

RWA Considerations

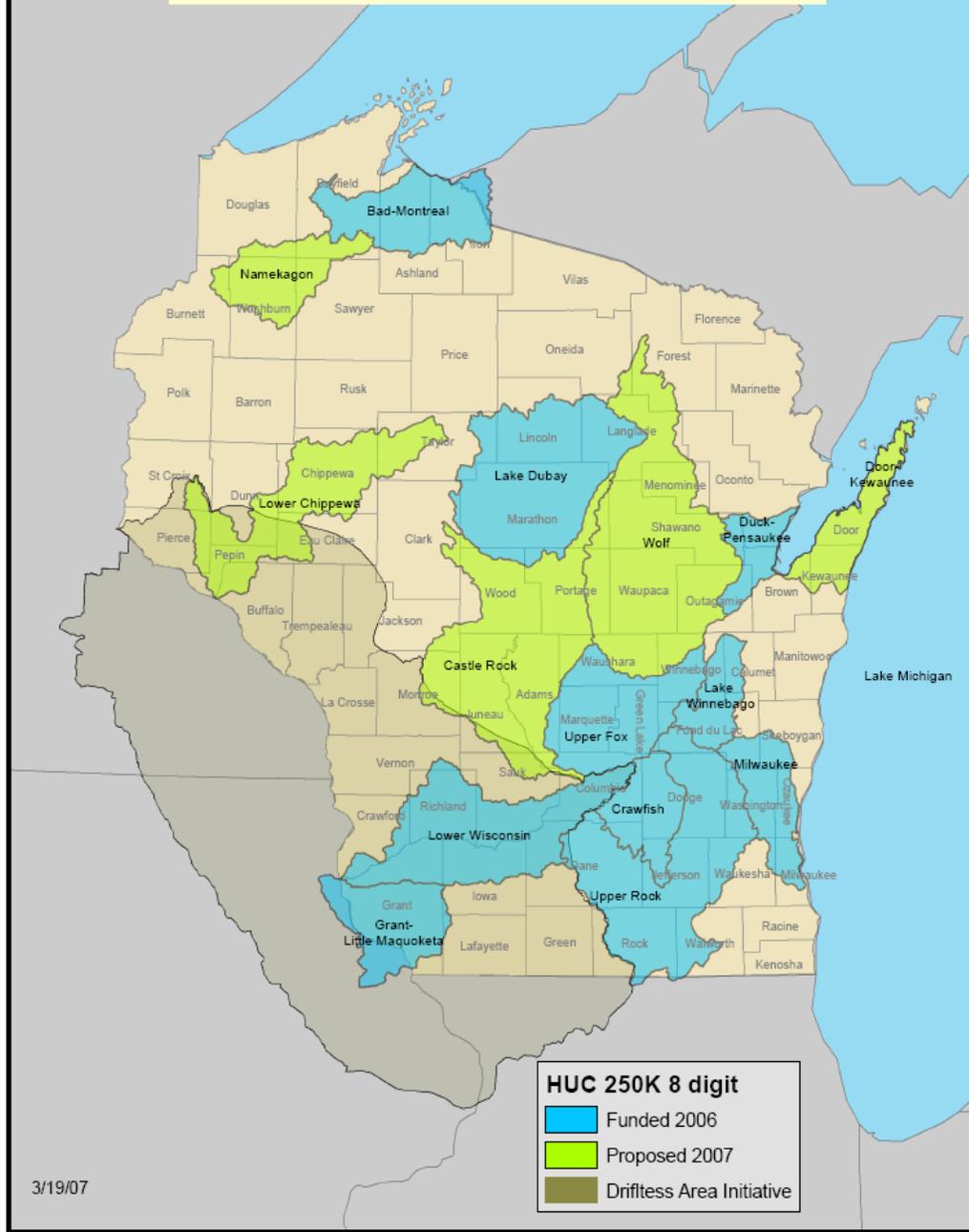
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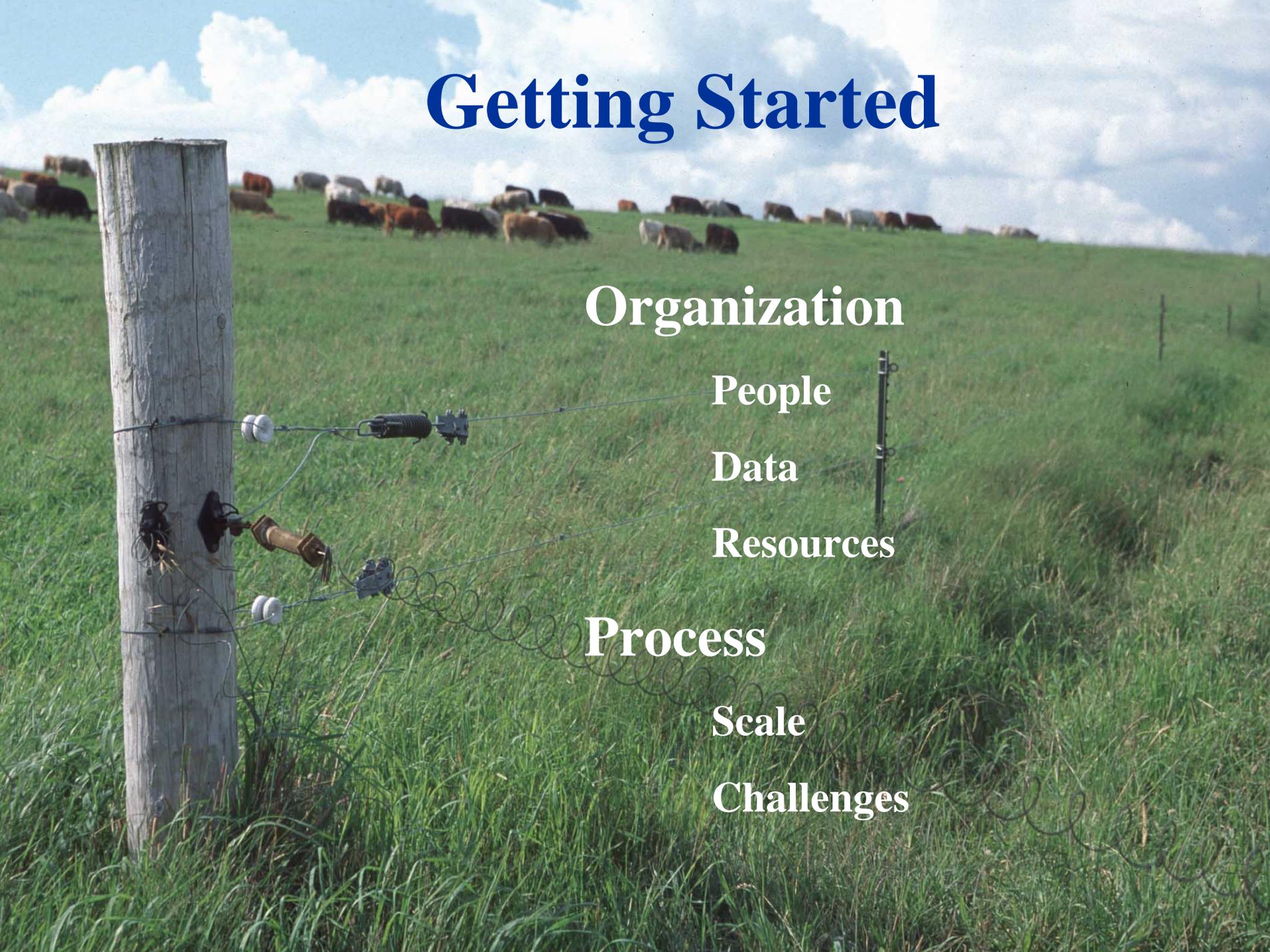


U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Wisconsin Rapid Watershed Assessments



Getting Started



Organization

People

Data

Resources

Process

Scale

Challenges

Organization

People

Staff

Equipment Needs

Timeframes

Data

Scale

Soils

Consistency

Links

Resources

Funds/TA

Partners



Staff Considerations

- Multi-disciplinary team
 - GIS Team
 - Visual Information Specialist
 - Soil Scientists
 - Resource Conservationists
 - Program Manager
 - Project Coordinator

Important to set project management objectives and timelines.

GIS and Desktop Publishing

- Perfect combination to produce RWA's
- Templates can be designed
- GIS maps are resized pdf files at a resolution for web viewing
- Adobe InDesign and Photoshop utilized in the design process
- Online pdf documents-try to keep under 6MB

Data Considerations

- Multiple sources
 - primary concern – good soil data
 - Current NRCS PRS info
 - Ag statistics and demographics
 - Matrix considerations
 - Partners research
 - Local resource concerns
 - 303d assessment-EPA

Process

- **Entire State / Area of Interest**
- **Internal Watershed / Best Data**
- **Partner Inputs Data & Funding**
- **Multi State Coordination**



Challenges

- **Timelines**
- **Distribution-Outreach**
- **Data Quality & Updating**



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