Overcoming Policy and Permitting Challenges to Implementing Natural Infrastructure Solutions
A Natural Floodplain Functions Alliance Workshop
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NEXT STEPS:

• Meet again to continue discussion
  o Issues/problems were covered in this workshop
  o Next step is to probe solutions in depth
  o NFFA meeting at ASFPM Kansas meeting could be a venue for discussion of next steps
  o ASWM annual meeting could be a good planning venue for a breakfast meeting or evening meeting
• Expand the Natural Floodplain Functions Alliance to promote the idea of natural infrastructure
  o What do we want to accomplish
• Create a consolidated table/resources that includes:
  o Available grants
  o Available programs where resources can be pulled together, e.g. regional data collection
• ID/develop ways to measure effectiveness of nature based projects and evaluate
  o NOAA is developing a database about green infrastructure projects
  o A Community of Ecosystem Services (ACES) has a database of ecosystem service values (bring in ACES economists as speakers to enhance this point)
• Develop training and access to reports, etc.
  o Communication and outreach strategies
• Encourage collaborations to save time and money
• Crossover funding and regulations
  o i.e. there is a lack of funding for performance evaluation
• Create greater recognition of the overlap between habitat, floodplains, water quality, etc.
  o i.e. Mike Klein’s graphic on first slide
• Find ways to update maps
• Explore creative communication strategies that address the “people perspective”