

What is the new approach?



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# Scope of the Assessment

# What is a Watershed Assessment?

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- Summarizes existing data + analyses
- Addresses data gaps + big picture questions
- Coordinates and guides all agency led work
- Provides justification to funding sources

# What is a Watershed Assessment?

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## What is it not?

- It is not a solution for everything
- It is not an on the ground project
- It is not repeating work already in place
- It is not defining what will happen

# What is an Action Plan?

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- Prioritization of appropriate actions
- Address subwatershed action types
- Assesses limiting factors
- Provide holistic baseline information

# What is an Action Plan?

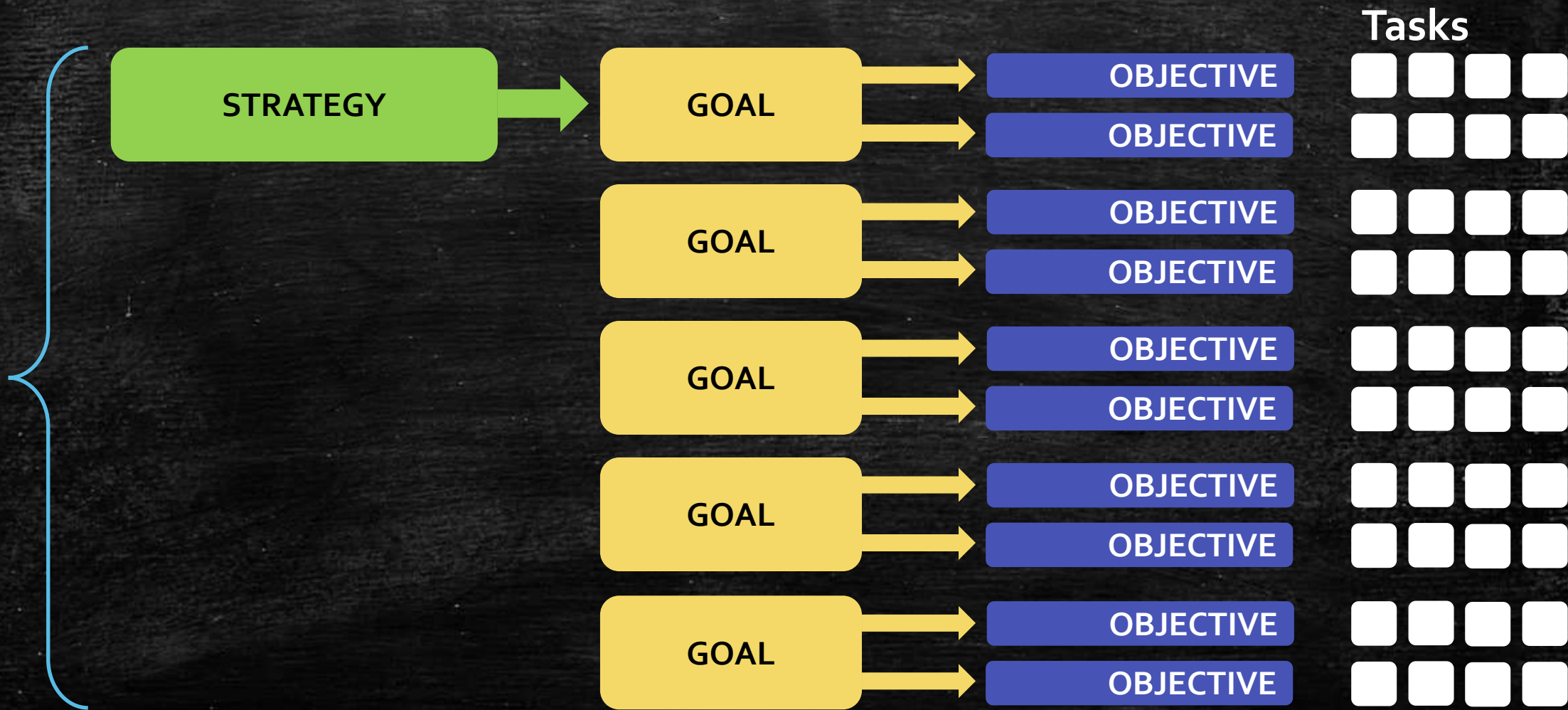
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What is it not?

- Site specific detailed designs
- A regulatory or enforceable document
- Unlimited wish list of projects
- A replication of previous efforts

# Vision. Strategy. Goals. Objectives. Tasks.

Vision





# Birch Creek Assessment + Action Plan

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Our shared vision is to establish Birch Creek as a healthy and functional ecosystem, which also is a reliable water source and enjoyable place for recreation, so that Birch Creek sustainably supports native fish populations in balance with the needs of adjacent agriculture and the local economy.

**Vision**

# Birch Creek Assessment + Action Plan

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- Healthy and functional ecosystem
- Reliable water resource
- Sustainable native fish populations
- In balance with community and agriculture

**Vision**

# Birch Creek Assessment + Action Plan

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Collaboration: Technical team and the community

- Assessment

- Baseline conditions
- Fish success limiting factors
- Stream and floodplain function

- Action Plan

- Identify + prioritize conservation and restoration
- Thriving natural habitats for fish
- Support a thriving community and strong economy

## Strategy

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- Build community trust and collaboration
- Understand current watershed conditions and processes that affect Birch Creek
- Plan for future habitat restoration and stream management actions at Birch Creek

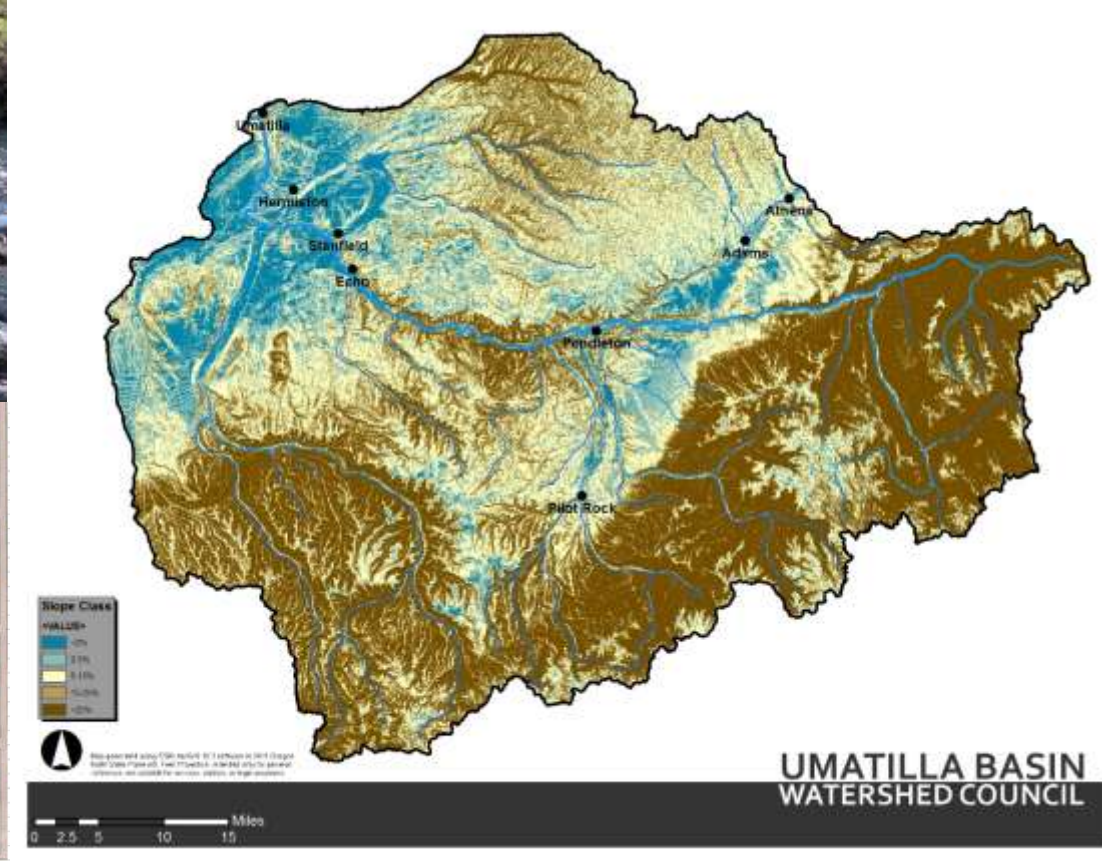
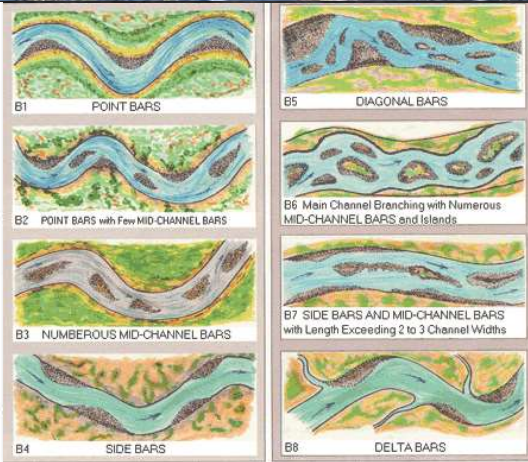
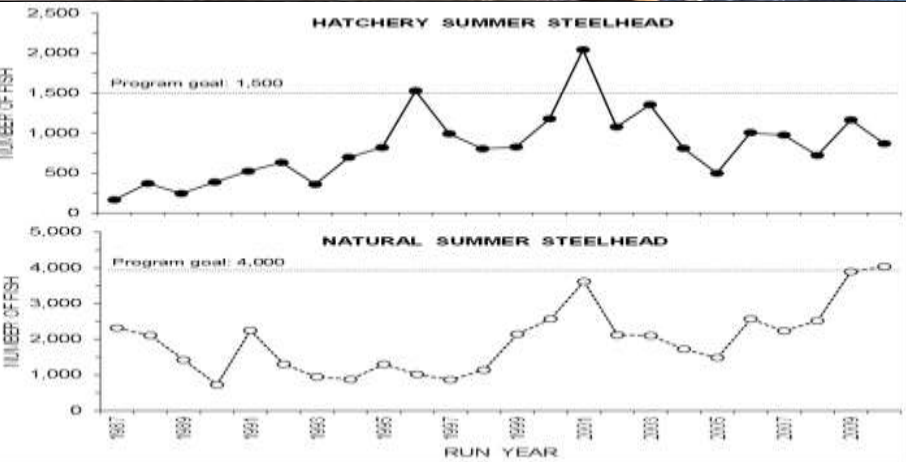
**Goals: Project specific**

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- Promote a healthy watershed
- Promote a reliable water supply
- Promote water quality improvements
- Promote improved riparian plant community health
- Promote a healthy fish community

**Goals: Long term (10-50yr)**



# Watershed Assessment Process