OSU Extension's Master Watershed Steward Program

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Master Watershed Stewards

- Purpose –
  Increase the capacity of watershed groups and community members to identify and address water resource issues at local levels.
- Target Audience – *Who isn't?*
- Statewide program – *rural and urban*

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Master Watershed Stewards

- 8 Training sessions
  - Each session = 2 hours presentation, 4 hours field/workshop
  - Focus on local issues
- Complete a 40-hour project in local community
- Become a local resource for OSU Extension and watershed groups

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Master Watershed Stewards

- Basic level education
- Projects provide application of knowledge and skills to produce an "impact"
- Projects include enhancement, monitoring, management planning, team building processes, and education
- Started Master program in 1999, over 500 Masters

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Master Watershed Stewards – Evaluation Process

- Evaluate each trainer and training session
  - Typical evaluation highlighting what needs to change
- Post evaluation 6 months (or more) after the training sessions
  - Highlights impact – knowledge before/after, practices implemented, change in behavior, tolerance
- Change in watershed conditions – up to local Watershed Extension faculty
- Several changes to delivery method, additional training

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Good, Better, or Best?

- Best, of course, or I wouldn't be up here
- Uses several Best Education Practices
- Research based education practices?

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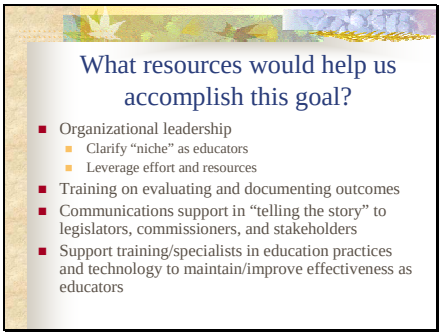

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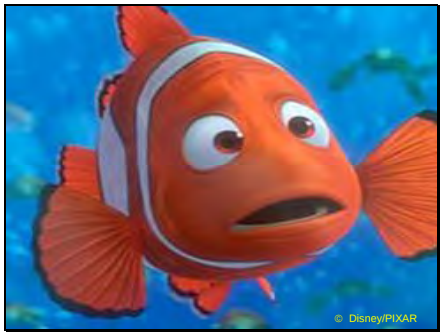

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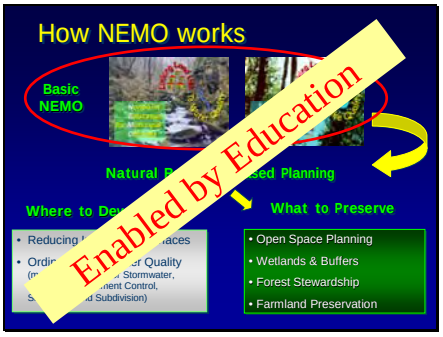

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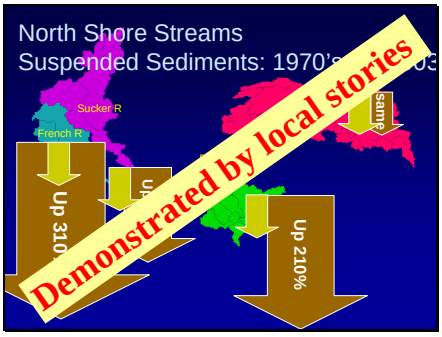

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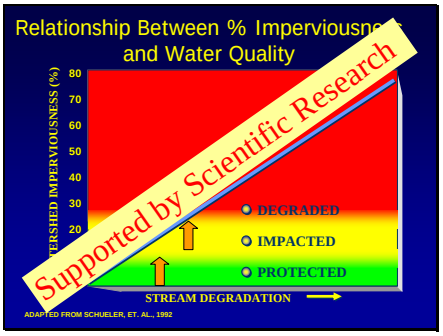

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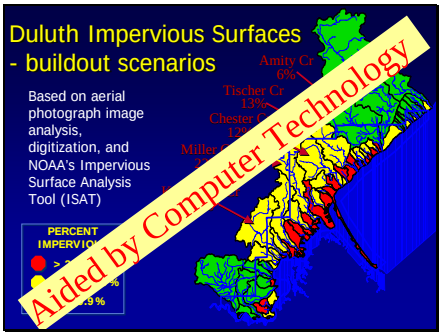

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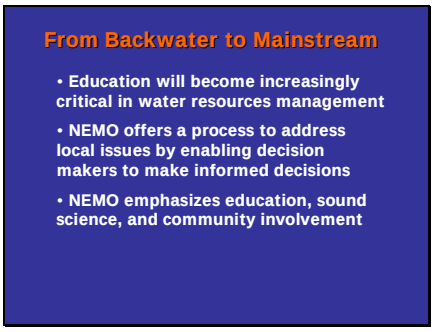

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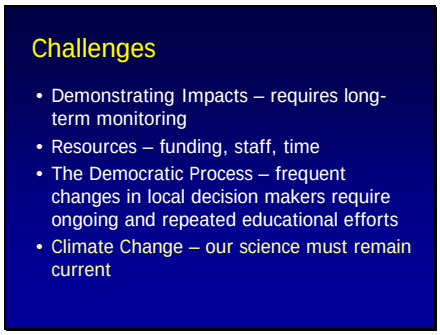

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