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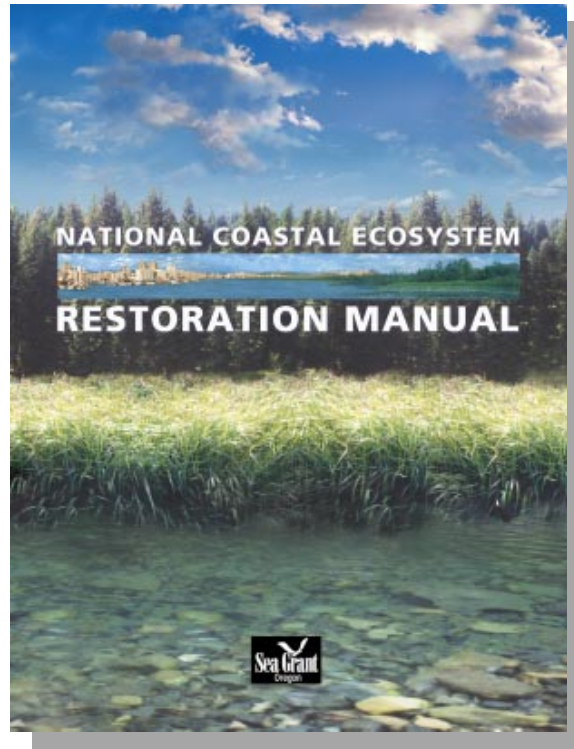
*Watersheds are like a patchwork quilt over the landscape: they're made up of many pieces that fit together to make a whole. And because of their many connections, what happens on one patch can affect other pieces far away.*

Paul W. Adams and Derek Godwin,  
"Watershed Science"

**H**ealthy, functioning watersheds are essential to our lives. We all live in watersheds, and whether we're washing our car in the driveway, grazing cattle along a stream bank, or just enjoying a day boating, we all contribute in one way or another to the stress placed on aquatic ecosystems. The *National Coastal Ecosystem Restoration Manual*, written by experts and practitioners across the country, helps us understand the watersheds we live in and shows us how to be better stewards of them. Its intended audience is broad: farmers, members of watershed councils, owners of small acreages, home owners, forestry managers, state and federal agencies and organizations, nongovernmental natural resource organizations—anyone, in short, who lives and works in a watershed.

In part one of the book, readers learn to hold effective meetings and hone their decision-making and communication skills. The goal is to create well-functioning local groups that can undertake the difficult task of collaborating long enough to restore damaged habitat. Part two focuses on watershed ecosystems (uplands, wetlands, riparian areas, and estuaries), explaining how each functions and recommending methods of assessment, enhancement, and evaluation. The final section of the book applies best management practices to many different settings: for instance, agriculture, forestry, cities, and marinas.

In addition to the handy thematic arrangement, each chapter is self-contained, and readers can start anywhere in the book, drawing on whatever chapters are relevant to their needs.



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# National Coastal Ecosystem Restoration Manual

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