

# Stepping Down the GLRC: Restoration Strategies at the State Level

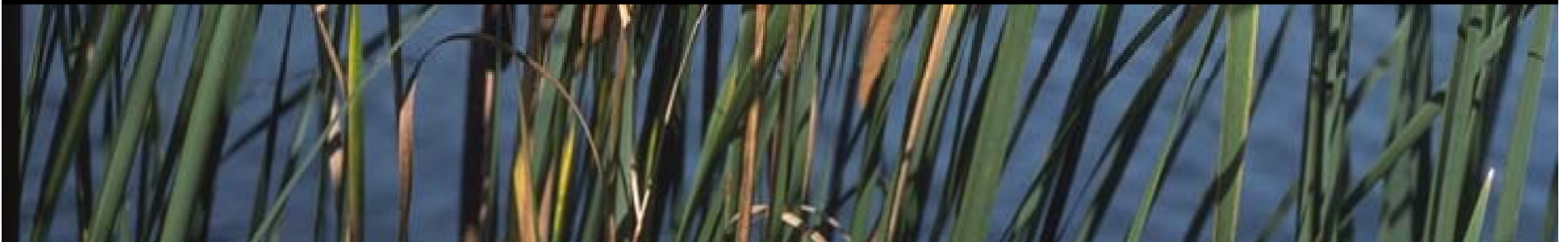
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# Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy to Protect and Restore the Great Lakes

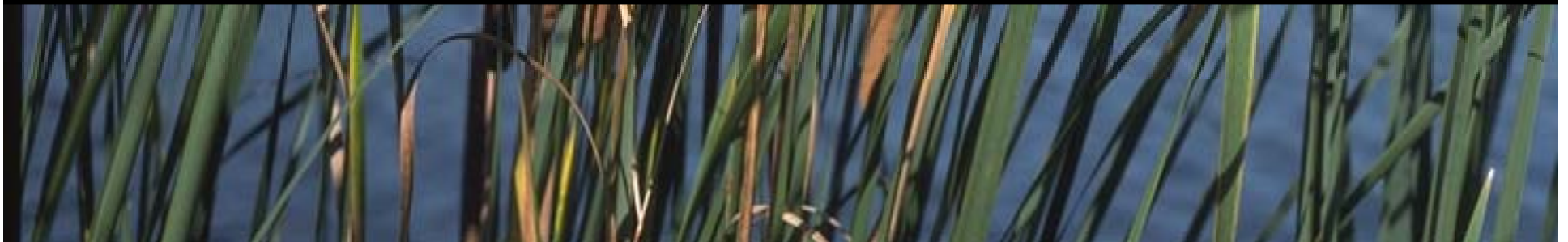
Most Comprehensive Great Lakes Restoration and Protection Plan

- Documents the most critical problems
- Recommends tangible solutions
- Identifies programs to implement those solutions
- Recommends the funding needed for those programs to succeed

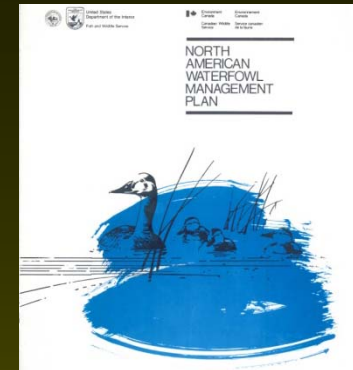


# Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Restoration Strategy

- Since December 2005
  - Substantial progress through existing programs
  - Not necessarily led by the plan
- Challenge
  - Converting the plan into on-the-ground results
- Need to accelerate the pace
  - Embrace the GLRC restoration Vision
  - Engage all stakeholders
  - Strategic implementation



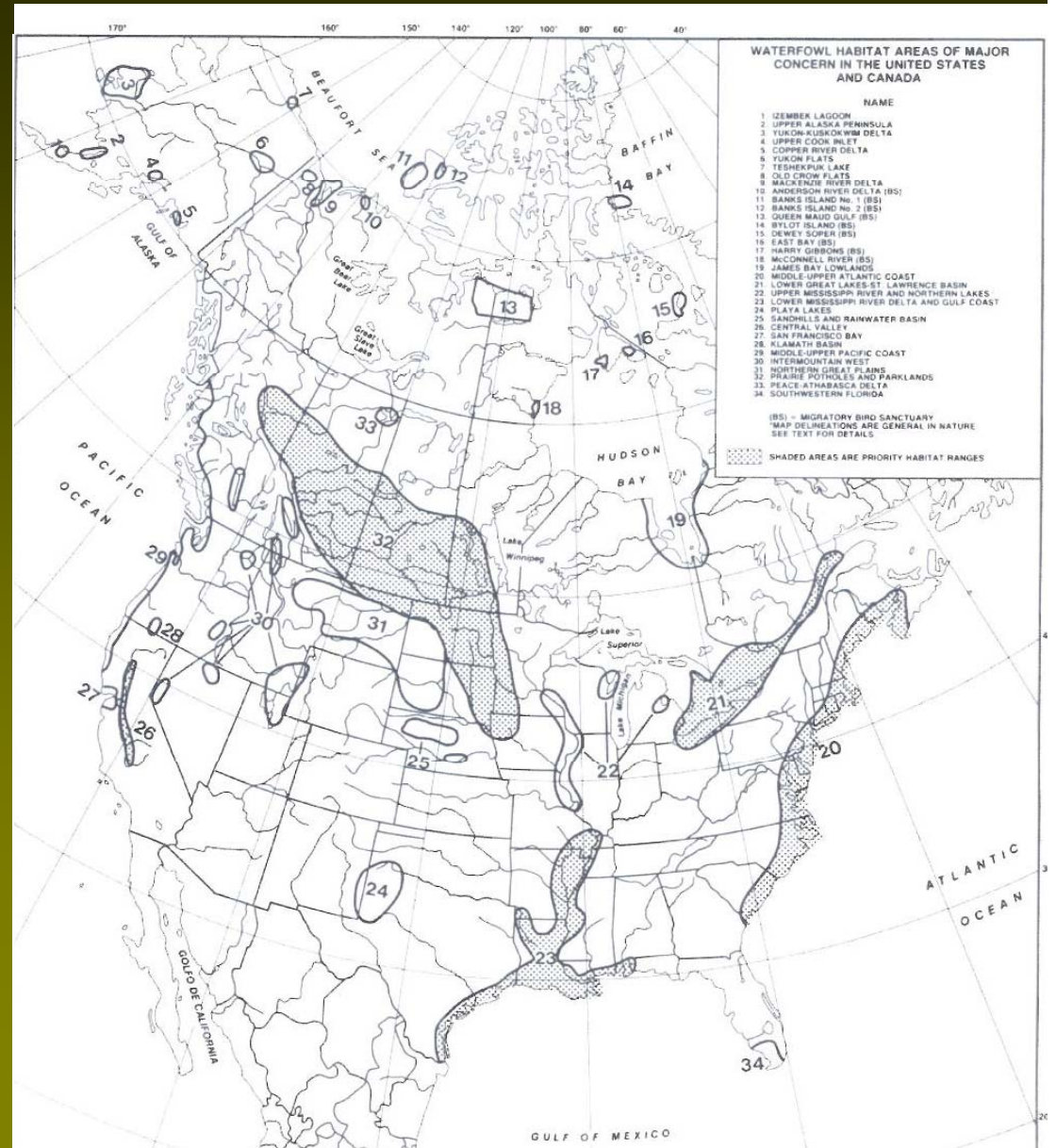
# “Joint Venture Model”



- North American Waterfowl Mgmt Plan (NAWMP)
  - International plan
  - Identified focus areas
  - Plan Committee composed of stakeholders (USFWS)
- Joint Ventures
  - Stepped-down planning to regional focus areas
  - Guided by a Management Board
- Local implementation
  - Various self-directed efforts to achieve JV goals at the local level
  - Empowered to build partnerships, seek funding and *get things done!*

# NAWMP Success

- 23.8 million wetlands & uplands acres.
- 1,697 Projects
- 3,547 Partners
- \$4.5 Billion invested
- 3:1 match of federal dollars

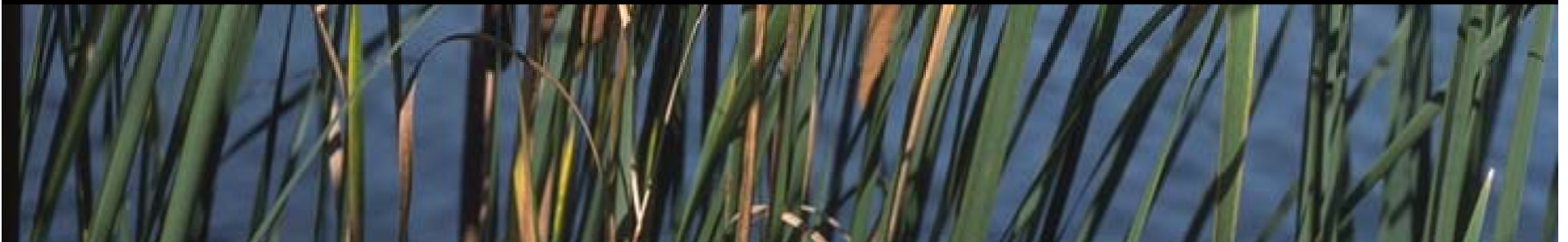


# Why has NAWMP been Successful?

- Shared vision (international)
- Step-down implementation
- Funding
- Synergy

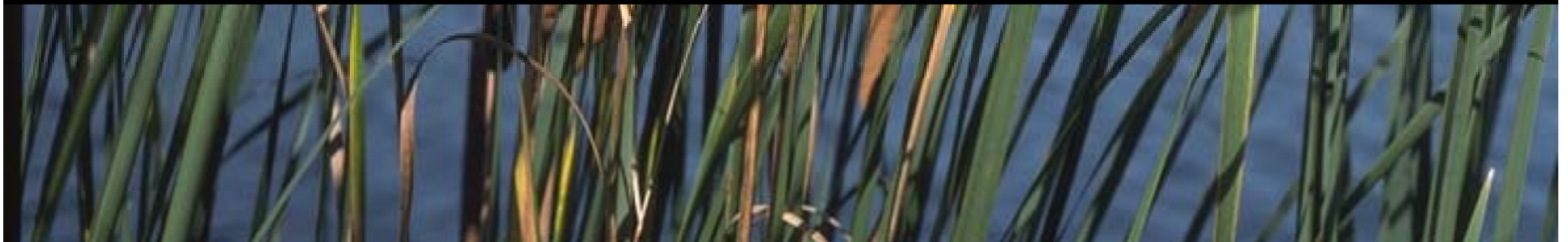
# GLRC Missing Link

- Establish a successful mechanism to step down implementation of the GLRC restoration strategy
  - Broad support and buy-in
  - Cooperation and collaboration
  - Encourage increased public and private investment
  - *RESTORE THE GREAT LAKES!!*



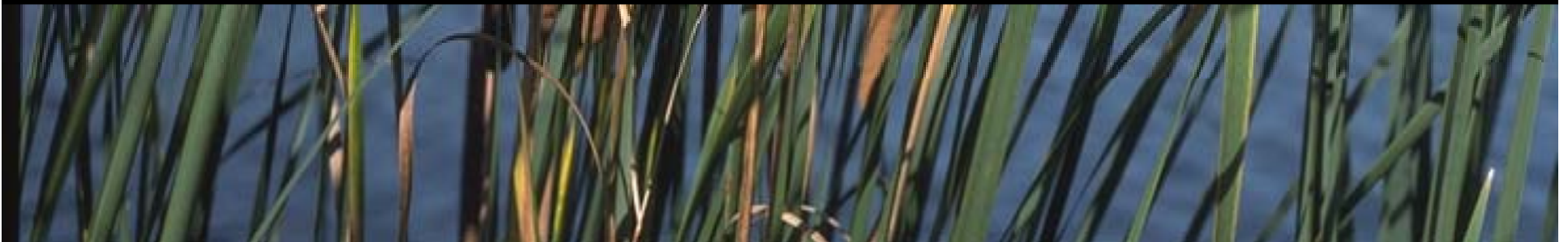
# Michigan Initiative Process

- Develop action frameworks for each of the 8 priority areas
  - Drafted by state agency personnel
- Secure public input through a series of regional workshops
  - Modify actions as appropriate
- Input incorporated into the final Michigan Plan



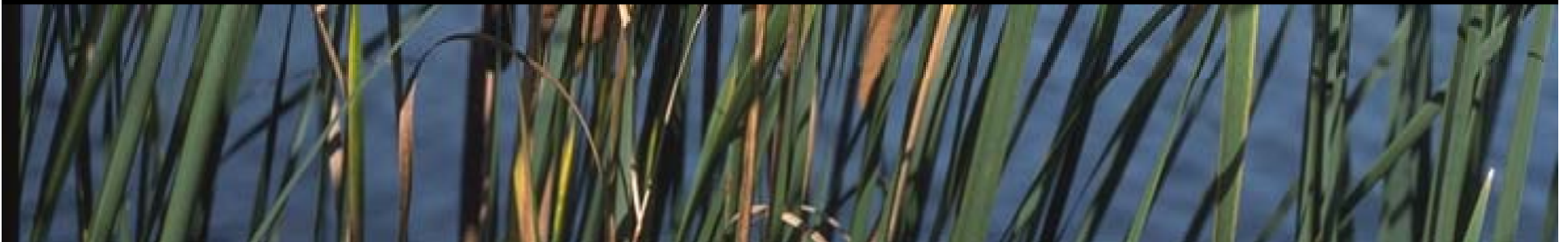
# Michigan Initiative Process

- Cooperative effort led by
  - MDEQ Office of the Great Lakes
  - Michigan United Conservation Clubs
- Fully supported by Lt. Governor
- Steering Committee of diverse, interested stakeholders

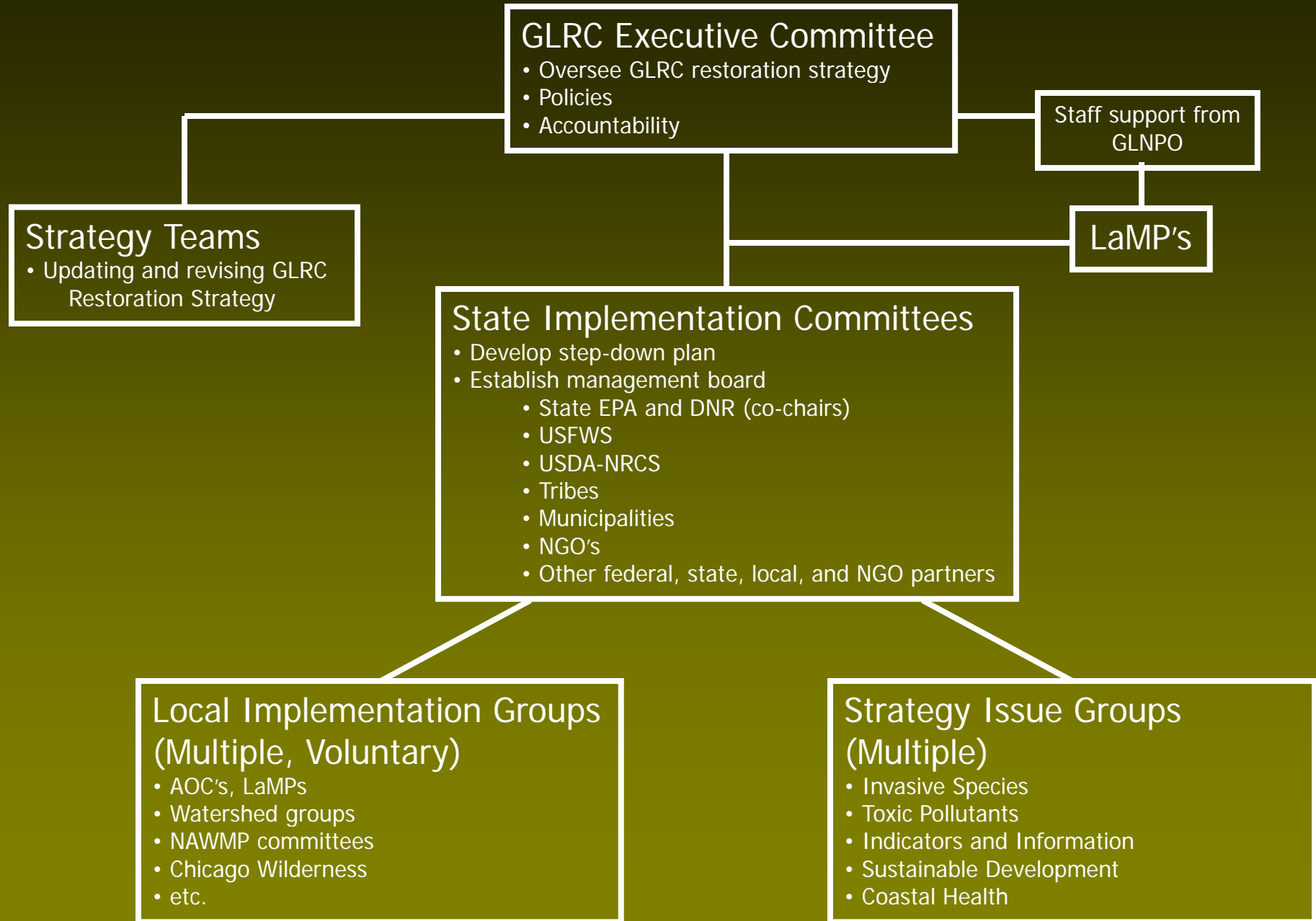


# Outcomes

- Integrated collaborative plan for moving Michigan forward toward restoring and protecting the Great Lakes
- Priority restoration and protection programs identified along with funding sources
- Action plans to encourage implementation



# Organizational Proposal



Together we can achieve the  
Vision of a restored, sustainable  
Great Lakes ecosystem.

