



# Welcome CAG!

*Help yourself to dinner.*

Introductions -

We will go around the room to share:

- Name, Pronouns, where you live/neighborhood and organization or affiliation.
- Optional: Share one idea, issue, project, or research question you would like to see represented in the Scajaquada Creek Restoration Plan (SCRCP).

## Scajaquada Restoration Planning Community Advisory Group Meeting #2

Image: Meadow Lea Park in Lancaster

# Agenda

- Introductions & Dinner
  - All reusable! Bins in the back
- Presentation
  - Watershed & Restoration Overview
  - Scajaquada Creek Restoration and Outreach and Engagement Plan
  - Impact: Scajaquada Creek Community Survey
  - Summer Events Calendar
- Break Out Discussion
- Wrap up & final reminders



Image: Japanese Gardens in Buffalo



**JOT DOWN  
YOUR  
THOUGHTS  
ON POST-ITS  
&  
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.

# Pop Quiz!

## How do you define a watershed?

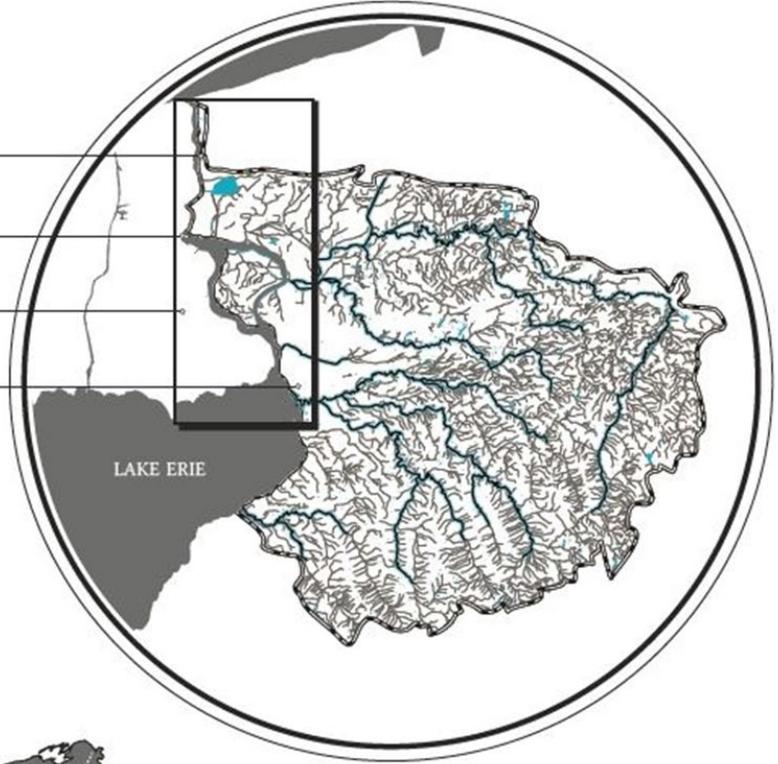


NIAGARA RIVER WATERSHED

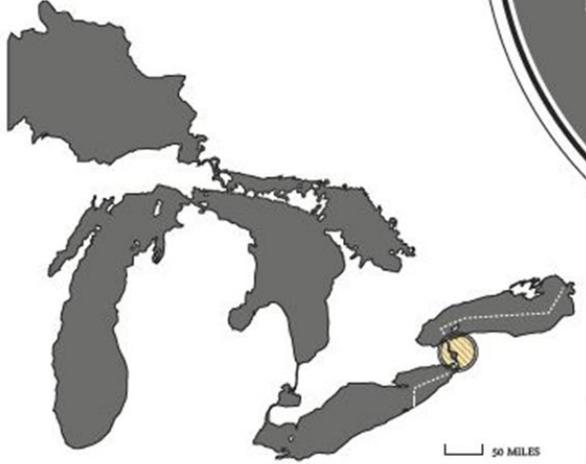
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CANADA

DOWNTOWN BUFFALO



LAKE ERIE

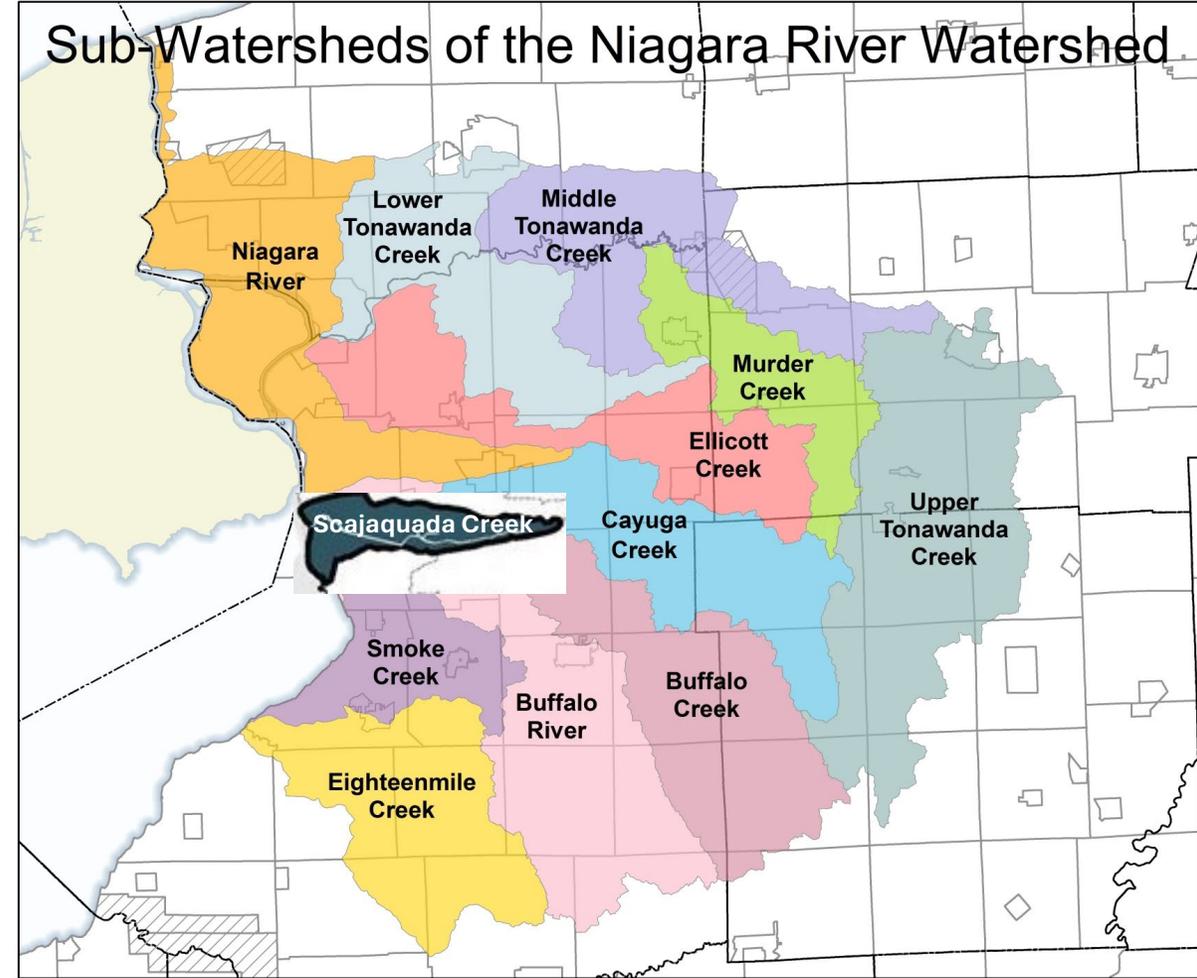


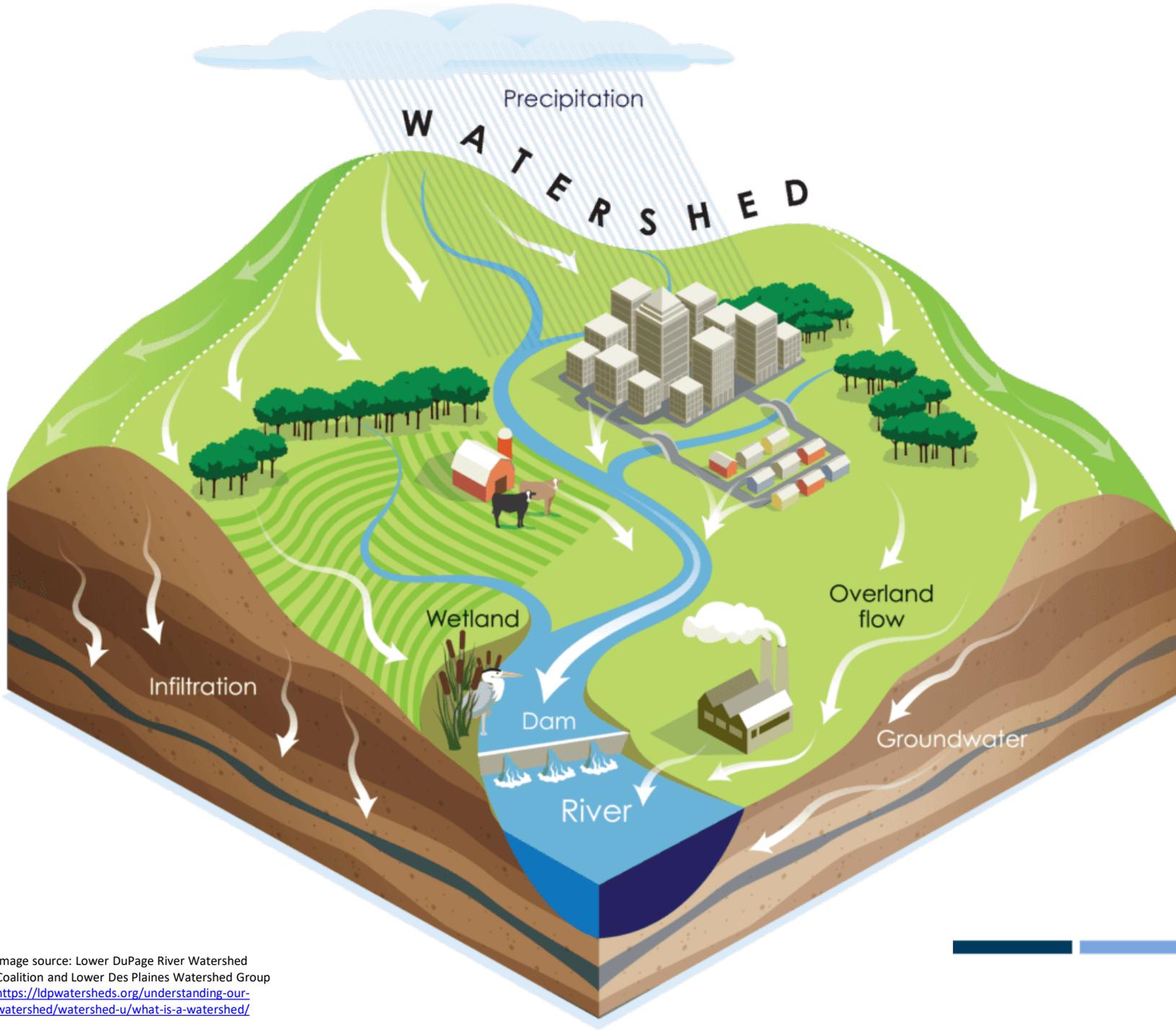
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## Sub-Watersheds of the Niagara River Watershed



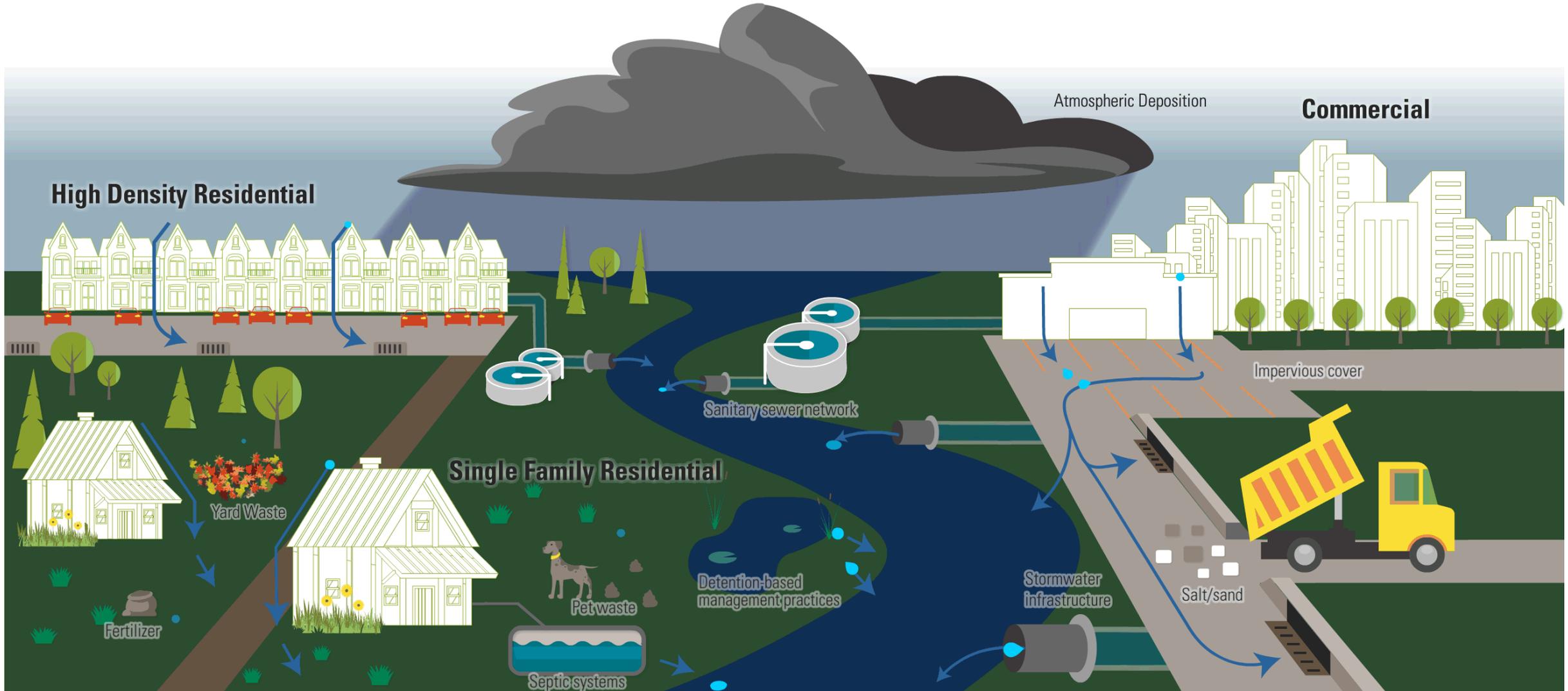


**Watershed** is an area of land that drains all rivers, streams, and stormwater runoff into a shared water body.

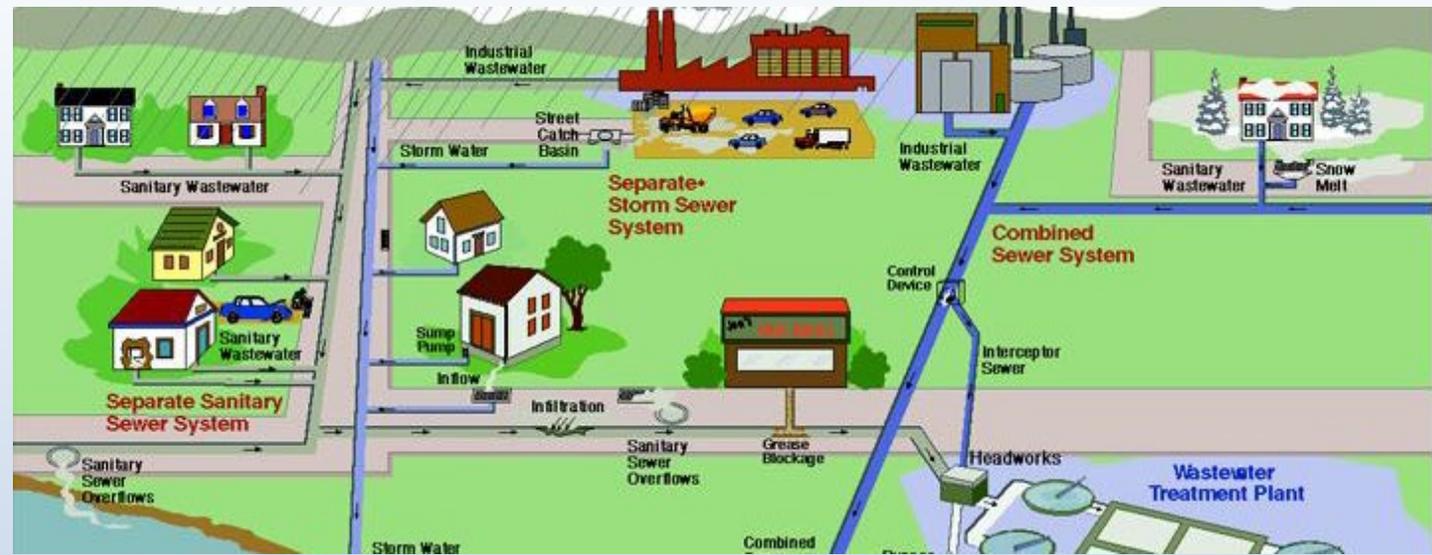
What happens to the land, happens to the water.



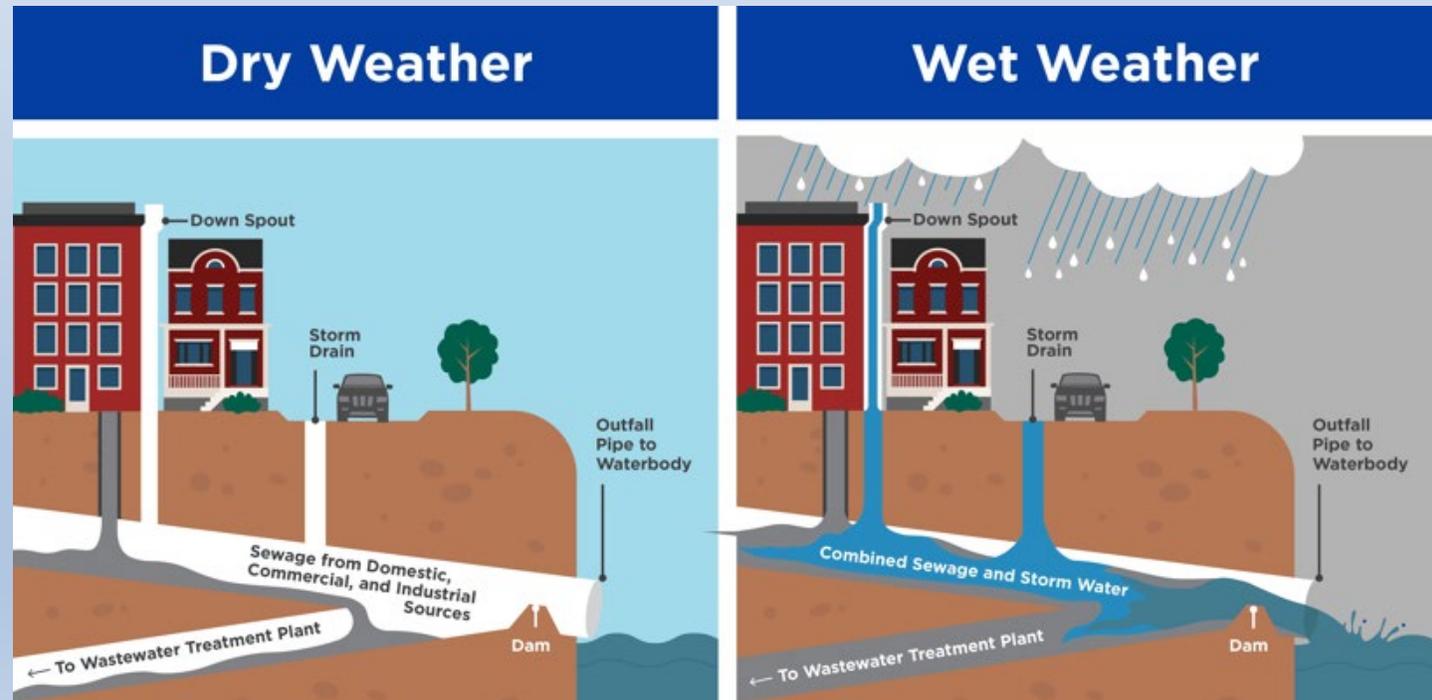
Urban watersheds typically introduce human-made elements that add pressure to natural hydrologic processes of a waterway.



# What are Combined Sewer Systems vs Separate?



A **combined sewer system** collects from our homes & buildings AND the stormwater (collected from our roads, rooftops, anywhere the rain falls) into the same pipes, where it is sent to the sewage treatment plant. During heavy rain events, the system reaches capacity and untreated water discharges into local waterways. In a **separate sewer system**, stormwater discharges directly into local waterways without treatment.

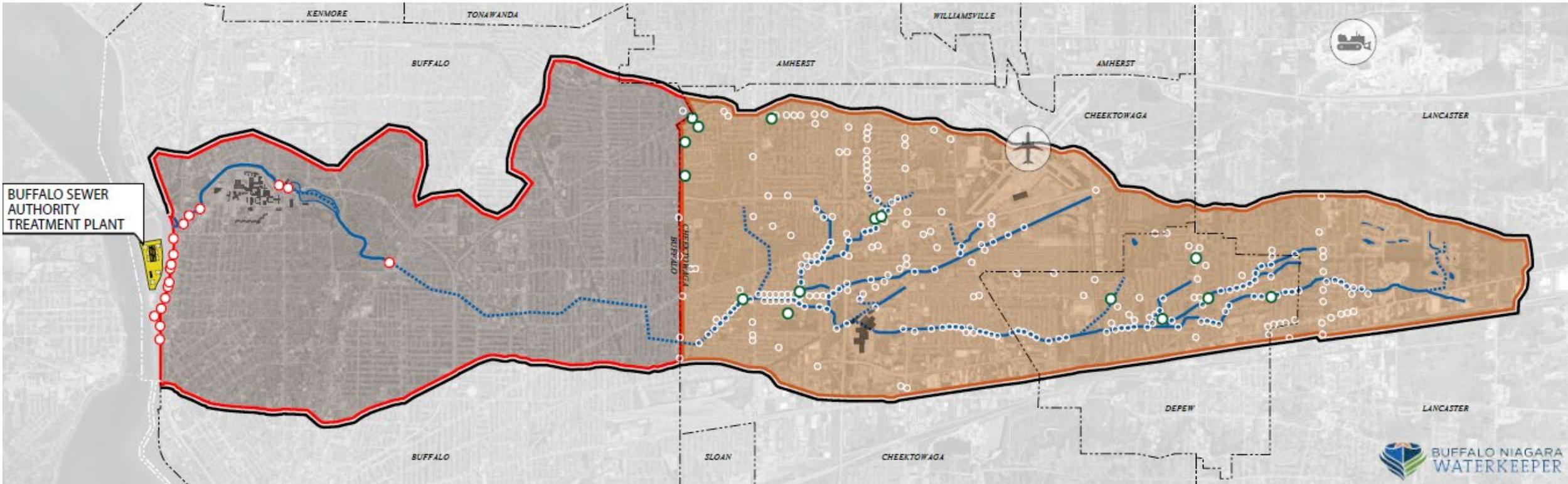


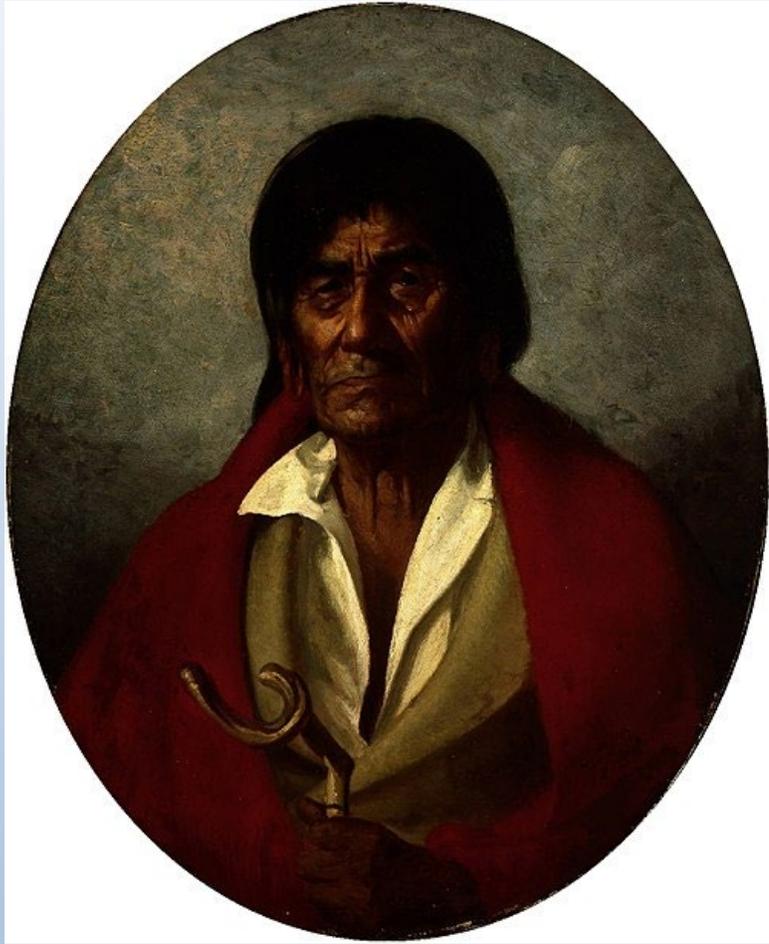
# MAP KEY:

- SCAJAQUADA CREEK
- ⋯ SCAJAQUADA CREEK (BURIED)

- CSO DISCHARGE LOCATION
- SSO DISCHARGE LOCATION
- REGULATED STORMWATER DISCHARGE LOCATION (WHITE CIRCLE)

- CSO WATERSHED AREA
- SSO WATERSHED AREA





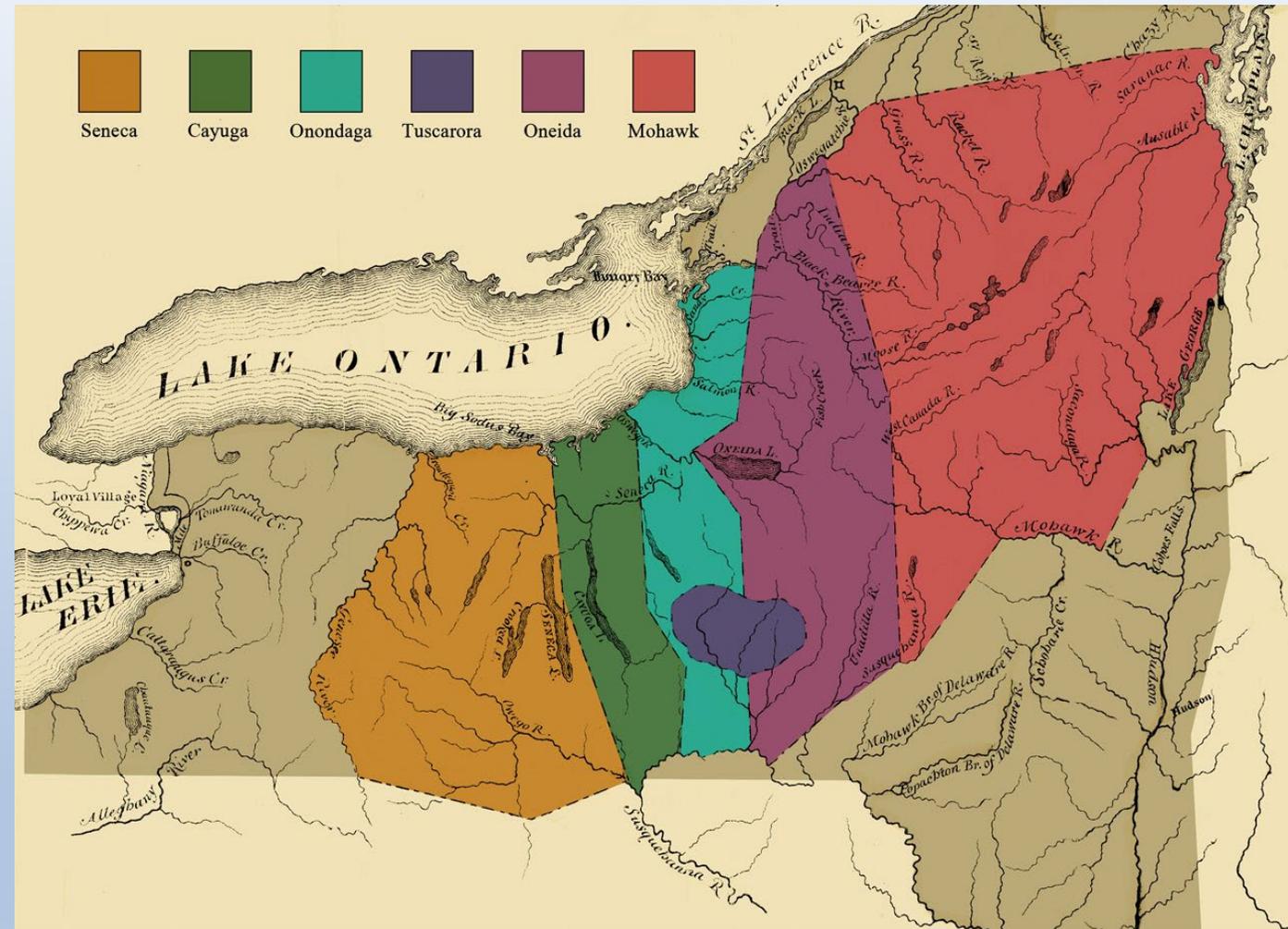
1850 Portrait of Philip Conjockey by  
Lars Gustaf Sellstedt, AKG Collection

# Origin of Scajaquada Creek's Name

“The creek is named after Philip Conjockey. His name was also spelled Kenjockey. He was also known as *Skadyoh-gwa-deh* meaning “Beyond the Multitude”... also spelled Skadauchguaty or Conjaquady. There are estimated to be as many as 90 different spellings of the word.”

-ANGELA KEPPEL

# Haundenosaunee (Iroquois Confederacy)



Pop Quiz!

How do you define ecological restoration?

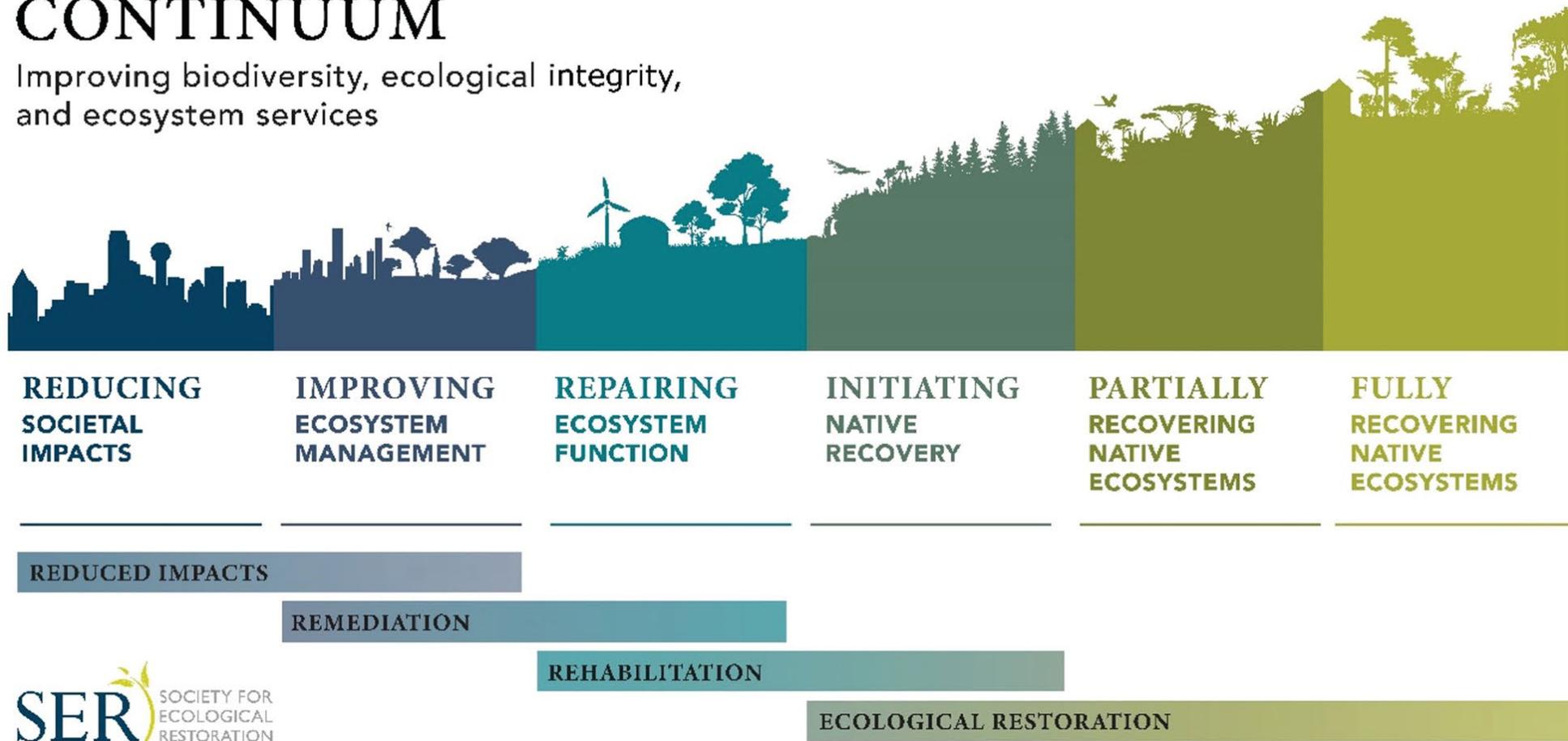


# Ecological Restoration

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



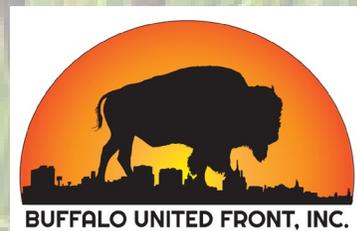
Invasive species -> Native Species

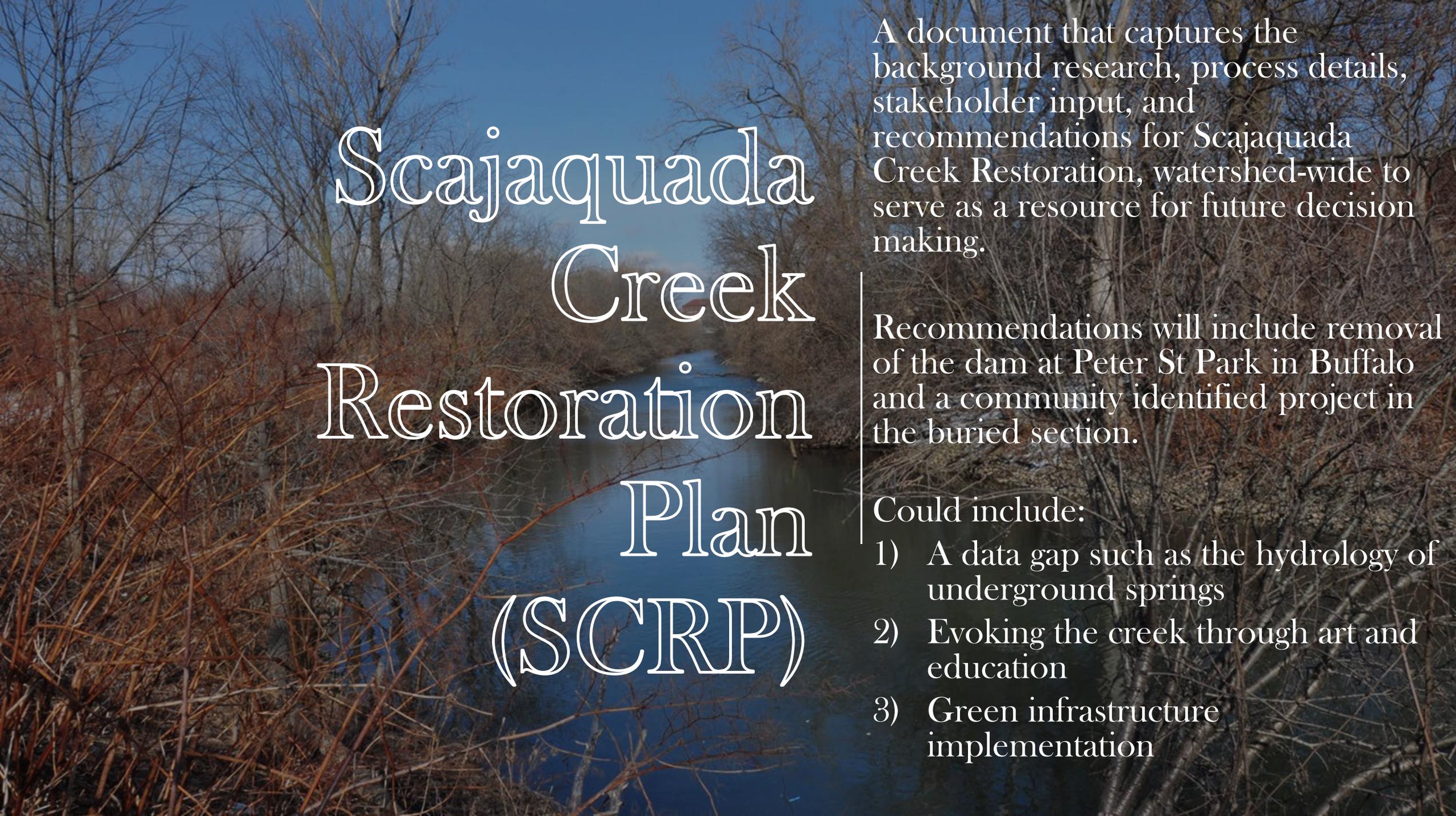
Hardened Shoreline -> Natural shoreline

Grey -> Green infrastructure

# 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 to create the plan and 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.





# Scajaquada Creek Restoration Plan (SCRIP)

A document that captures the background research, process details, stakeholder input, and recommendations for Scajaquada Creek Restoration, watershed-wide to serve as a resource for future decision making.

Recommendations will include removal of the dam at Peter St Park in Buffalo and a community identified project in the buried section.

Could include:

- 1) A data gap such as the hydrology of underground springs
- 2) Evoking the creek through art and education
- 3) Green infrastructure implementation

On the table	Off the table
<p>This plan aims to connect, convene, and uplift/amplify community members, organizations, groups, and agencies who are doing work in the SCW</p>	<p>This plan cannot ensure removal of the 198, but can provide a resource for the project that identifies best practices that prioritizes waterway health and restoration.</p>
<p>We can highlight restoration opportunities, but investment and community engagement must continue to increase the impact of this planning effort.</p>	<p>Cannot remove all the CSOs but can highlight the impact GI and restoration can have to counteract the impacts of CSOs</p>

# Connect and Engage Top Recommendations

1. Utilize local educational institutions as a resource
2. Connect with community centers
3. Contacting homeowners on the creek
4. Bring awareness to local businesses
5. Tours/Guided Hikes and other recreational events for community
6. Community Public Meetings
7. Amplify work through media outlets



# Outreach and Engagement Plan

Connect the Dots and the Framework

The Impact – SC Community Survey

Scajaquada Teacher Network

Municipal Engagement

Summer and Fall Calendar

- BNW Events & Pop-up Participation
- Partner Events
- Scajaquada Creek Watershed Event

# The Impact :

## Scajaquada Creek Community Survey

### The Goal

- To better understand the needs and priorities of the communities in each section.
- Collect information on how residents connect, relate, and know about Scajaquada.
- Use this information to better focus our efforts to raise awareness of the creek and the restoration plan creation, highlight the impact of ecological restoration, and build relationships throughout the watershed.

Scajaquada Creek  
Community Survey



# Scajaquada Events Calendar: Partner Events & BNW Popups

## June

*Pending: Army Corp of Engineers Public Meeting in the Headwaters Section*

June 12th - "Wild Hope" Buffalo Museum of Science INWR  
June 20<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bike Parade - BiBR  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Walk n Talk with BWELL & Black Rock Historical Society along Scajaquada  
June 26<sup>th</sup> - Water Pollution & Green Infrastructure Webinar with GG and BNW  
June 29<sup>th</sup> - Community Days in C District  
June 29 & 30th - Family Fishing Days at Freedom Park

## July

July 13th - Conservation Day - Elmwood Farmers Market - INWR  
July 16<sup>th</sup> - Community Days in A District  
July 18<sup>th</sup> - Community Days in D District  
July 20th & 21st - East Side Garden Walk @ Frank E. Merriweather Library - INWR  
July 25<sup>th</sup> - Healing By the Water at Freedom Park  
July 30<sup>th</sup> - BNW Walking Tour (TBD)

## August

August 1st - Healing By the Water at Freedom Park - INWR  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> - BNW Walking Tour (TBD)  
August 29<sup>th</sup> - Community Days in B District

## Scajaquada September!!



**ADD YOUR  
NOTES TO  
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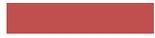
# Break Out Session

## Guiding Questions:

What do you as CAG members need to be successful ambassadors for this project?

What do you think your community needs to provide meaningful input on the restoration plan?

- Be kind and keep an open mind!
- Ask questions to gain understanding/clarity.
- Take responsibility for the quality of your participation by speaking honestly, purposefully, and to the point.
- Make space for yourself but also for the rest of your group to share.



Shareback!

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# CAG Next Steps

1. If you know about an upcoming event you would like to share with us
  - Fill out Community Events Form (scan code to the right)
2. Take the SC Community Survey
  - o Follow up next week with official flyer and copies to share widely!
3. CAG Fall Scajaquada Watershed Tour!
  - o Fill out Doodle poll with your availability

Community Events Form



Scajaquada Creek Community Survey

# Thank You CAG Members!

