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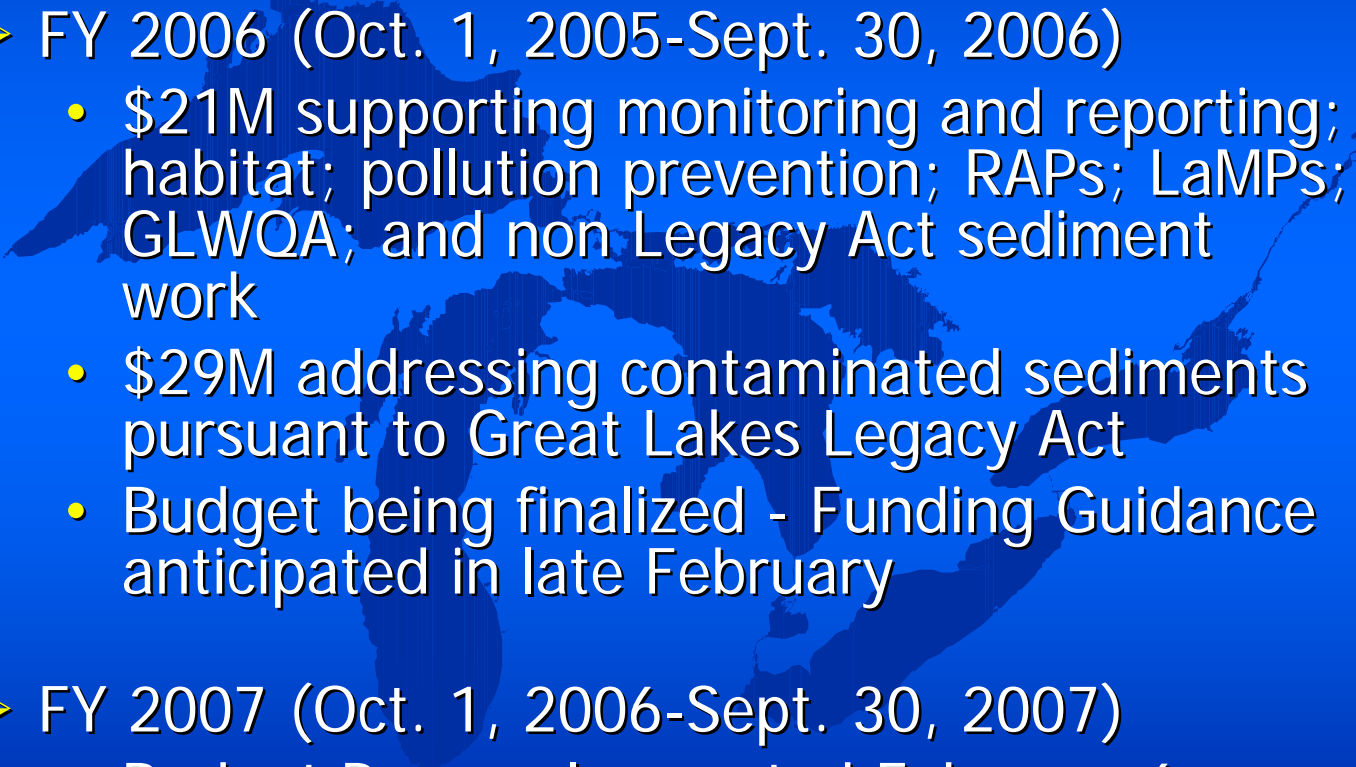
**Delisting habitat-BUIs—  
support from GLNPO**

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# Status of the GLNPO budget

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- FY 2006 (Oct. 1, 2005-Sept. 30, 2006)
    - \$21M supporting monitoring and reporting; habitat; pollution prevention; RAPs; LaMPs; GLWQA; and non Legacy Act sediment work
    - \$29M addressing contaminated sediments pursuant to Great Lakes Legacy Act
    - Budget being finalized - Funding Guidance anticipated in late February
  
  - FY 2007 (Oct. 1, 2006-Sept. 30, 2007)
    - Budget Proposal expected February 6

# GLNPO dollars for AOCs

- RAP budget
- Watershed Restoration Grant Program—multi-agency
- GLNPO habitat BUI pilot projects

# RAP budget

- Maintaining budget from last year
- Maintaining MI DEQ support
- Negotiating with MI DEQ to target projects to accelerate delisting
- Some projects may be competitive—GLNPO RFP

# Watershed Restoration Grant Program

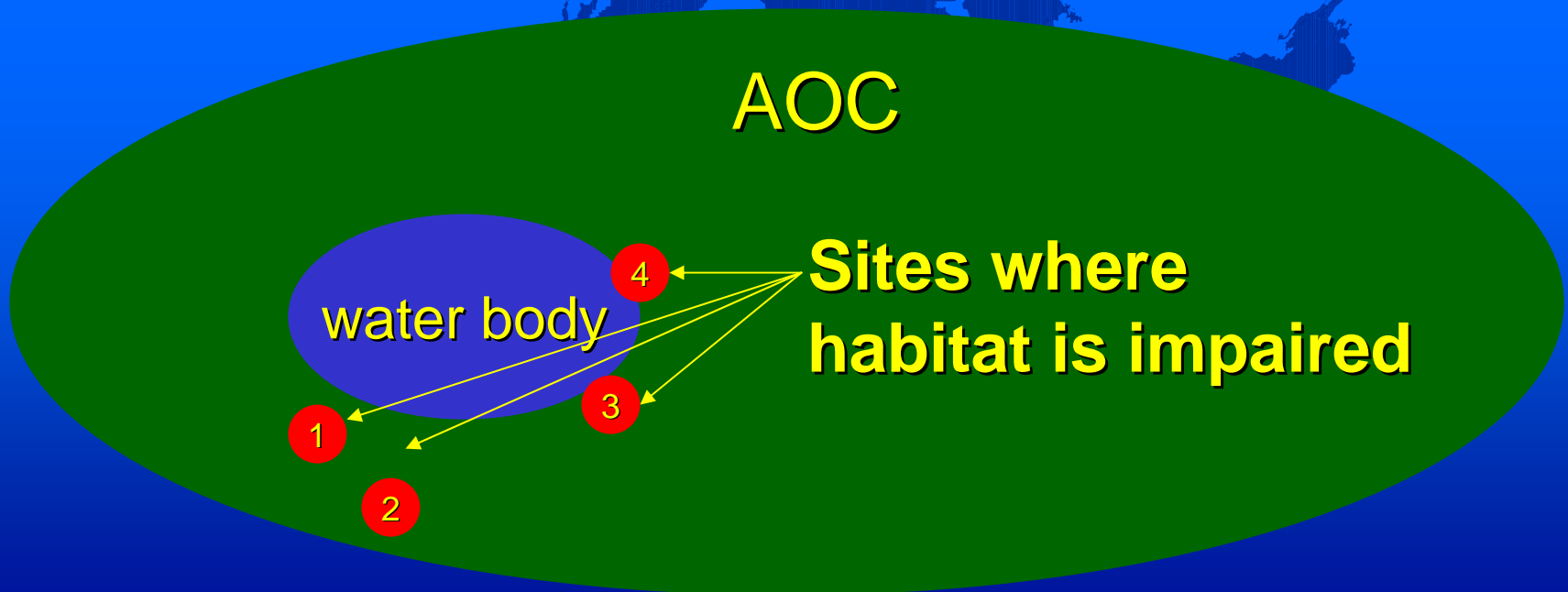
- Partnership: NFWF, GLNPO, USFWS, NOAA, USFS, states, tribes
- Purpose: combine \$ to target GL Regional Collaboration habitat goals
- FY 2005--\$700,000, decisions February 14<sup>th</sup>
- Next RFP—September 2006—AOCs are eligible

# GLNPO habitat BUI pilot projects

- Why a contract?
- Criteria =
  - Identifying what you want (setting targets)
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    - Coming up with a checklist that tells you when you've reached your targets (blueprint)
- GLNPO will fund ecological restoration contractors to develop that blueprint

# Habitat blueprint

- Zero in on the sites that caused the habitat impairments in the AOC



# Habitat blueprint

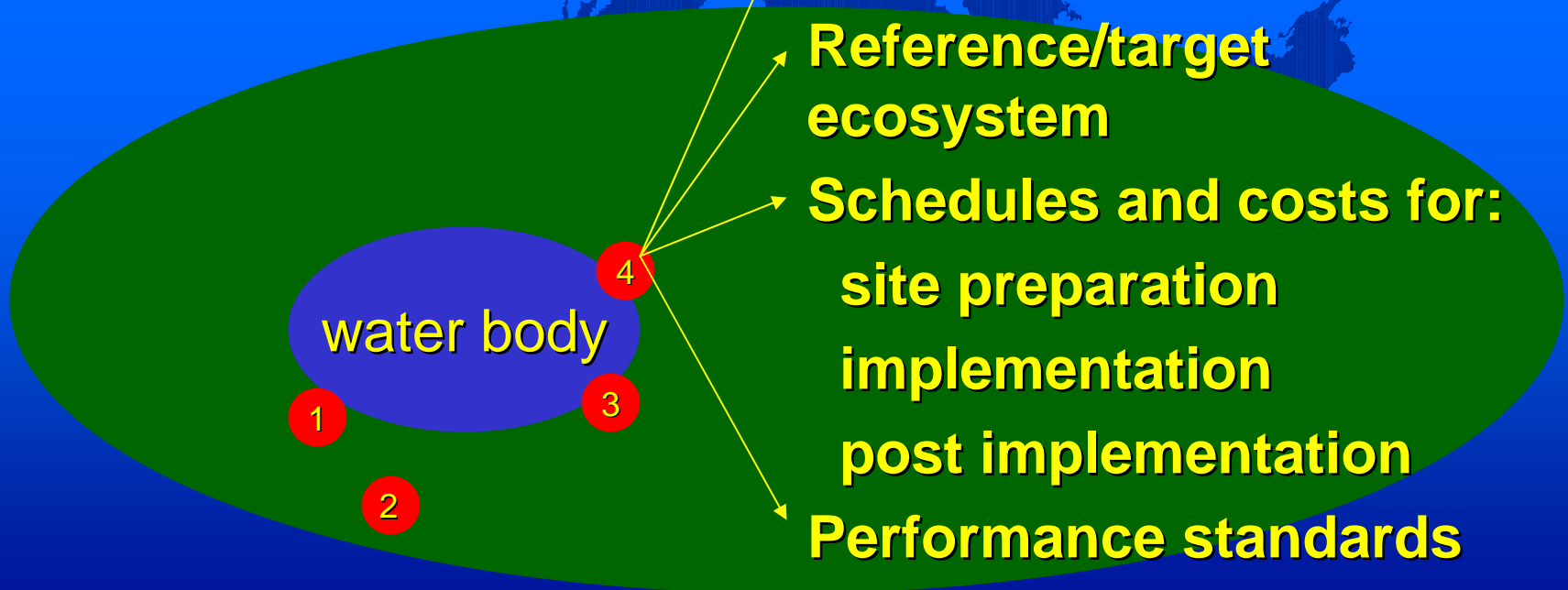
- For each site specify the following information:

**Ecological and cultural description**

**Reference/target ecosystem**

**Schedules and costs for:**  
site preparation  
implementation  
post implementation

**Performance standards**

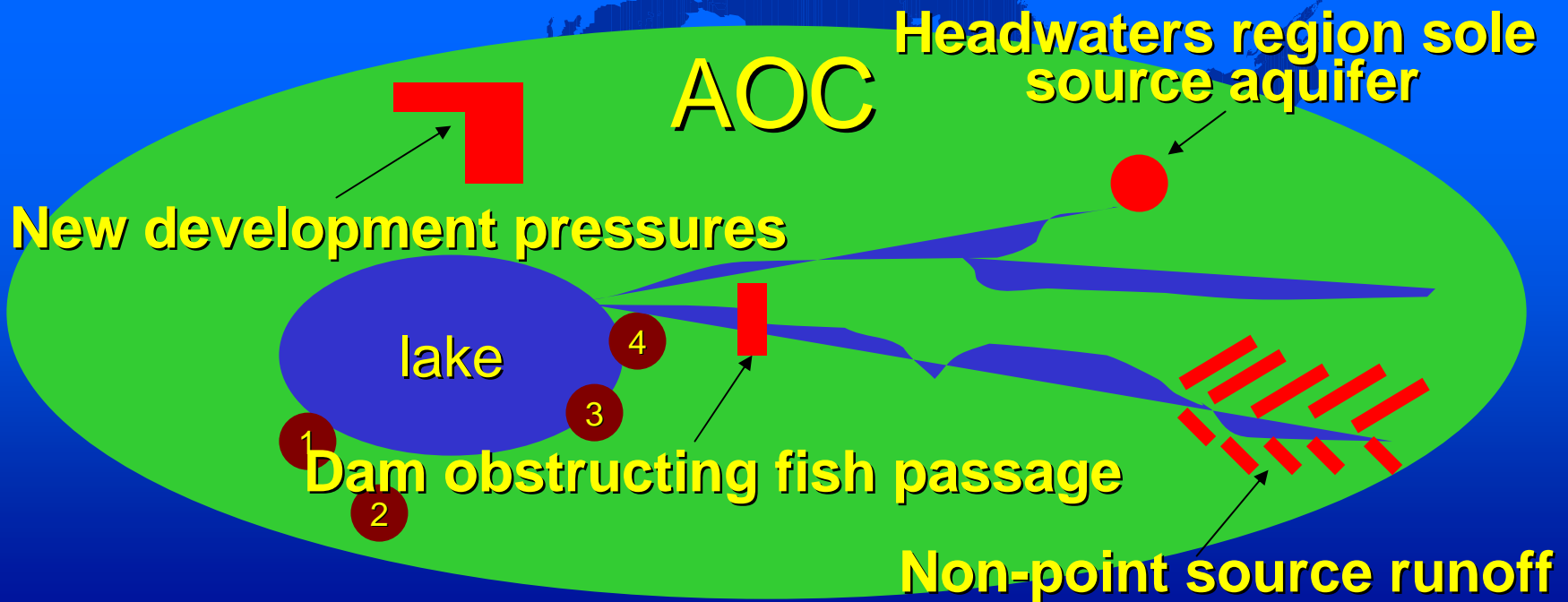


Achieving everything in the blueprint leads to delisting habitat-related BUIs

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- ✓<sup>1</sup> Wetland restoration
  - ✓<sup>2</sup> Floodplain restoration
  - ✓<sup>3</sup> Emergent aquatic restoration
  - ✓<sup>4</sup> Riparian restoration

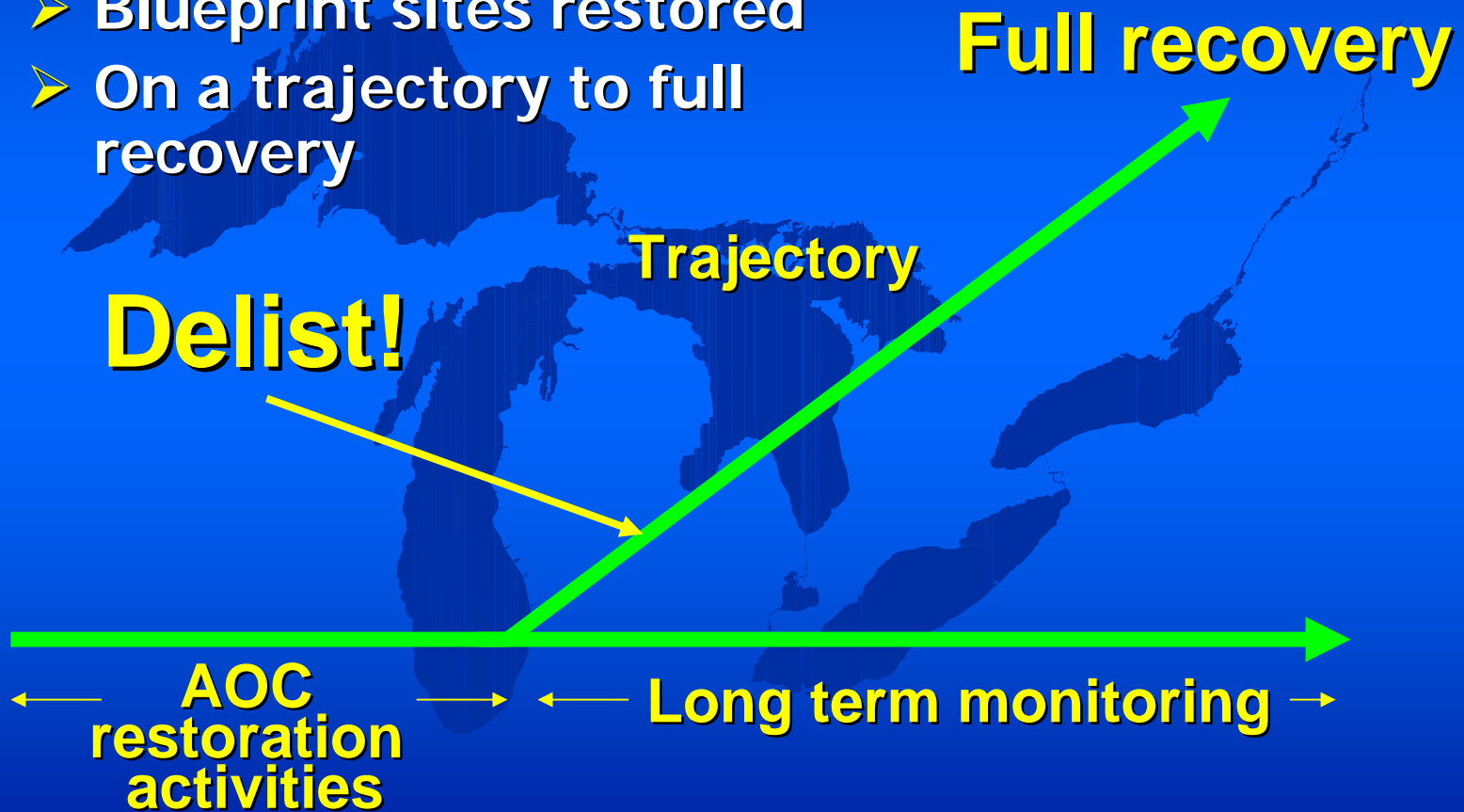
# The rest of the AOC

- Implement best management practices/stewardship to prevent further degradation



# Habitat restoration timeline

- Sources controlled
- Blueprint sites restored
- On a trajectory to full recovery



# Summary

- GLNPO will use grants and contracts to fund habitat work in AOCs to get the work done
- [www.epa.gov/glnpo](http://www.epa.gov/glnpo)