

Vincent Lake Working Model

"Process" Results

The Vincent Lake Work Group (VLWG) needed a method to address the riparian health problems at Vincent Lake. It subsequently adopted and adapted the four step *Cows and Fish Program* delivery process. This process helped the VLWG develop and deliver its internal group processes and deliver the group's objectives to the landowners and users of the Vincent Lake watershed. The four steps are:

Step One - Education & Awareness

The members of the VLWG learned what each other member's needs and wants were so they could effectively deliver information and assistance to enhance landowner ecological and regulatory literacy.

Step Two - Team Building

The understanding resulting from Step One allowed the VLWG members to form the close working relationship necessary to define, describe and deliver it's riparian health objectives to landowners and other interested individuals and groups. It also provided opportunities for these interested landowners, individuals and groups to form their own local teams to deliver riparian education, awareness and action in their area.

Step Three - Tool Building

The VLWG uses three categories for tools; tools we have, tools we are building and tools we plan to build. A "reiterative" approach continues to be used to develop and deliver these tools. The target group can participate in tool development and delivery.

Step Four - Community Based Action

The VLWG live in the same community as the target audiences. The ability to share local knowledge on mutual problems has a higher potential for success than having team members from "afar" promoting the initiative. The work groups ultimate goal is to have riparian health education, assessment, restoration, and protection activities occurring on the landscape directed by local groups.