

Cross-Watershed Network

XWN

*Healthy watersheds
through
healthy partnerships*

Why?

- Peer-to-peer sharing across watershed boundaries for improved capacity building and knowledge sharing
- Collaborative development of better management tools and approaches
- Work together to address common challenges
- Large-landscape effectiveness through collective impact

Practitioner-Based Approach

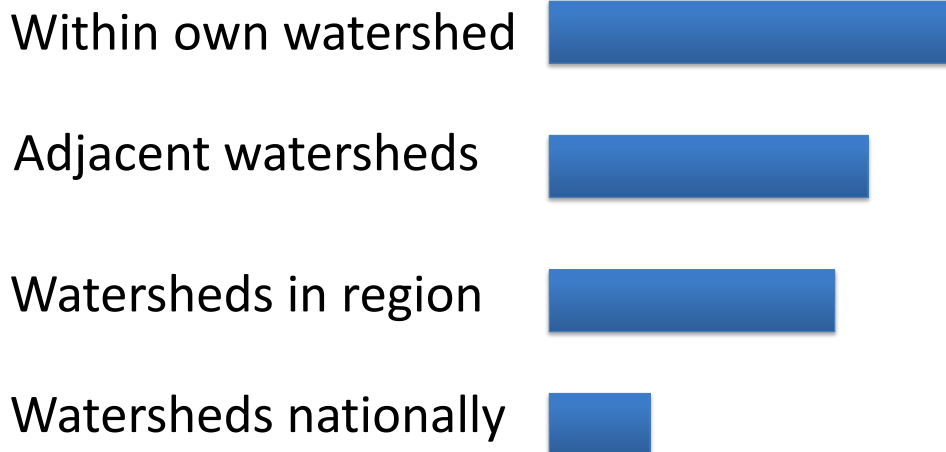
Cross-watershed Survey of Practitioners

Results Compiled October 12th, 2012

A few key outcomes...

Survey results

Scale: With whom would it be most useful to collaborate?



Survey results

Thematic areas of current work:

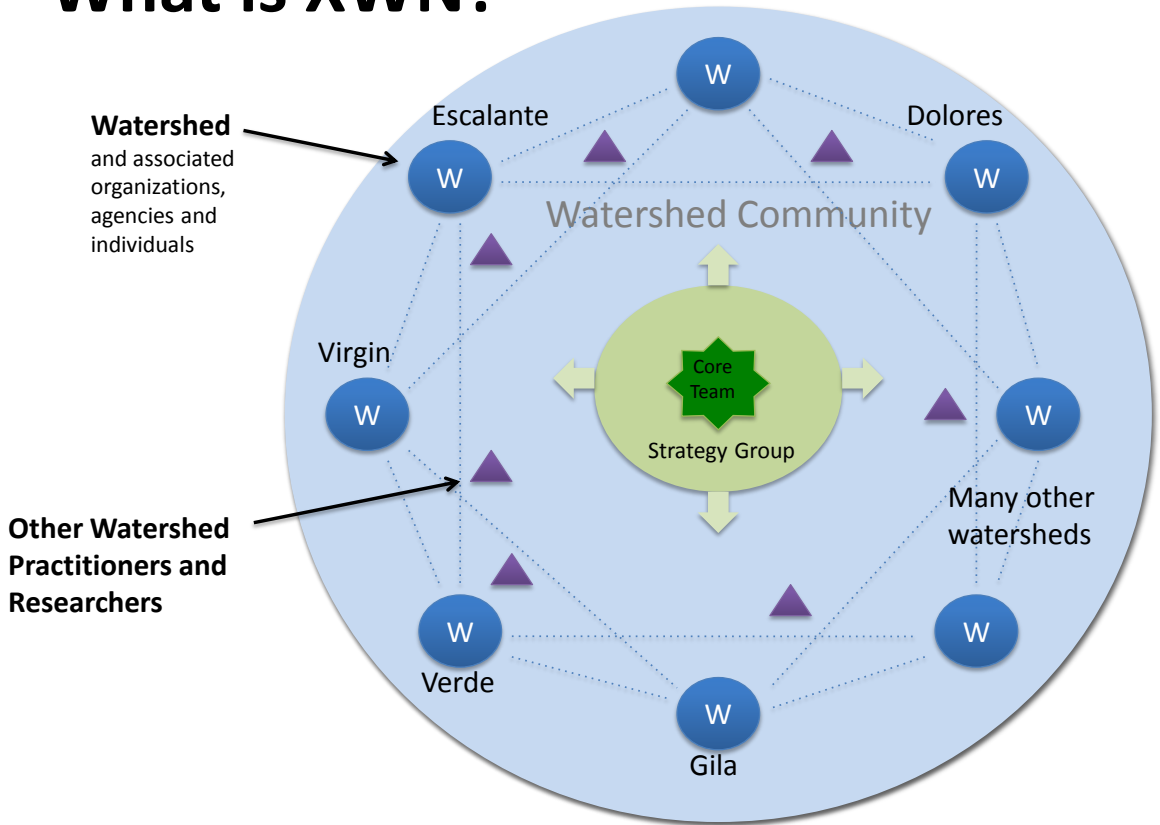
1. Riparian restoration - invasive species control
2. Watershed, forest and upland health
3. Water quantity – consumptive
4. Water quantity – non-consumptive
Water quality – non-point source pollution
Watershed health agricultural lands
5. Riparian restoration – altered hydrology
6. Water quality – point source pollution
7. Watershed health – urban areas

Survey results

Preferred methods for info sharing & learning:

1. Watershed hosted field trips and workshops
2. Peer-to-peer consulting
3. Web-based clearinghouse for information sharing and tools
4. Public education / youth engagement
5. Cross watershed working groups
6. Webinar trainings

What is XWN?



Who – Participants

The Network is open to anyone working on watershed health:

- Site-based practitioners
- Watershed and riverine partnerships
- Private landowners
- Tribes
- Agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- Universities

Who – Shared Leadership (Core Team)

- **Deborah Campbell** – Deborah Campbell and Associates; Virgin River Conservation Partnership and Virgin River Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Collaborative
- **Jan Holder** – Gila Watershed Partnership
- **Season Martin** – Tamarisk Coalition; Northwest Colorado Riparian Restoration Partnership
- **Chip Norton** – Friends of the Verde River Greenway; Verde Watershed Restoration Coalition
- **Daniel Oppenheimer** – Tamarisk Coalition; Dolores River Restoration Partnership
- **Tahnee Robertson** – Southwest Decision Resources; Verde Watershed Restoration Coalition; Gila Watershed Partnership
- **Risa Shimoda** – River Management Society
- **Michele Straube** – Environmental Dispute Resolution Program, University of Utah; Escalante River Watershed Partnership

Core Team Mug Shot



What we've done so far...



Plans ahead - 2013 Initiatives

- 1) Riparian Restoration Workshop**
(Peer to peer learning, sharing)

- 2) Website development**
(Information clearinghouse,
online sharing and communication)

2013 Initiatives

1) Riparian Restoration Workshop

- Peer-to-peer information sharing and problem solving related to on-the-ground projects
- Identification, synthesis, documentation, and sharing of lessons learned
- Identification of common issues and opportunities for the XWN
- Development of constructive relationships among practitioners
- Watershed hosted, rotating annual workshop

2013 Initiatives

2) Website

- Searchable practitioner profiles
- Event posting
- Discussion boards
- Maps - interactive display of partnerships, projects and people
- Links to resources

Get Involved!

- Sign up on the sheet circulating...
- Talk to one of the Core Team members – suggestions welcomed!
- Go to the website:

Sites.google.com/site/crosswatershednetworkxwn/

Thank you