

The Vincent Lake Working Model



A Co-operative, Multi-Agency
Riparian Health Education,
Awareness and Action Program.

Water, A limited resource?

- 97% of earth's water is salty.
- 3% is fresh.
- Of that 3%, 2/3 is tied up in glaciers.
- Only 1% available to meet our needs.
- 1/4 of remaining 1% is found in Canada.

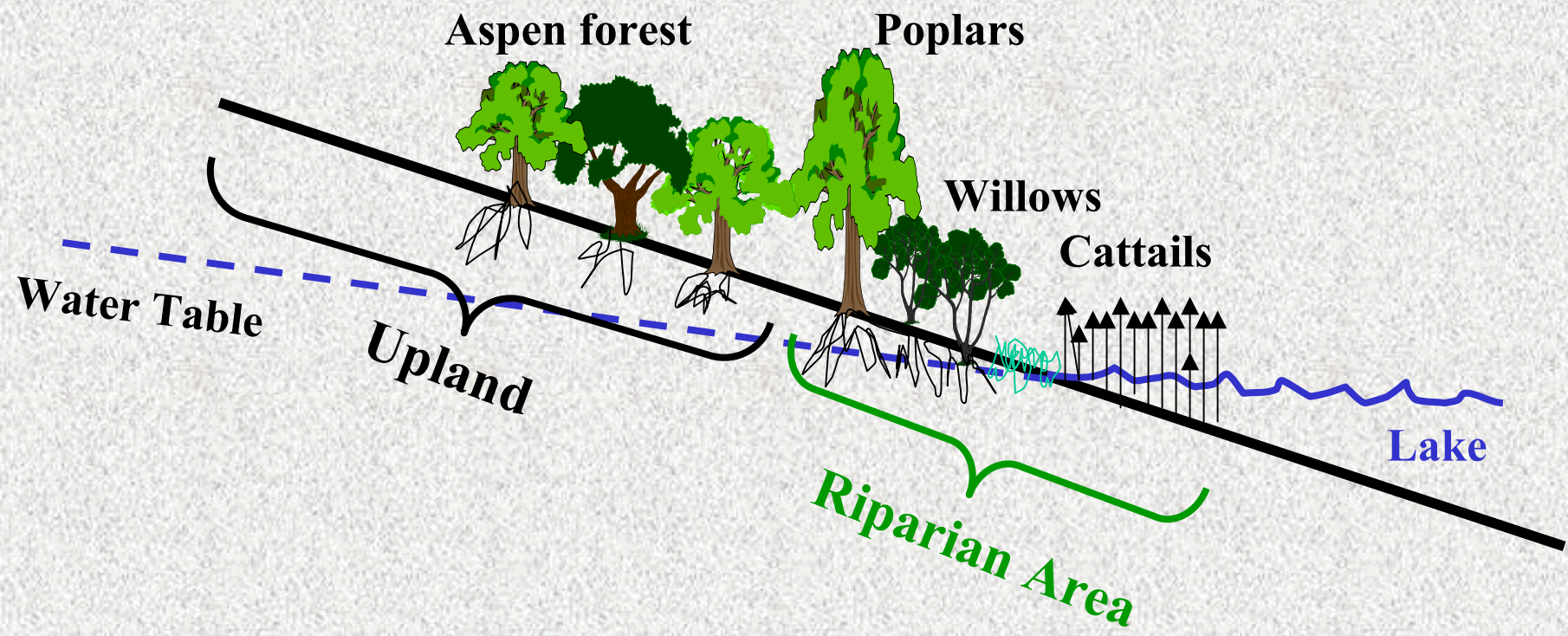
The Problem

- Global concern about water and water quality.
- Linked to water and watersheds are riparian areas.
- A very large number of riparian areas are not functioning properly, or are at risk.



But First,

What is a Riparian Area?



Location of the Riparian Area

Why the Problem Persists

- The size of the problem is HUGE!
- Lack of effective public awareness.
- Lack of or frustrated enforcement.
- Disconnected responses to the problem.

What Can We Do?

- Public Lands initiative.
- Communication starts.
- Partnership starts to form.
- The “Vision” comes out.

The Vision

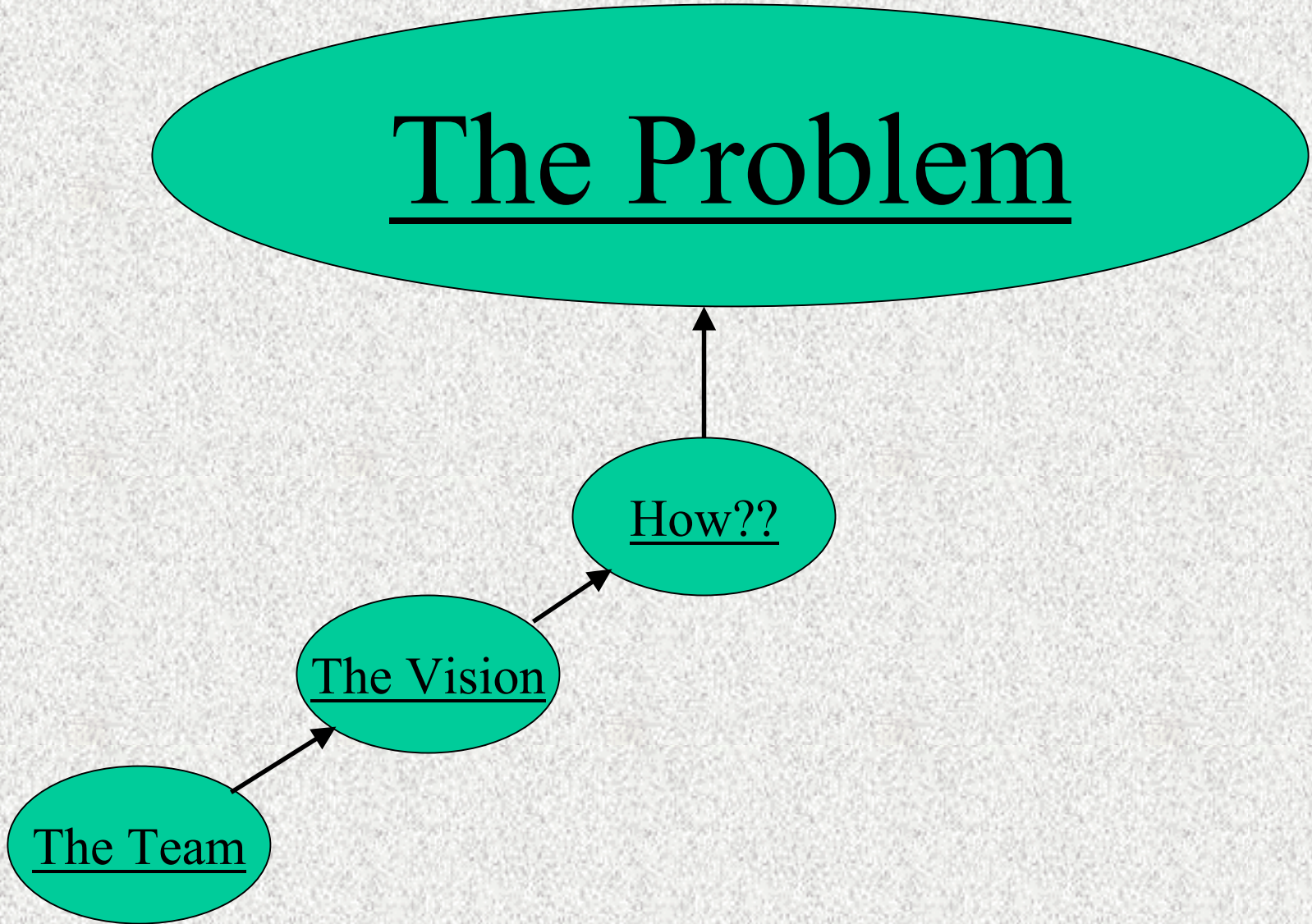
- A riparian health education, awareness and action program that results in measurable improvement in riparian knowledge of targeted individuals and groups and health of targeted sites within three years of commencement.

The Problem

How??

The Vision

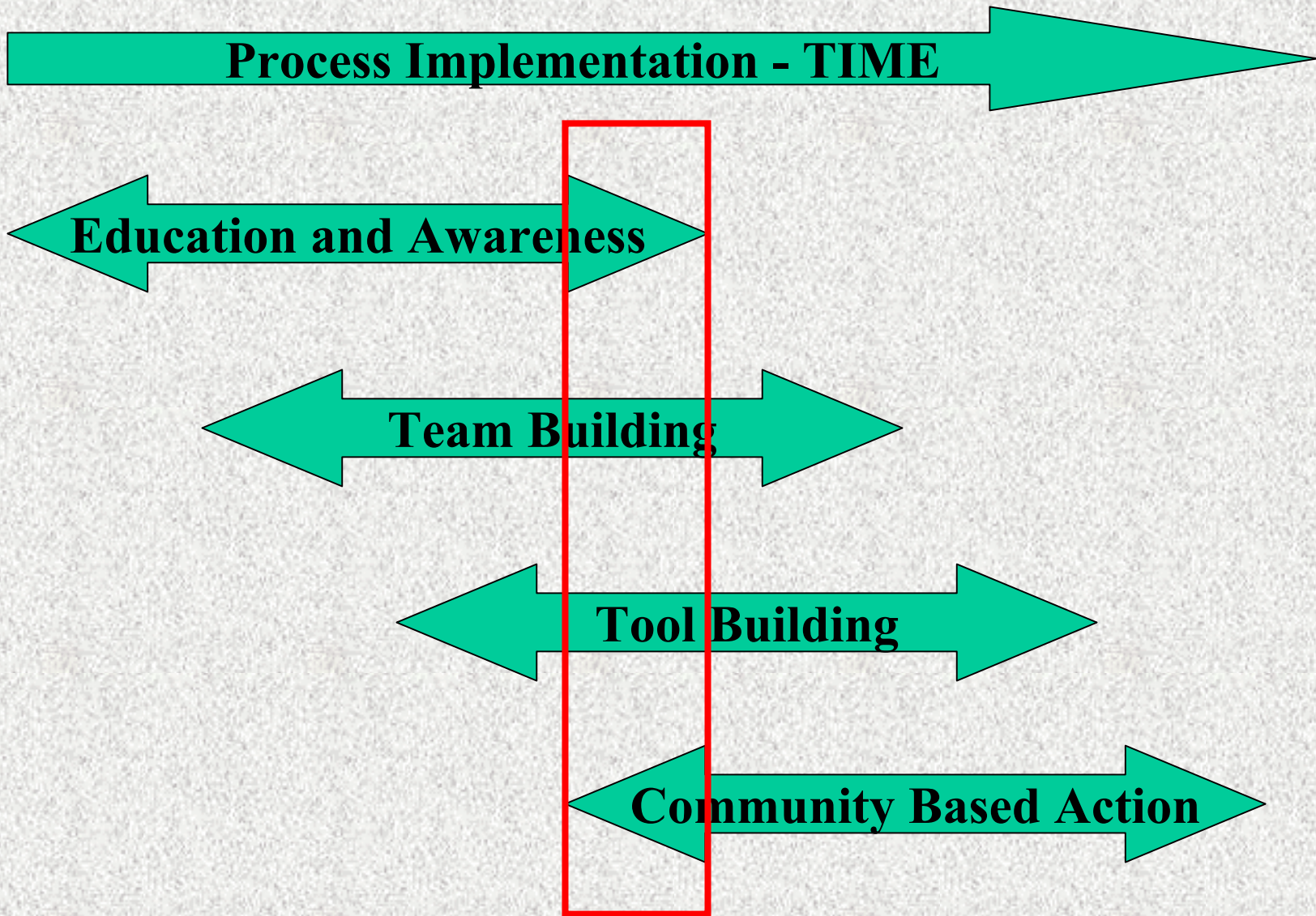
The Team



Enter “The Process”

Adopted and adapted the Cows & Fish Program “Process.”

- **Education and Awareness.**
 - **“Passive” Enforcement**
- **Team Building.**
- **Tool Building.**
- **Community Based Action.**

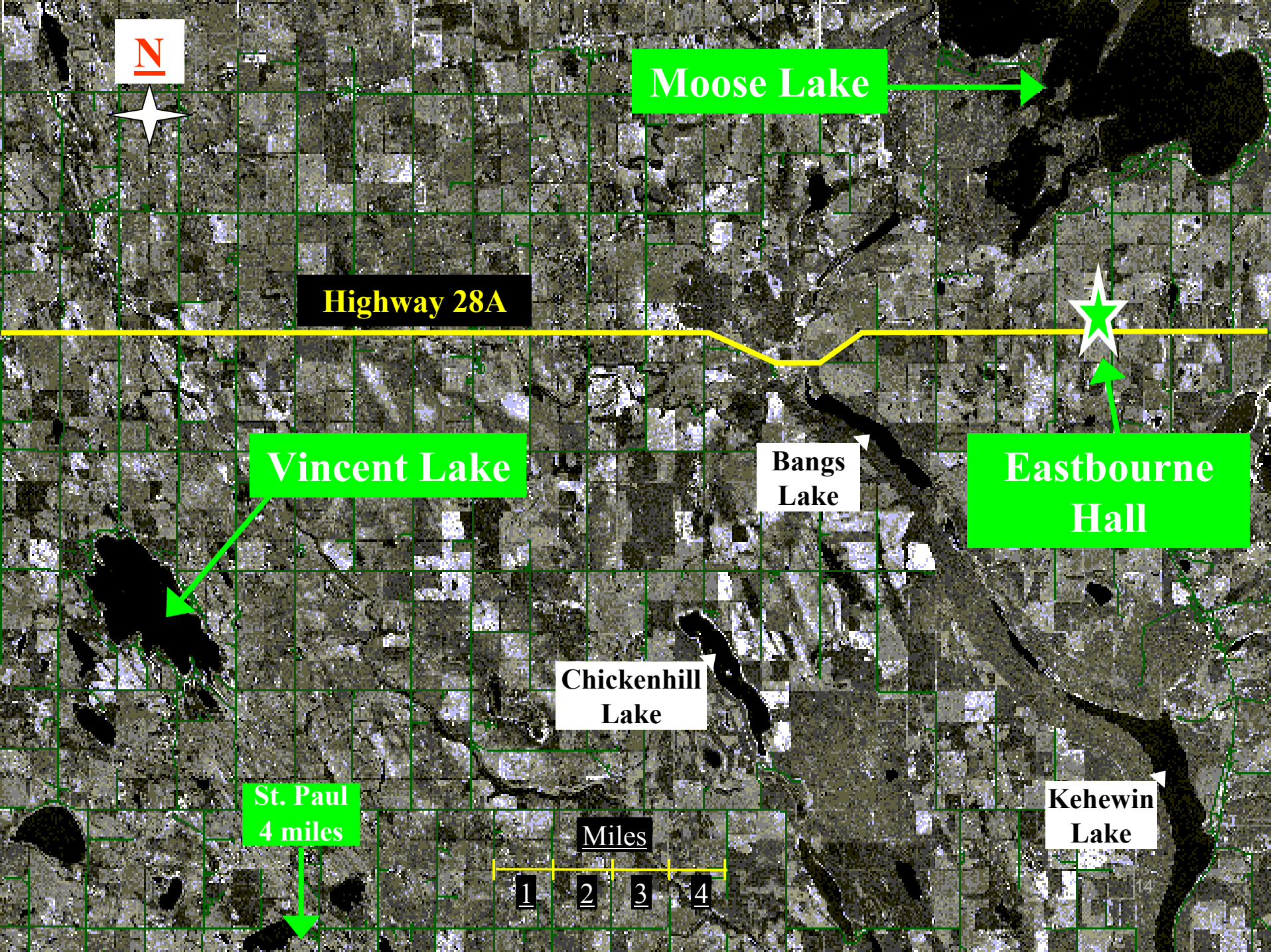


Where to start using the Process?

- Too many places to go!
- Vincent Lake chosen.

Why Vincent Lake?

- Representative of NEBR developed lakes.
- Already had riparian work done on it.
- Local lake, local staff, local knowledge.



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Moose Lake

Highway 28A

Vincent Lake

Bangs Lake

Eastbourne Hall

Chickenhill Lake

St. Paul
4 miles

Miles



Kehewin Lake

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The Vincent Lake Model

- Apply the process to the “Team” and “Target Audience.”
- Ends November, 2002

Education and Awareness

TEAM

- Values, needs, wants, perceptions, strengths and limitations.

TARGET

- What is a healthy riparian area?
- What are your legal responsibilities?
- What can you do about it?

Education and Awareness

- What is “Passive Enforcement?”
 - Delivery of “regulatory” information to the target audience.
 - Link to “Active” enforcement outside the process.

Team Building

TEAM

- The power of “we”.
- Partners.
 - Large “C”
 - Small “c”
 - Consultative.

TARGET

- Local individuals, groups or associations.

Tool Building

TEAM

- Tools we have.
- Tools we are building.
- Tools we plan to build.

TARGET

- Deliver the Team tools using reiterative approach.

Some of the Tools we Use

- **Caring for Shoreline Properties booklet. (ACA & F&W)**
- **Caring for the Green Zone booklet. (Cows & Fish)**
- **Guidelines for Lakeshore Use brochure. (Ab. Env.)**
- **Waterfront Living brochure. (Living by Water)**
- **“The Vital Edge” video. (ACA)**
- **Shoreline Conservation and Education Strategy (ACA).**
- **Legislation. (F&W & DFO)**

Some Tools we have Built

- **Survey of Cottage Owner Attitudes and Values report. (Equus Consulting)**
- **Building a Lake Association - 6 Steps to Success. (ACA)**
- **VLWM Riparian Health Community Meeting Video, March 28, 2000. (Public Lands)**
- **VLWM - Know the Laws of Vincent Lake Community Meeting Video, January 27, 2001. (Public Lands)**
- **Draft Environmental Reserve By-laws. (F&W)**

Some tools we are Building

- **Riparian Vegetation Classification System for the Boreal region. (U of M, Public Lands. 2000 - 2002)**
- **Aerial Videography and GIS database for watershed. (ACA. 2001- 2002)**
- **Lentic (Lake) riparian health score sheet revised to reflect Northern conditions. (Public Lands, Cows & Fish Program. 2001- 2002)**
- **Albert Lentic Literacy Program. (EP & FEESA. 2001)**
- **The Vincent Lake Working Model Web Site at www.healthyshorelines.com (ACA, Vincent Lake Work Group. 2001)**

Some Tools we Hope to Build

- **Riparian Health Assessment workshop(s).** (Public Lands, Cows & Fish. 2002.)
- **Re-assessment of Cottage Owner Attitudes and Values.** (Consultant. 2002.)
- **Final Report - The Vincent Lake Model - A Stakeholder Process for Lakeshore and Watershed Health** (Vincent Lake Work Group, Nov., 2002).
- **There will be more!**

Community Based Action

TEAM

- Local staff with local knowledge.

TARGET

- Action on the landscape primarily driven by local groups with “help” from the “team.”

Export the “Process”

- Provincially - to interested teams and target audiences.
- Whatever we can, as soon as we can until it's all we can.

Some of the Teams Philosophy

“Problems can become opportunities when the right people come together.” Robert Redford

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.” Henry Ford



**Thanks
for
listening.**