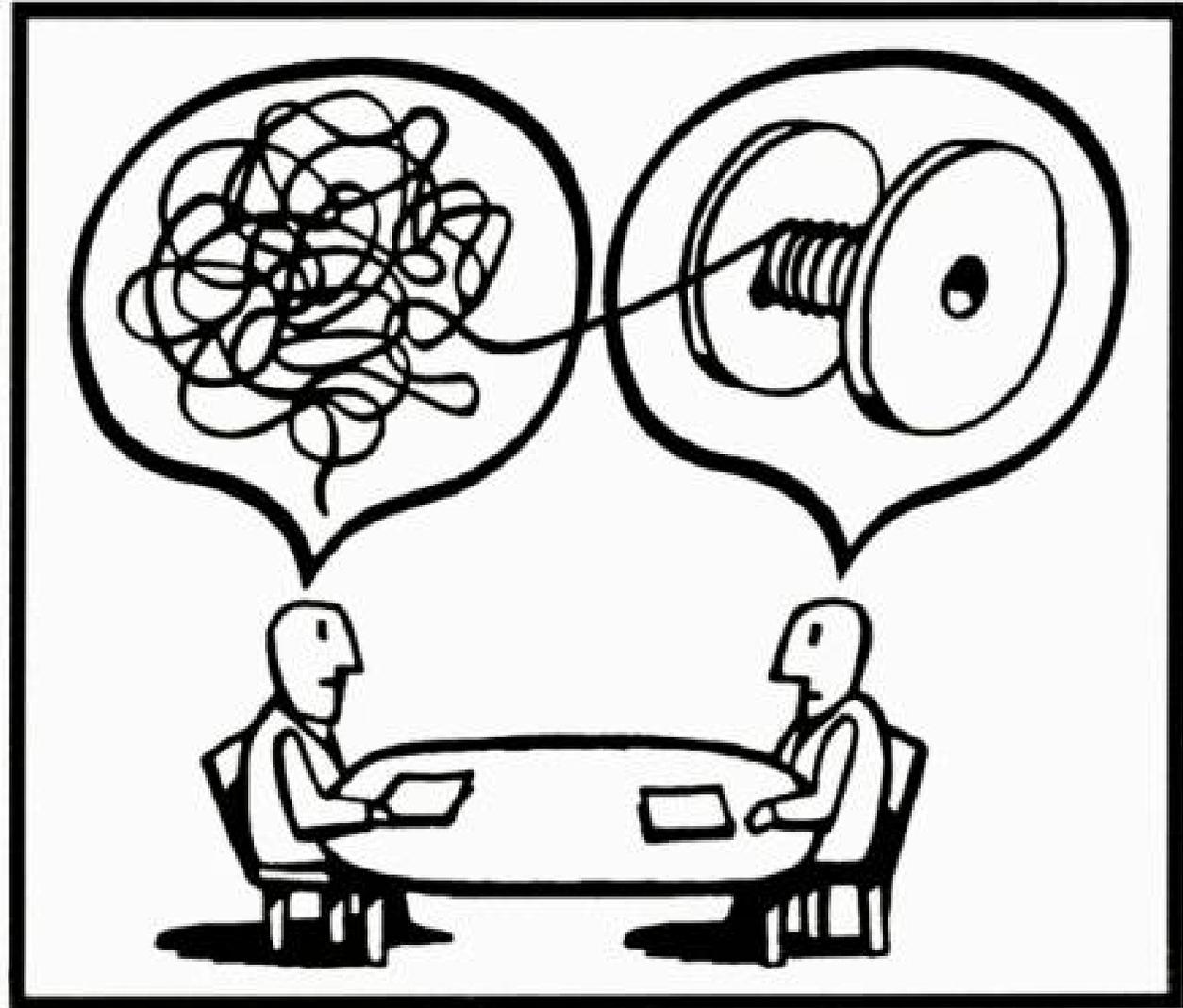


Networking & Collaboration

- Communication
- Flow
- CPR
- Conflict Wisdom
- Comprise
- Strengths
- Learning Zone

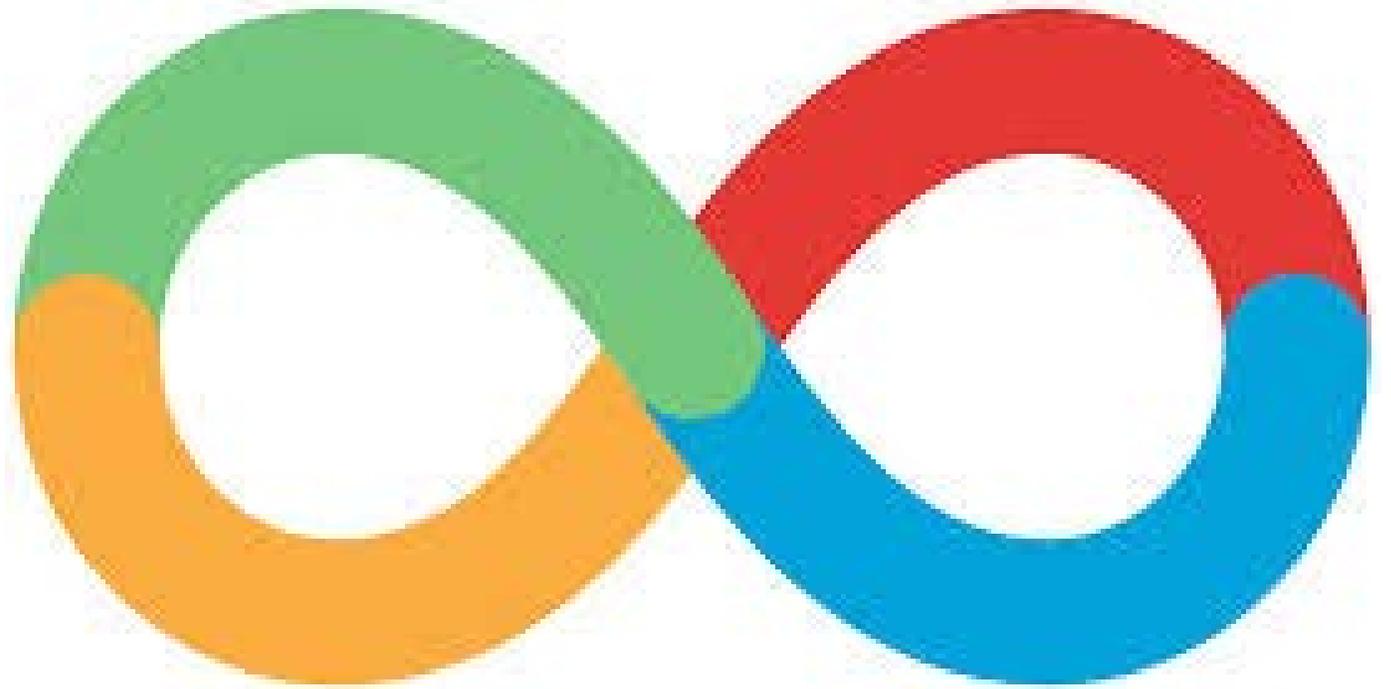


Communication



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Collaboration Can't Be Forced



CPR – Content, Process, Relationship

Content/Task/Results

Dimensions of Success

Relationship

Process



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Conflict Wisdom

- Opportunity / Creativity
- Understanding Triggers
- Communication
- Listening

“Whenever you're in conflict with someone, there is one factor that can make the difference between damaging your relationship and deepening it. That factor is attitude.”

~ William James

attitude



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Compromise

Meet me half way

Give & Take

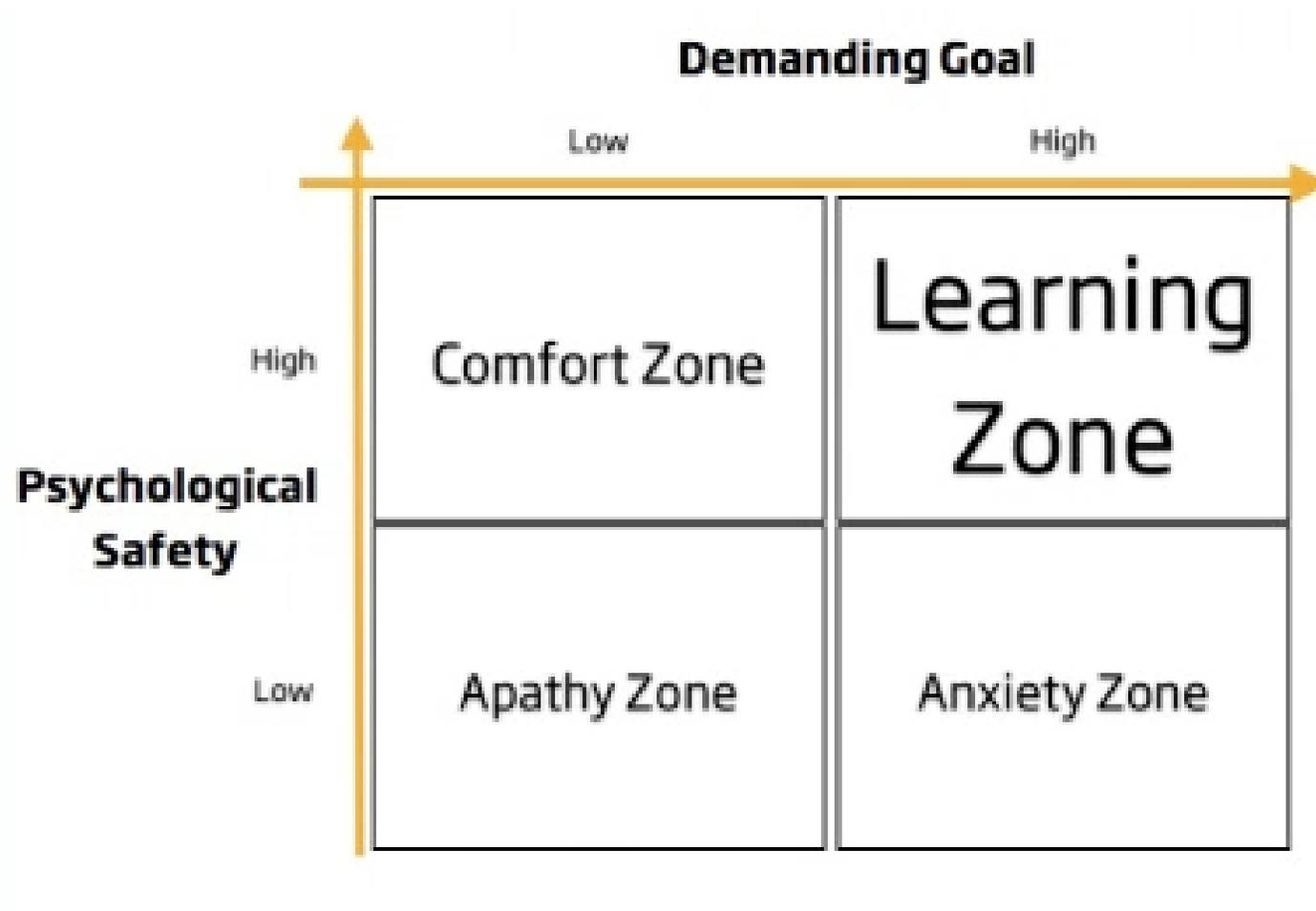


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Strengths / Appreciation



What Makes It Work

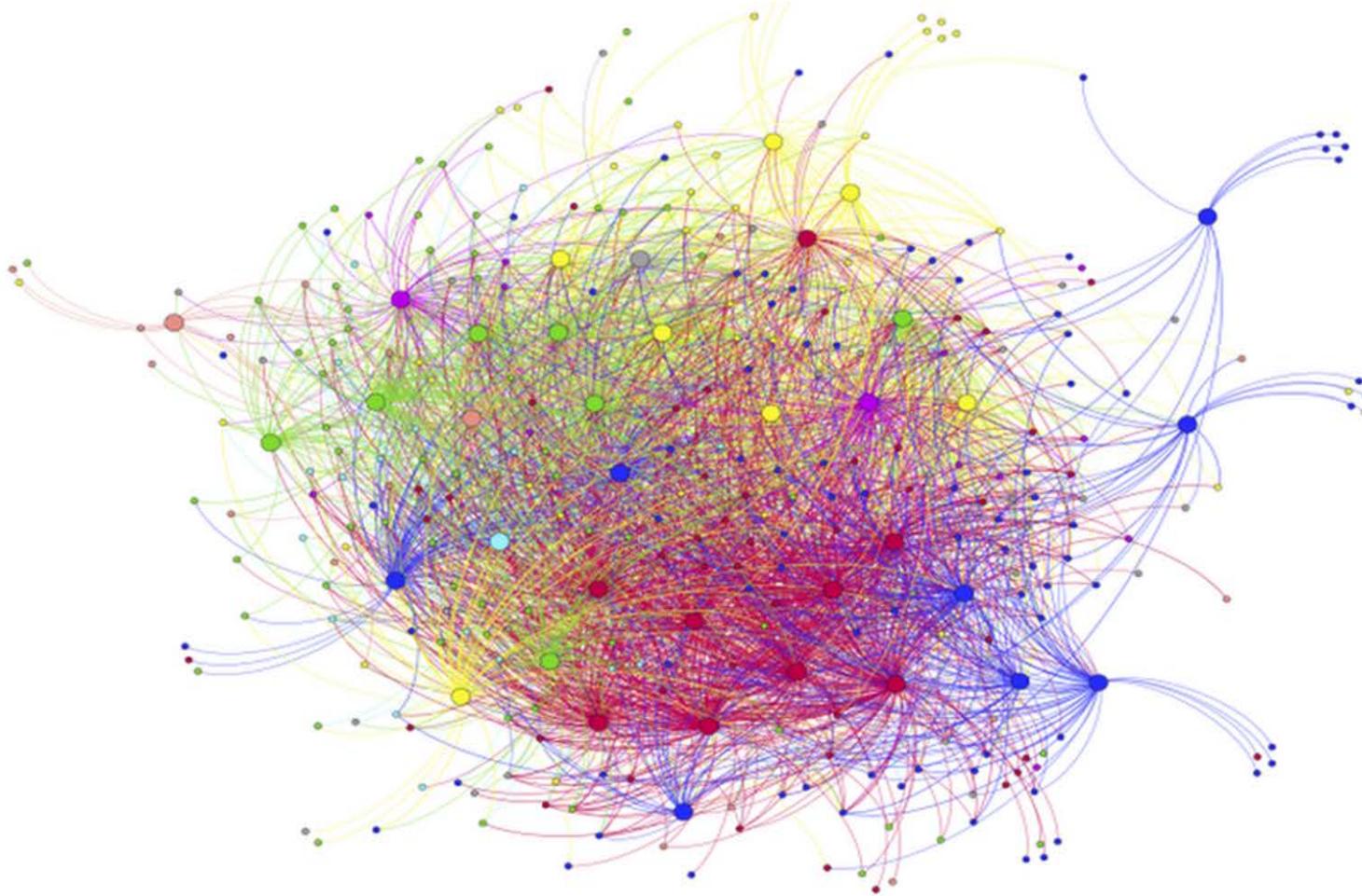


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Individual, Community, Ecosystem & Network Resilience



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Thank you!

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Grand Raisin Cluster, Michigan

- Established in 2002
- Jackson, Lenawee, Hillsdale & southwest Washtenaw Counties, MI
- Over 19 Organizations and 350+ Individuals
- On the Ground Action and Planning
- Workshops, Events, Online Networking for the community

- We bring:

- Experience
- Facilitation
- Convening diverse groups
- Resources
- Leadership Training
- Technical Trainings
- Technical Set-up & Support
- Project Management
- Grant Management
- Event Support



2010 – 2018

Funding: \$1,690,622

Match: \$888,604

Total Projects: \$2,579,286

Iron Creek Properties



- Started in 2008
- Grand Raisin Cluster (Michigan)
- Started with two families. Now ten & over 1,000 acres
- Shared field crew & equipment
- Rotating workdays
- Demonstration units
- Leverages volunteer efforts & private, state, & federal funds
- University of Michigan study site

- We bring:

- Resources
- Convening diverse groups
- Technical Expertise
- Event Support
- Tools
- Training



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West Michigan Conservation Network, Michigan

- Established in 2006
- Allegan, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana & Ottawa Co., MI
- 879 Individuals, 50+ Organizations
- Ecosystem restoration, workshops & events for environmental education



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Southern St Louis County, Minnesota

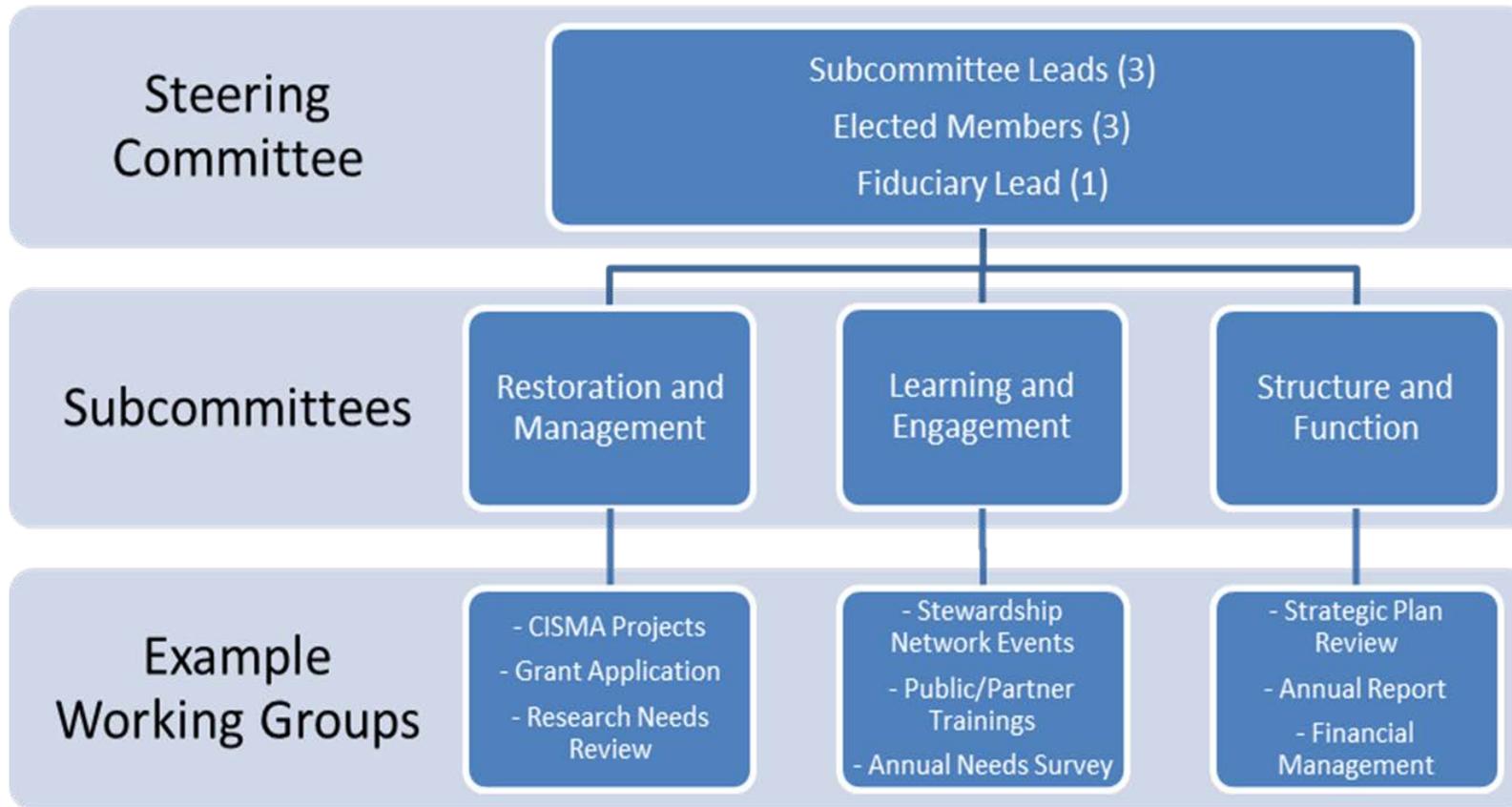
- Established in 2017
- Focus: Cooperative Invasive Species Management
- 48 Organizations
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation PTI Grant

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How They Work



- Novel, flexible combinations of talent, passion, & experience
- Responsive & Adaptive
- Episodic Contributions
- Multiplier Effect
- Transfer of Knowledge
- Holistic
- Positive, Strong Relationships

