

New Partners for Smart Growth Conference

Urban Waters Federal Partnership: Catalyzing Redevelopment Opportunities For Thrivable Communities (A Panel Discussion: USDA Perspective)

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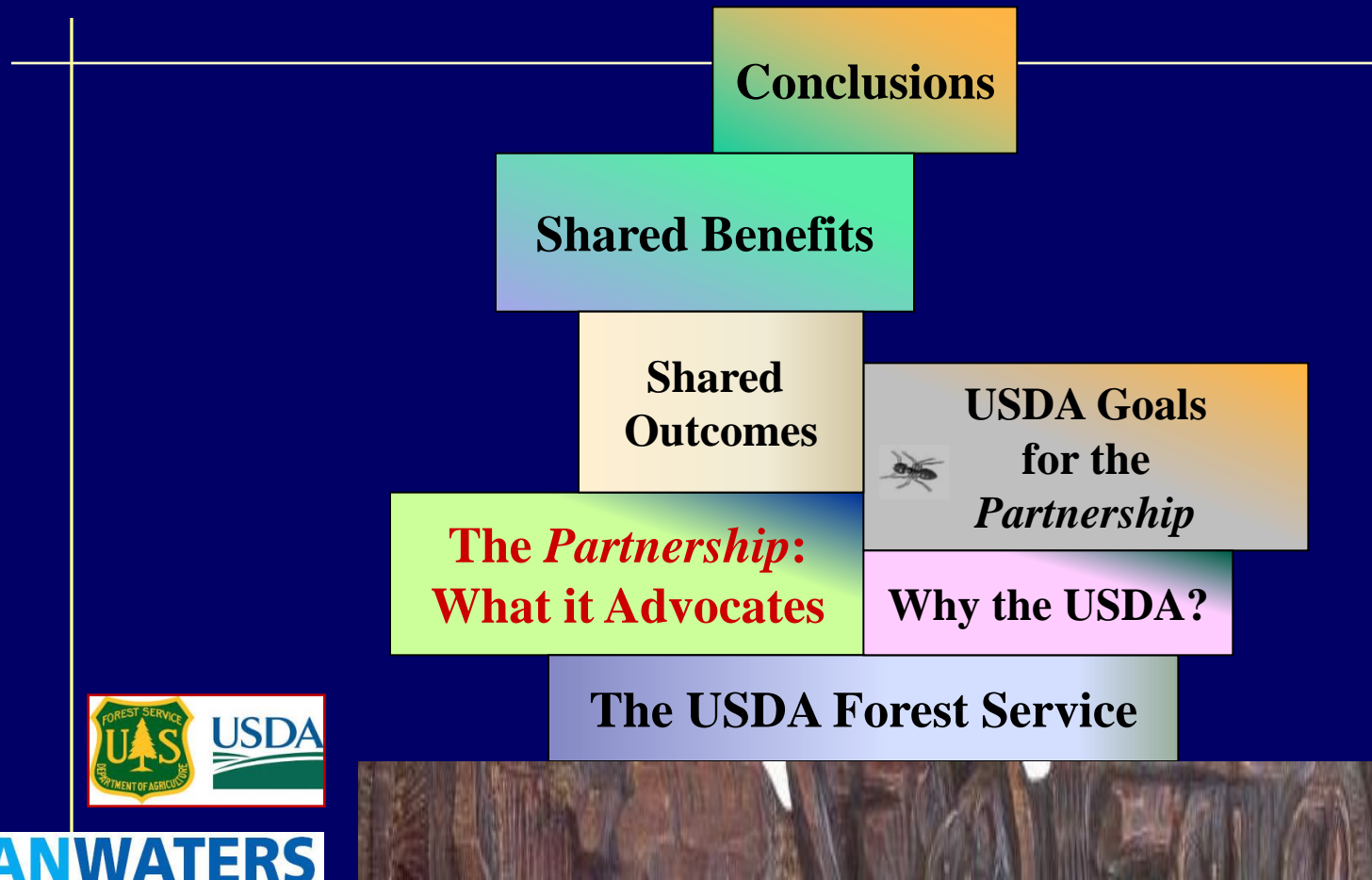
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The *Partnership*...What This Segment Will Cover:



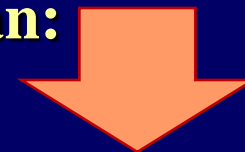
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The *Partnership*...The USDA Forest Service

“...To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation’s forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.”

Mission Statement of the USDA Forest Service

Simply put, the USDA Forest Service slogan:



”...caring for the land and serving people.”



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The Partnership...What is Advocates

Creating opportunities for new jobs leading to careers in conservation.

Restoring rural and urban forests and their related streams, wetlands, and riparian areas.

Adopting water conservation measures to ensure sufficient quantities of clean water.

Deploying science-based “best management practices.”

Improving Environmental Literacy.

Leveraging the combined authorities and resources of the federal agencies.



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The *Partnership*... Why The Forest Service?

“...The Forest Service has a direct *and* indirect role on about 80 percent of our nation’s forests: 885 million acres, including 138 million acres of urban forests where most Americans live.”

Simply put, we are a dominant conservation agency along a complex rural to urban land gradient.



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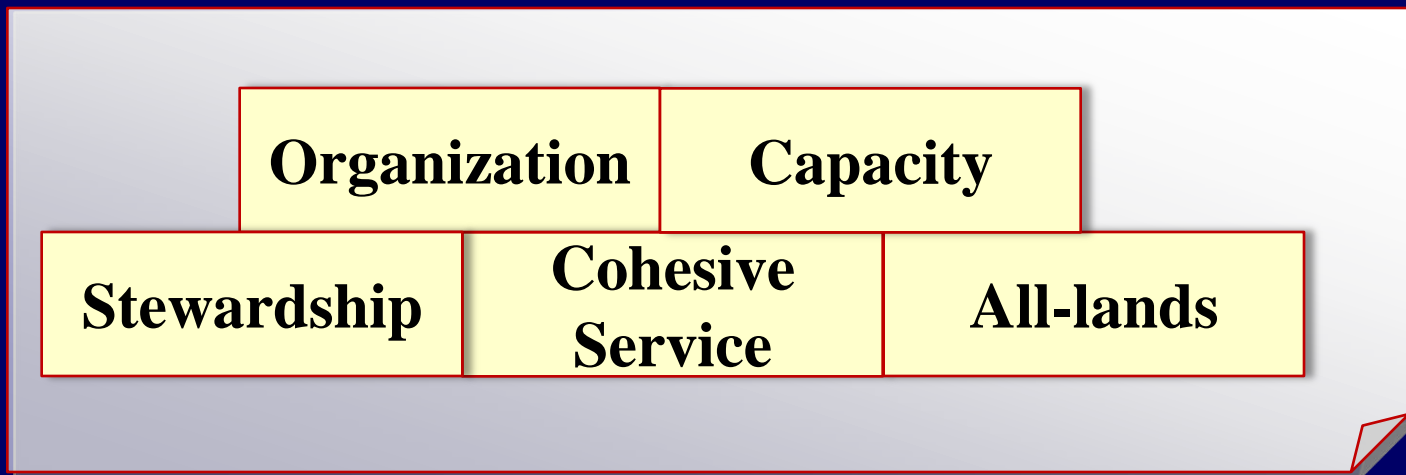
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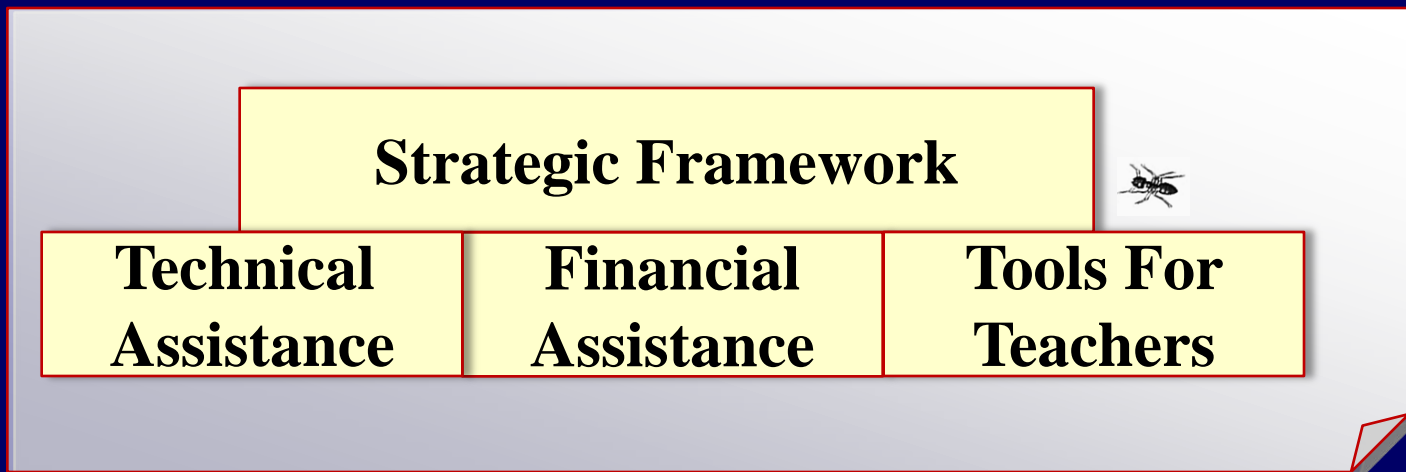
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The Partnership...The Forest Service Goals



The Partnership...Shared Outcomes



Outcomes



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The Partnership...Shared Benefits

More Livable Urban Areas

Improved
Ecosystem Services

Cleaner
Air and Water

Benefits

Outcomes



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The Partnership...Conclusions



Benefits

Outcomes



1. This is a *Conservation Legacy Event*
2. Improves people's lives by banding together
3. Improves the resiliency of our natural resources
4. Illustrates how a *Public-Private Partnership can and should work*



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The Partnership...Questions?



Benefits

Outcomes



The Urban Waters Federal Partnership



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