



Pearl River Stewardship

Wrap Up and Conclusion

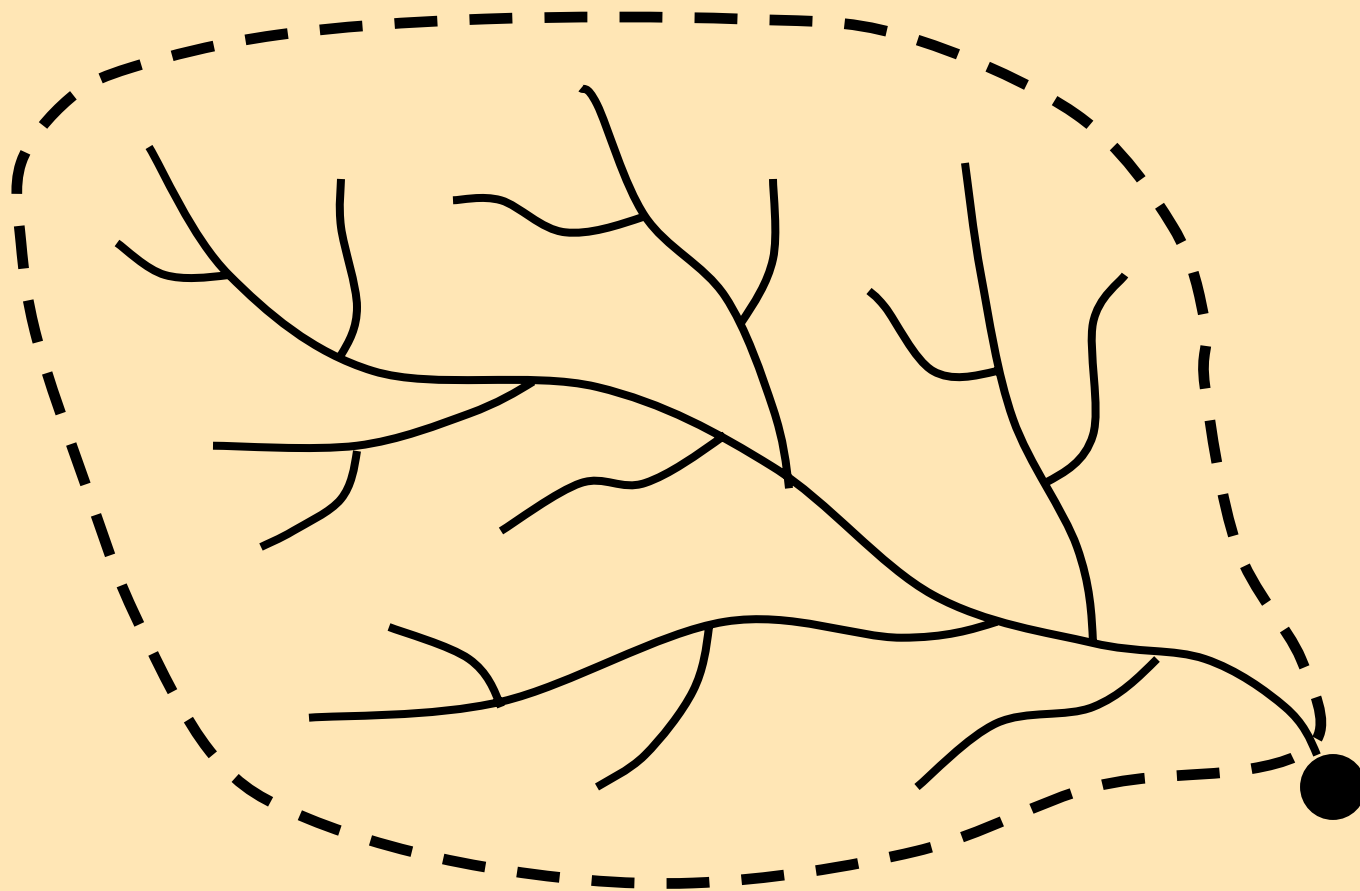
(Where Do We Go From Here?)

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What Have We Learned?



Watersheds



Natural Resources



Management of Resources



Regulations



History of Changes in the Pearl River



Impacts of Changes on the Pearl River

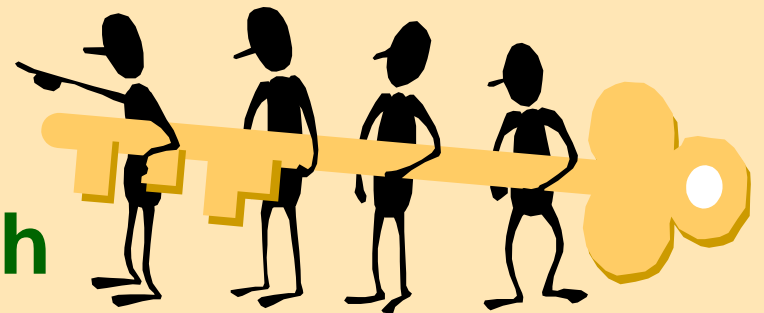


Now What?

- **Clearly recognize that the Pearl River is a resource worth protecting.**
- **There are clear threats to the health and quality of the River system throughout the watershed.**

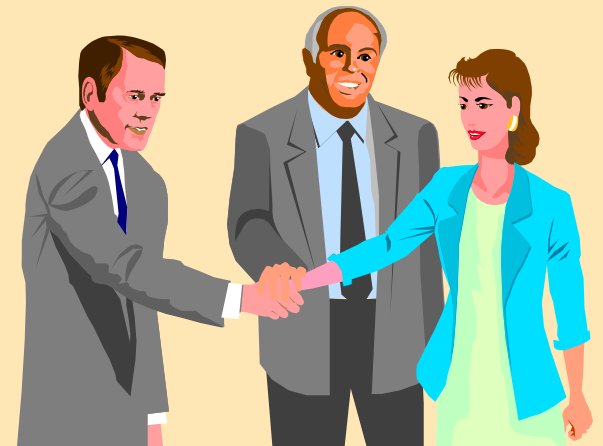
How Do We Address These Issues?

- **Commit to clearly defining the goals and objectives of this coalition.**
- **Establish an appropriate structure that will promote these issues:**
 - **Education**
 - **Conservation**
 - **Monitoring & Research**
 - **Advocacy**



Focus on Education

- **Continue to educate ourselves so that we maintain credibility.**
- **Commit ourselves to educating others about the resources and why they are worth protecting.**
- **Exclude NO ONE from this conversation.**



Target Audiences



- **General Public**
- **Elected Officials**
- **Agencies and Interested Groups**

The Message

- **Communicate a positive message that explains why people should care**
- **Discuss impacts AND solutions**
- **Explain that everyone has a role to play in protecting watersheds and natural resources**

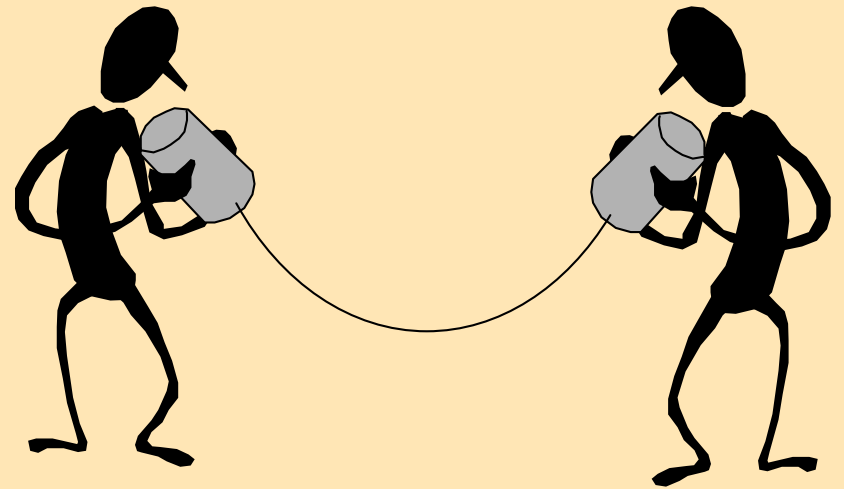


Individuals Can Make a Difference

- **Recognize your place*****
- **Understand your role**
- **Get involved**
 - **Monitoring**
 - **Education**
- **Don't feel like you have to take on the world**
- **Become active in a watershed group**

Communicate, Communicate, Communicate

- **Within the group**
- **On a local and regional basis**
- **With other similarly-oriented groups (MS Watershed Forum)**



Remember that Poop Happens



Talk is cheap

Actions speak louder than words