



The Boardman-Ottaway River Restoration Project: **A timeless model for collaboration and convergence of disparate communities**

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Project Fundamentals

- Remove Brown Bridge, Boardman and Sabin Dams, and modify Union Street Dam
- Return the Boardman to a more natural, cold water, free flowing river



An Evolutionary Model For Restoration – Started with an idea....

Create a diverse and dynamic advisory team of funders and resource stewardship leaders:

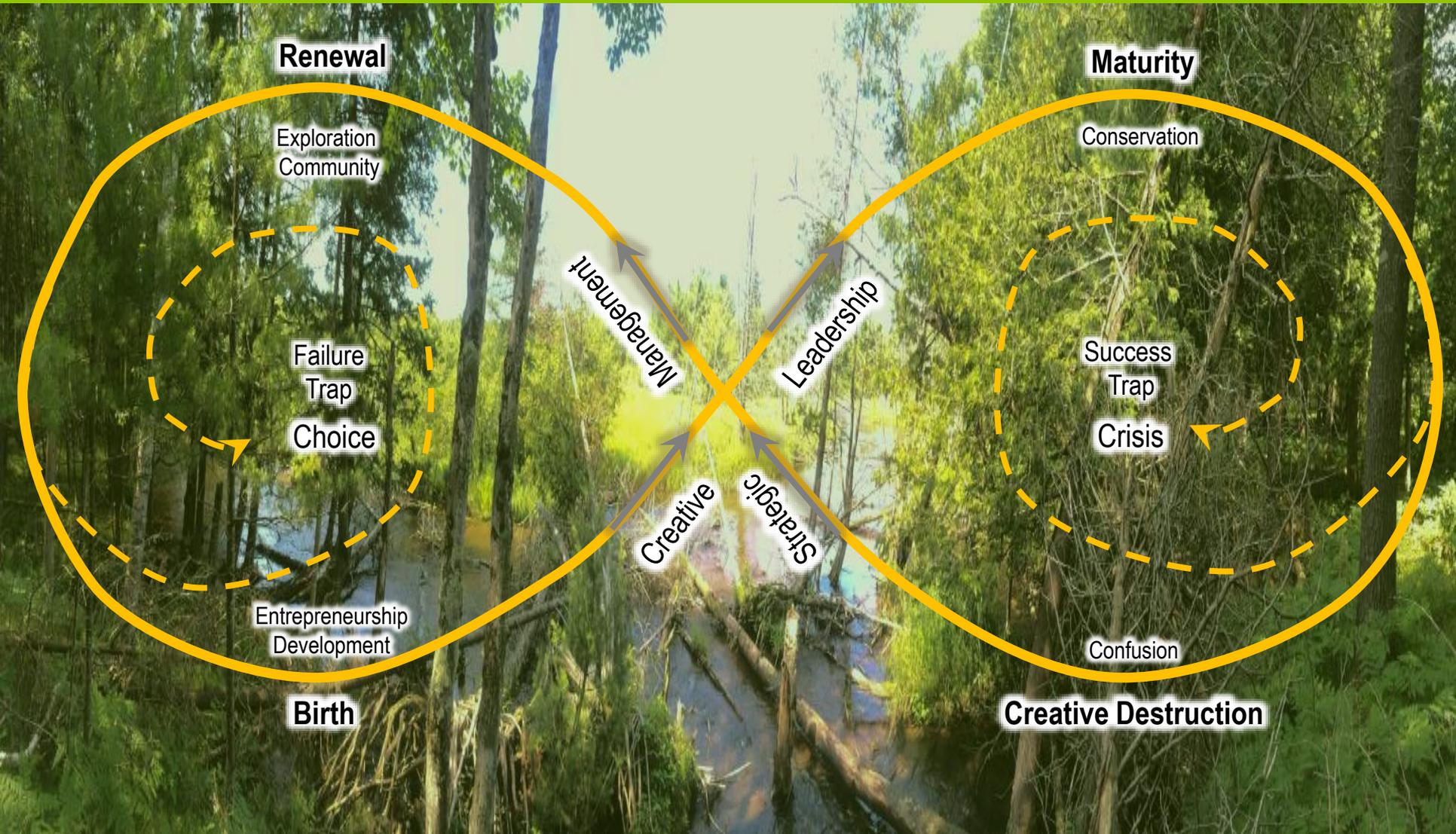
- Help find and leverage funding and other resources that align with local priorities...near \$40M and counting...
- Pursue and implement policy change at the state level that helps balance watershed health and conservation ethics based economic development
- Create regional strategies for prosperity and sustainability

An Evolutionary Model For Restoration – Continues to emerge

Iterative Learning Process Works To Instill A Traditional Ecological Knowledge Based Conservation Ethic

- An Eco-cyclic Model for collaboration helps build intuitive understanding into complex systems
- Establishing common ground in water...
- This model allows the time and space for a convergence of disparate communities
- Build resiliency in learning to adapt and survive in the face of adversity and change
- **Foremost – Take care not to reinvent the wheel.**

Eco-cyclic Model For Collaborative Restoration - A system Grounded in trust and relationships



A Grounded Model For Collaborative Restoration



When Are We Done?

“Walking in a good way...when I reflect on my journey through life: What is the path I will choose? What steps will I take while on this journey? What impact, good or bad, will my steps have on the world around me? Will I be able to look back on my journey and feel proud? Have I truly tried to Walk in a Good Way?”

Henry “Hank” Bailey

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