

Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network

**A partnership between Dow Chemical
Company and the Saginaw Bay
Watershed communities, facilitated by
the Conservation Fund**



**The
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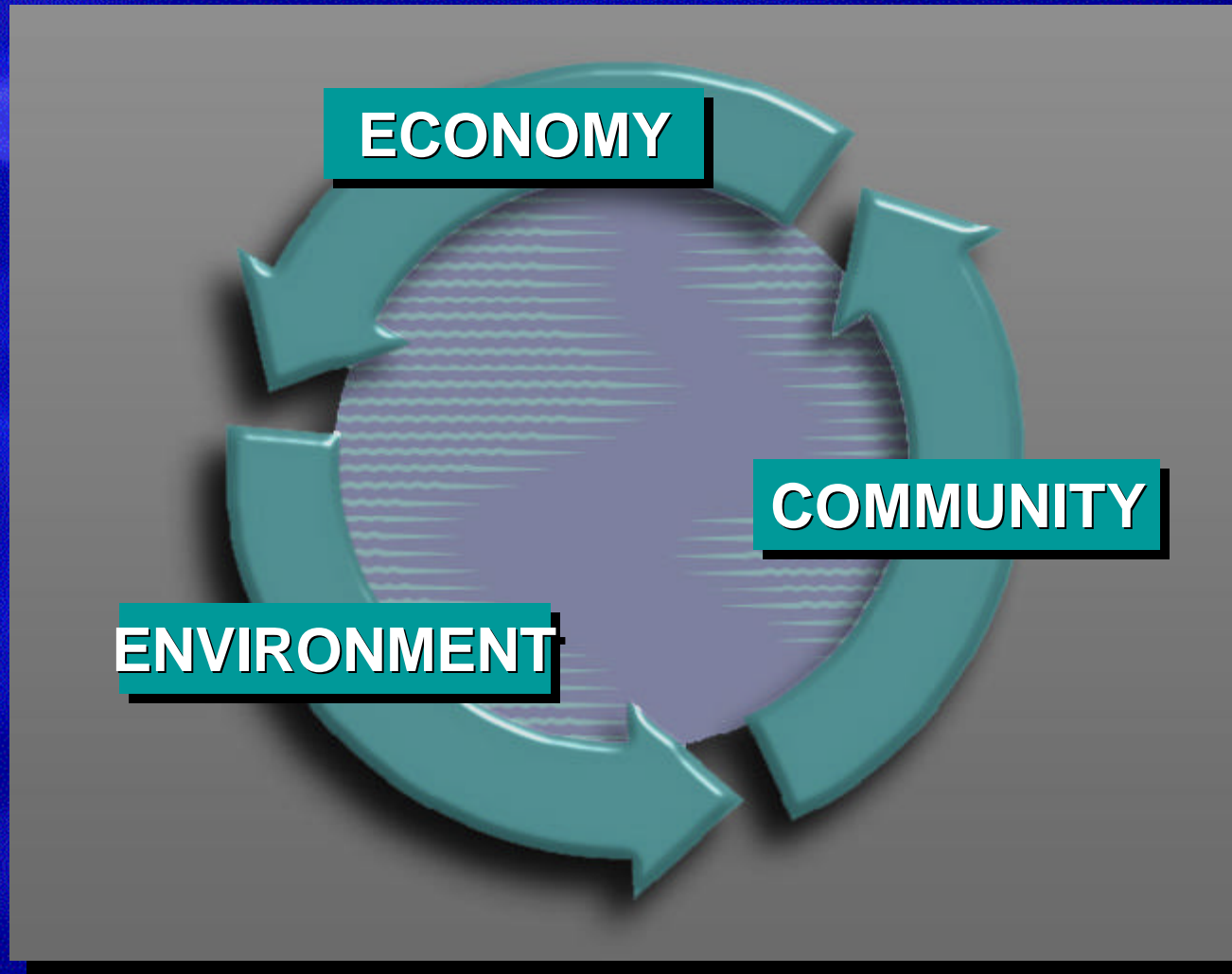
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- **“WIN” was launched in 1996**
- **Created to enhance quality of life in the Saginaw Bay watershed**

What is WIN?

- **Community based**
- **Diverse, volunteer organization**
- **Action platform for sustainable thinking**

Sustainability

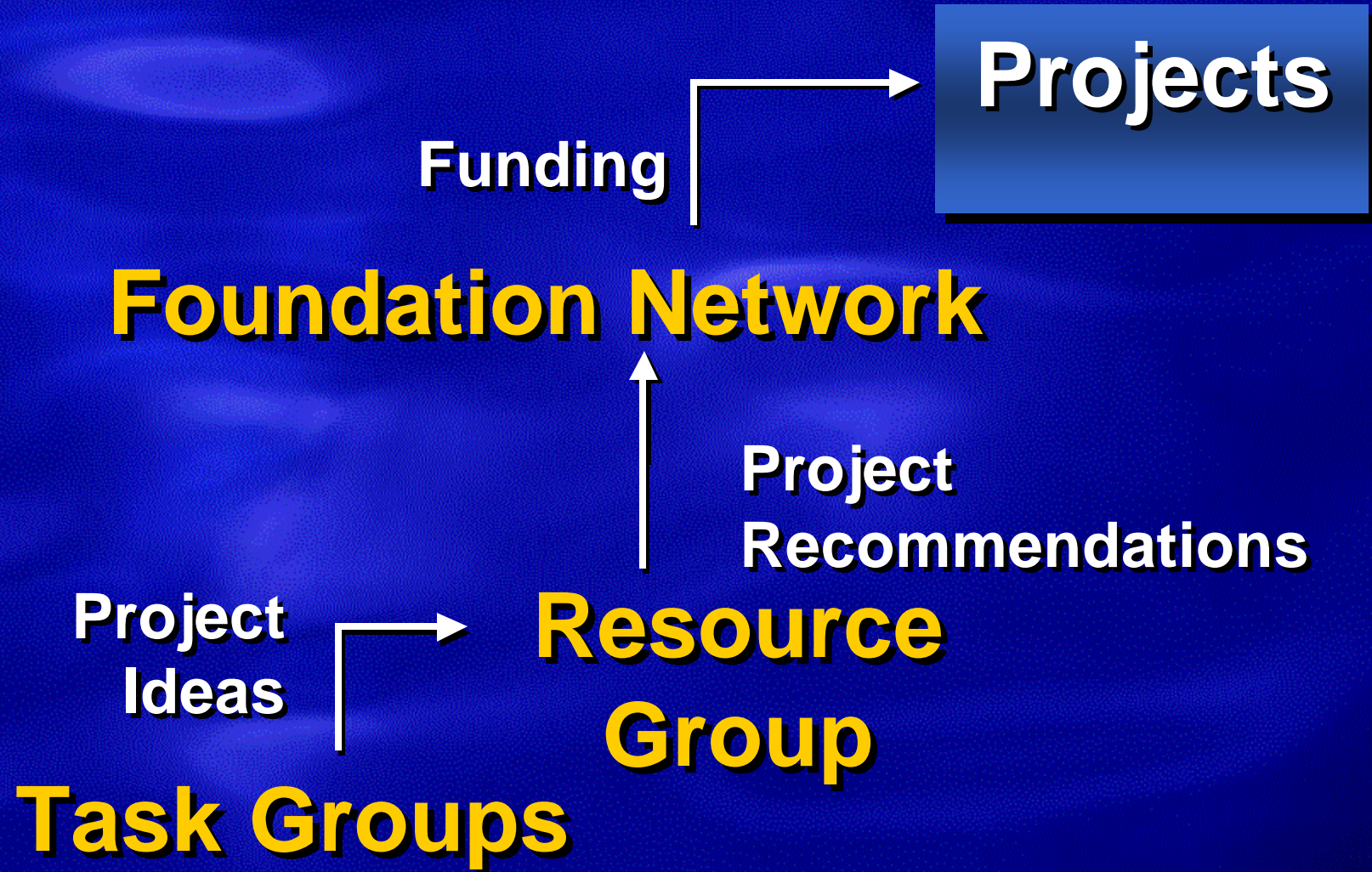




WIN Members

- **90+ Resource Group members**
- **25+ additional volunteers on Task Groups**
- **13 foundations in Foundation Network**

Funding Process





WIN Structure

Foundation Network

- 13 member foundations
- Community & private foundations
- Established \$300,000/year seed fund for WIN projects



Foundation Network

- **Bay Area Community Foundation**
- **Charles J. Strosacker Foundation**
- **Consumers Energy Foundation**
- **Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation**
- **Kantzler Foundation**
- **Midland Foundation**
- **Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation**
- **Saginaw Community Foundation**
- **S.C. Johnson Fund**
- **The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation**
- **The Dow Chemical Company Foundation**
- **The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation**
- **Cook Family Fund**

Land Use Objectives

- **Smart community growth**
- **Profitable, environmentally sound building & development practices**
- **Open space & farmland protection**

Wildlife Stewardship Projects

- **Habitat enhancement,
protection**
- **Market region as nature-
based tourism destination**
- **Public access**

Birding Brochure & Website



Michigan's Saginaw Bay Birding Home Page

Welcome to the home page dedicated to making your next birding trip to the Saginaw Bay Area more fruitful and enjoyable through the hard work of avid birder Ron Weeks and is supported by the [Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative](#) under the leadership of the [Dow Chemical Company](#), with assistance from [The Conservation Fund](#), and includes content for the Saginaw Bay Region. We hope that the information on this website will help you get the most out of your birding experience.

Birder Resources

Prepare for an enjoyable trip by requesting the [Saginaw Bay Information Packet](#). It includes such helpful information as the [Birder's Trail Map](#) listing many of the best area birding locales. If you need birding supplies while you are in the region, you can also go on a [guided birding tour](#). Birders may also wish to purchase [Birds and Bird Finding in the Saginaw Bay Area](#) by Ron Weeks, which describes over 50 local birding spots. Local birders have also compiled [seasonal surveys](#) of birding in the Saginaw Bay Area.

Birds of the Saginaw Bay

*Wetlands,
Waders & Waterfowl*

Few locations in the world offer an equal to the spectacle of enormous flocks of waterfowl who gather for food and protection along the shores and inland waterways of the Saginaw Bay Watershed.





Water Resources Projects

- **Fisheries & Fishing**
- **Benchmarks**
- **Wetland Protection**

Agriculture/P2 Objectives

- **Improve farm profitability**
- **Reduce runoff & soil loss**
- **Support farm communities**

How Can I Get Involved?

Visit WIN website at:
www.saginawbaywin.org

Call WIN toll free at:
1-877-ASK-4WIN