



Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for the first Scajaquada Restoration CAG Meeting.

- **Help yourself to dinner!**
- **Break the ice - please introduce yourself to two (or more) people and share the following:**
 - Name and Pronouns
 - How are you connected to Scajaquada Creek?
 - Fun fact about yourself
- **We will start as a group promptly at 5:50pm.**



Scajaquada
Creek
Restoration
Plan

Community
Advisory
Group
Meeting #1

Agenda

- Introductions
- Presentation
 - Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper Mission
 - What is restoration?
 - Project Overview & Community partners
 - CAG mission and participation expectations
- Discuss Scajaquada Creek and drone footage
- Connection and engagement strategy
- Wrap up & final reminders



Goals for tonight's meeting:


1) Meet each other!

2) Understand what the Scajaquada Restoration Planning Project is and the CAG's role throughout it.

3) Start talking about Scajaquada Creek 😊

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- BNW Staff
 - Project Partners
 - CAG Members
 - Collaborators

Introductions

- Name & pronouns
 - Your organizational affiliation and/or neighborhood.
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**JOT DOWN
THOUGHTS
ON POST-
ITS TO ADD
TO THE
PONDERING
POND**



We **PROTECT**
clean water.



We **RESTORE**
the health of
ecosystems.

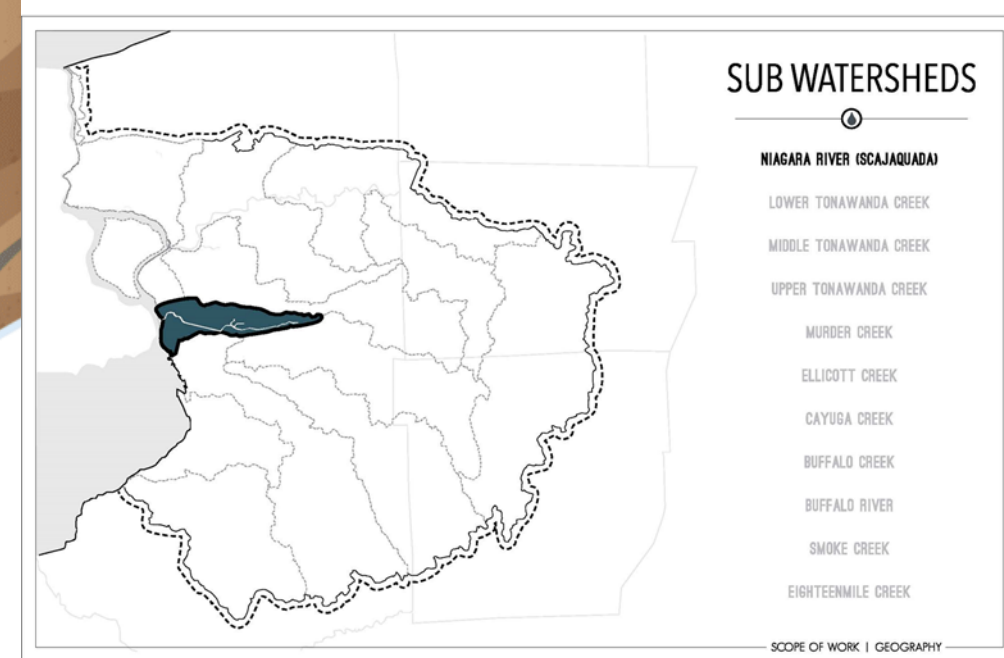
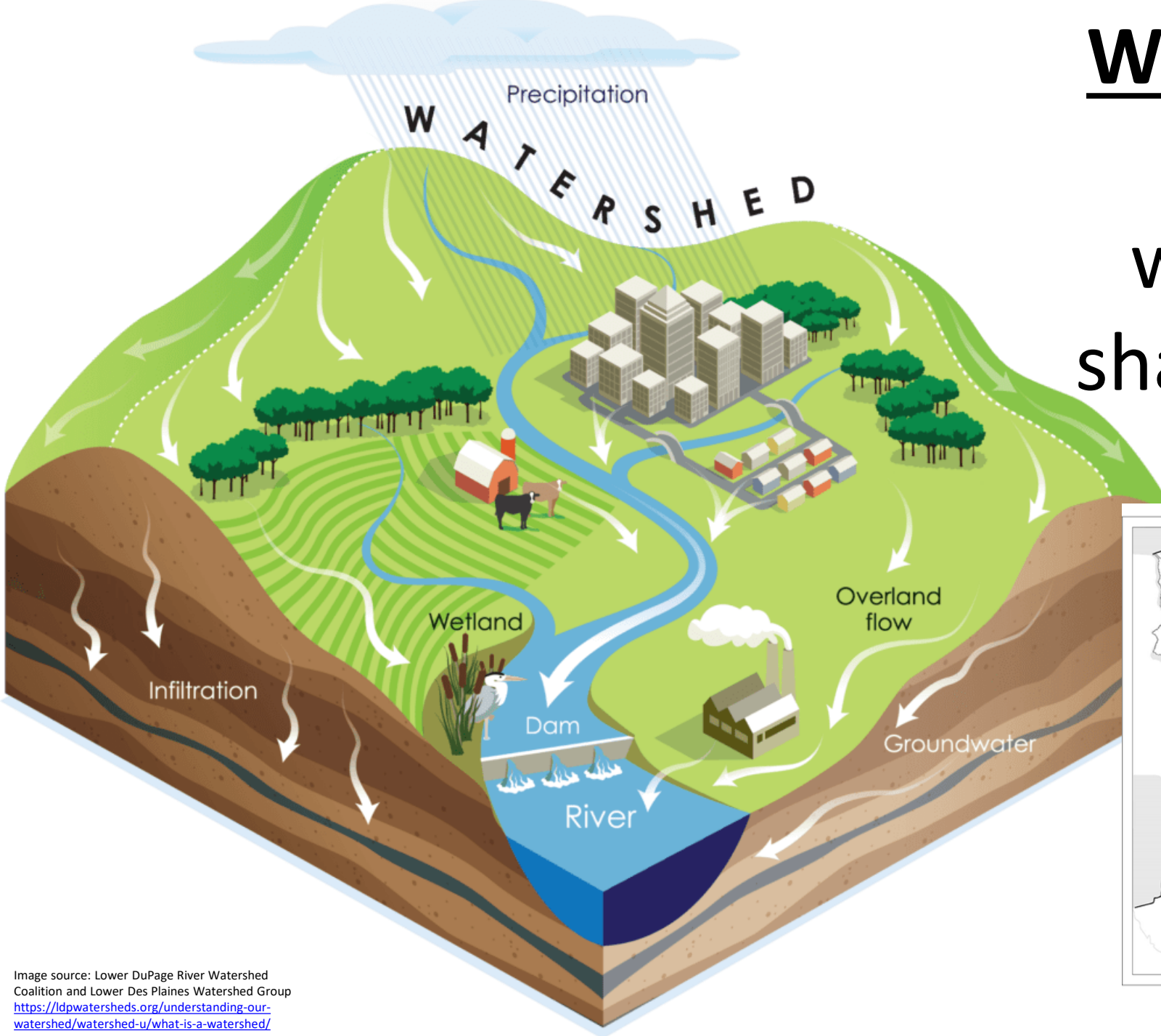


We **CONNECT**
people to the
water.



We **INSPIRE**
economic growth
and community
engagement.

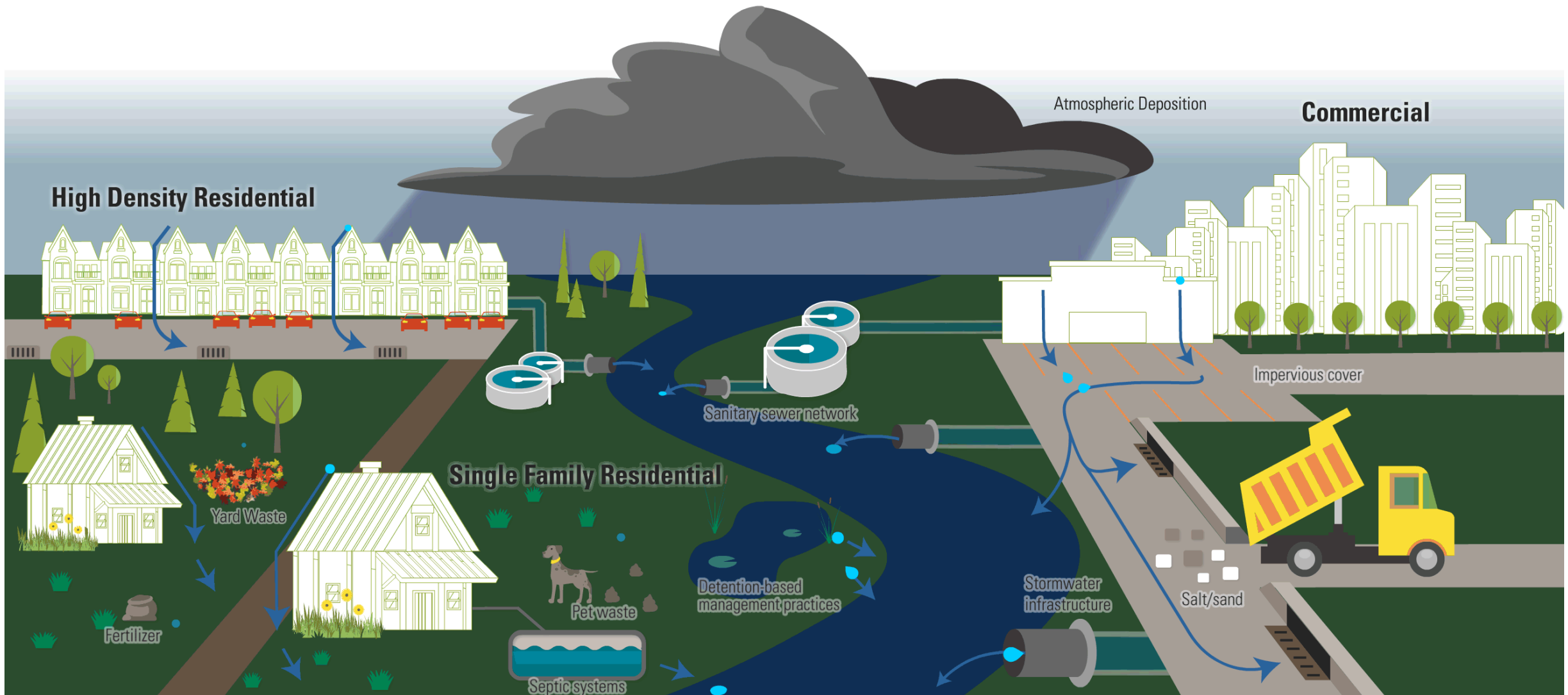
Watershed is an area of land where all water drains into a shared body of water.



Scajaquada Creek Watershed



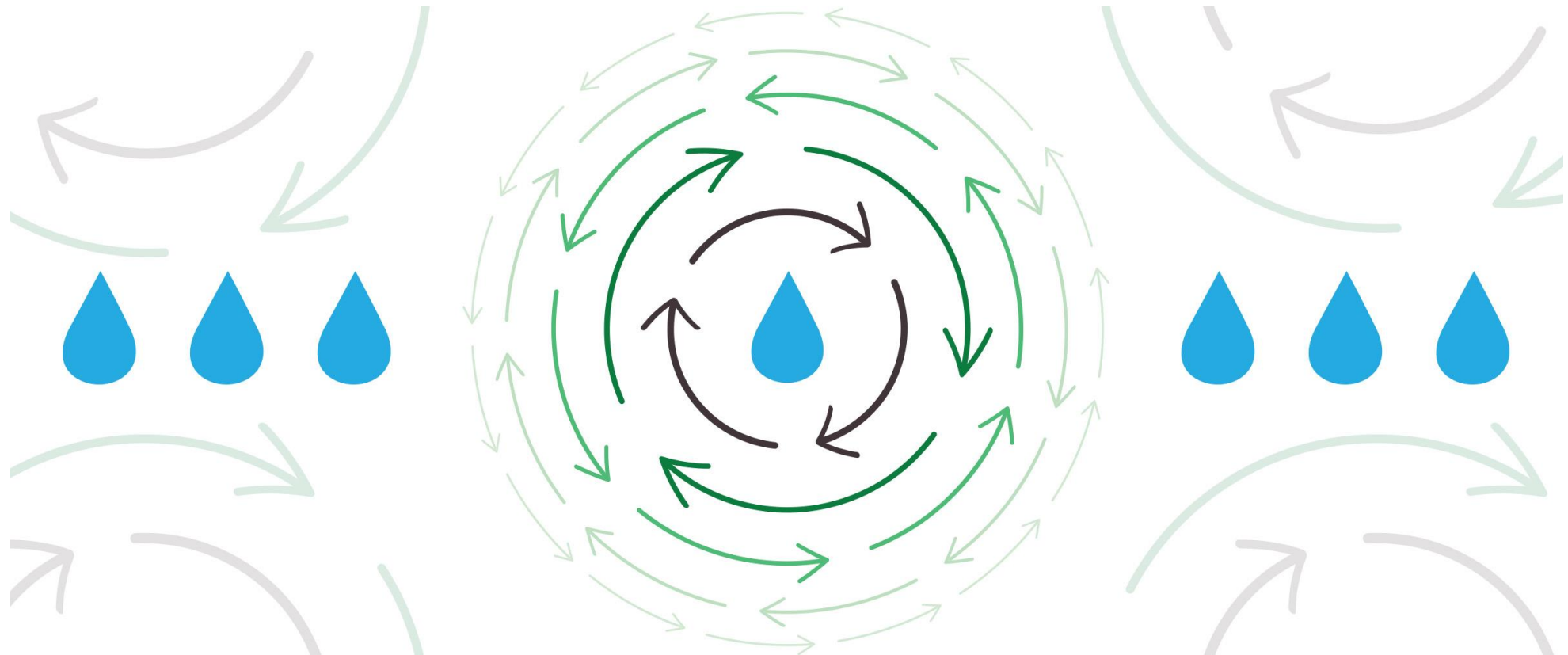
Urban watersheds are a little more complicated



Why are watersheds important?

Practices on the land affect the body of water at the heart of whatever watershed you are in.

We use watersheds to help us understand why our waterways are in the state that they are in and help us identify restoration opportunities.

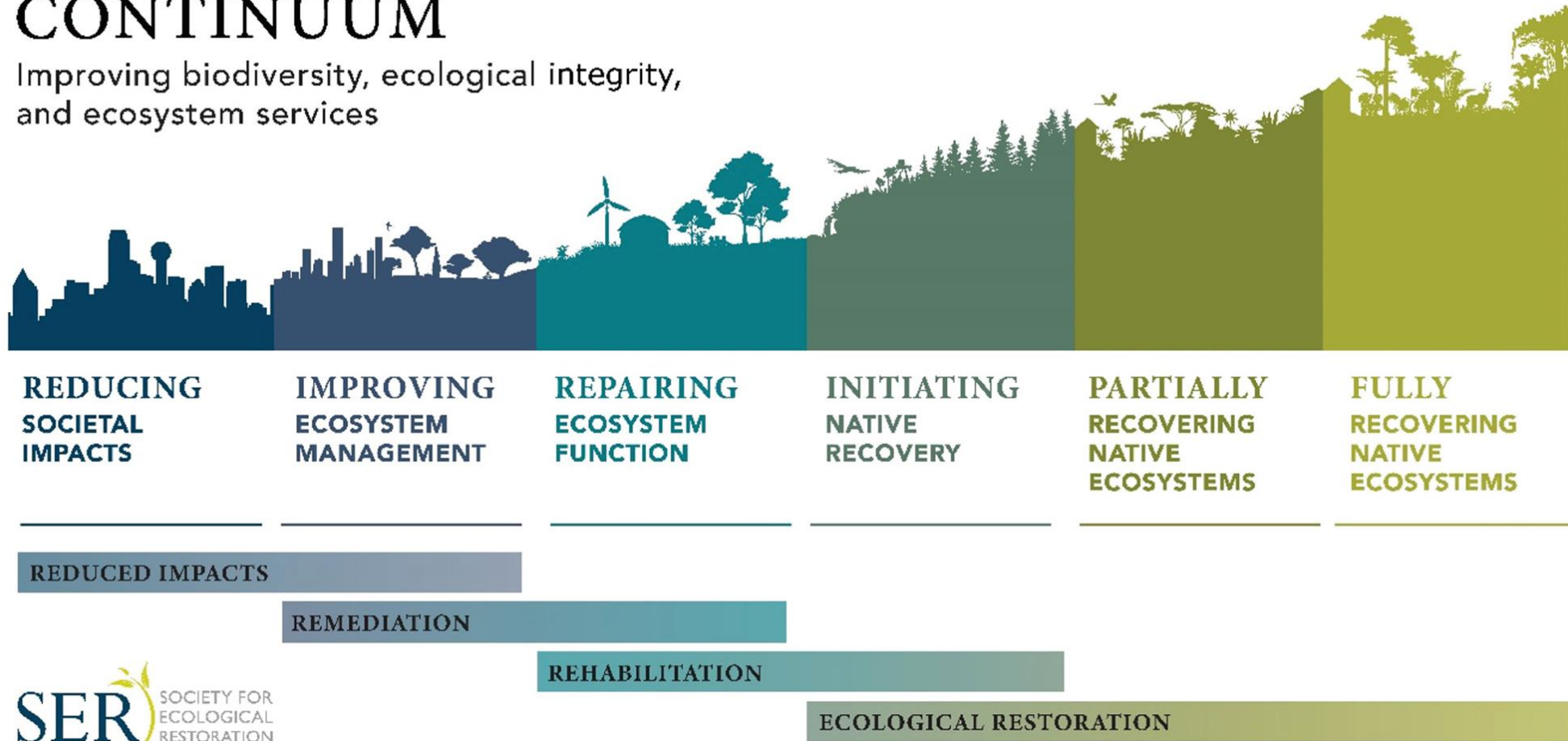


Ecological Restoration

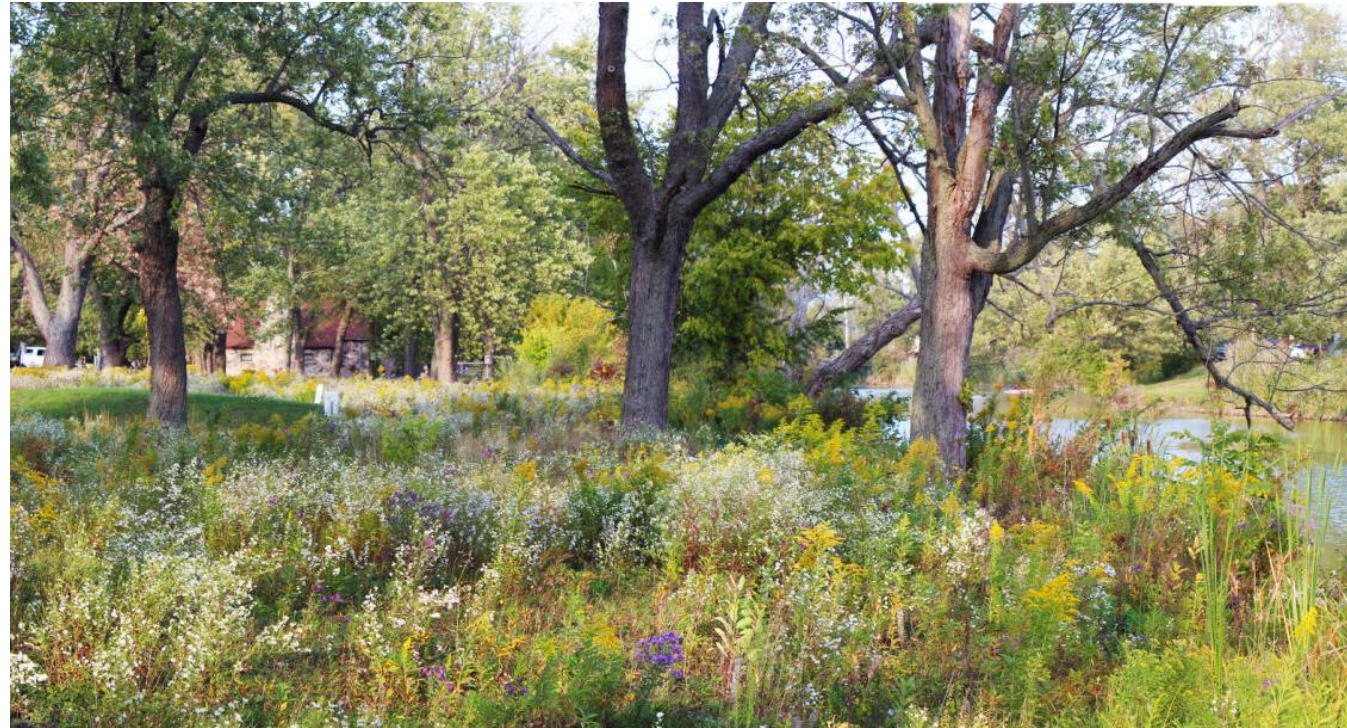
An ongoing process of assisting the recovery of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, or destroyed

THE RESTORATIVE CONTINUUM

Improving biodiversity, ecological integrity,
and ecosystem services



Restoration in Practice : Invasive Species Removal & Native Plantings



Restoration in Practice : Dam Removal



Restoration in Practice: Green Infrastructure



Video source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRUTrsy-7PY&t=1s>

Before



Scajaquada Creek Restoration: Shoreline Project in Forest Lawn Cemetery

- Better habitat for animals & native plants
- Water slows and is filtered before reaching the creek
- Improved public access
- **Remediation** – partnered with the Army Corps and they dredged the creek

After!





We will spend a lot more time discussing restoration and share more detailed examples and opportunities throughout this project!





**ADD YOUR
POST-ITS
TO THE
PONDERING
POND**



Scajaquada Creek Restoration Plan

A document that captures the background research, process details, stakeholder input, and recommendations for Scajaquada Creek Restoration, watershed-wide.



Make Connections Between....

- Previous work & ongoing work
- Municipalities
- Public & private sectors
- Technical experts and those with needs
- Community members and all of it!

In order to advance restoration projects...

Location: Seattle, WA
Length: 800 feet
Cost: \$14.7M
Year: 2009

A surface parking lot is transformed into a vibrant urban park with a restored creek, trails, art, and surrounding development. Efforts achieved water quality improvements, while creating diverse wildlife habitat.



BEFORE



AFTER



Rain Garden



Bioswale



Planter Box



Urban Trees



Natural Areas



Permeable Pavement



Green Street



Green Roof



Rain Barrel



Community ID-ed project in buried section of the creek

- Community Visioning Session in September
- Green infrastructure?
- Evoking the creek?
- Data gaps?

Feasibility of Grant Street Finger dam removal



Identify additional projects.....



BACKGROUND
RESEARCH



REVIEW OF
EXISTING PLANS



CONCLUSIONS OF
ONGOING PLANS



FROM COMMUNITY
CONVERSATIONS



Process MATTERS

- Community is involved from step #1.
- Working with community partners, you (the CAG!), and we aren't stopping there... will continue to do public engagement to connect people to Scajaquada Creek, our project, and all the ongoing projects happening in the corridor.



Community Advisory Group (CAG) Mission

The CAG will play an active role in the creation of Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper's (BNW) Scajaquada Creek Restoration Plan. CAG Members, representing Scajaquada Creek watershed residents and stakeholders, will shape decisions made during the creation of the plan. CAG Members will ensure that the plan's creation is as transparent and accessible as possible and driven by the needs and concerns of those closest to the creek.

Participation Expectations:

- Be respectful of others.
- Be on time.
- Keep an open mind by actively listening and not making assumptions.
- Ask questions to gain understanding/clarity.
- Stay focused on Scajaquada Creek as a waterway.
- Maintain an atmosphere for discussion and analysis of issues – not for debating or arguing.
- Take responsibility for the quality of your participation by speaking honestly, purposefully, and to the point. Be authentic and welcome that from others but do not dominate the conversation.

We are always here if
any questions and
feedback come up!

We are figuring this out too 😊



A person wearing a dark green shirt with a yellow and white floral pattern is writing on a whiteboard. They are holding a green marker in their right hand. The whiteboard has several yellow sticky notes attached to it. The background is blurred, suggesting an indoor setting like a meeting room or classroom.

Discussion

Guided questions about Scajaquada Creek drone footage

Next Steps: Connection and Engagement Strategy

What strategies for building public and community support and for creating community awareness and interest in Scajaquada Creek Restoration would you like to see as part of our connection and engagement plan for this project?



Wrap up & final reminders

- By February CAG will:
 - Follow up with BNW regarding your connection and engagement plan strategies & your short bio.
 - Respond to BNW doodle poll
- Next CAG Meeting:
 - BNW will finalize next meeting date and details by March
 - June or July 2024 meeting?



**THANK
YOU!**