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Coordinated Approaches To Enhance Ecosystem Services In Watersheds Dominated By Agriculture

Project (Funded by GLPF): Great Lakes Watershed Ecological Sustainability Strategy Project (funded by NSF and Ohio Sea Grant): Lake Erie human behavior-ecosystem services research





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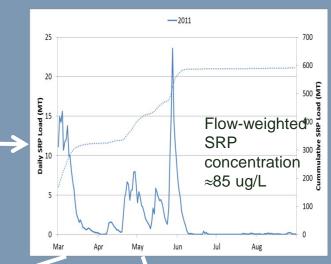




The Problem

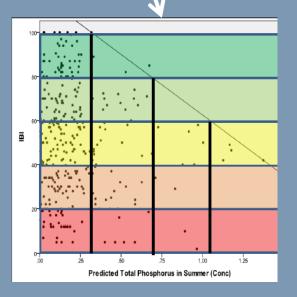






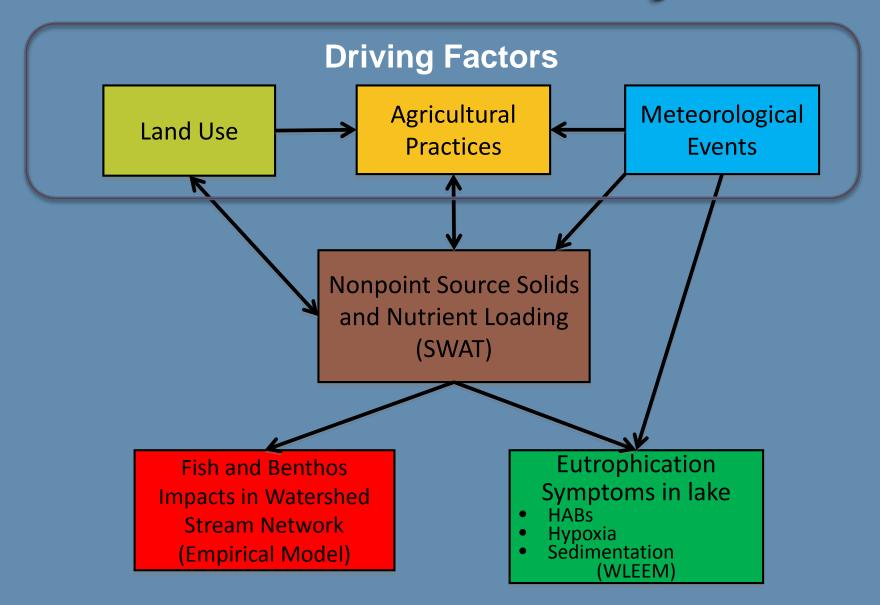




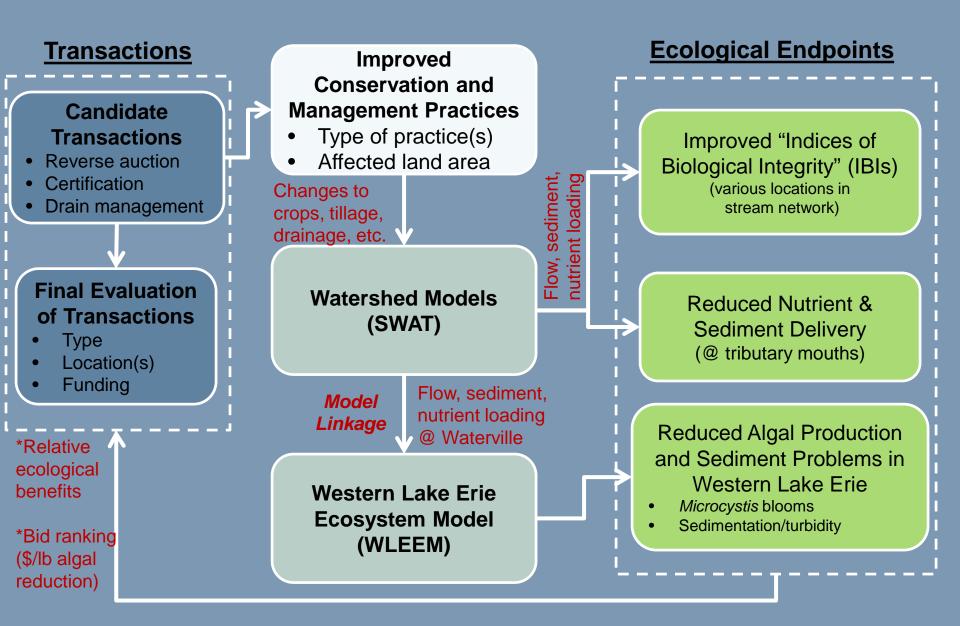


The Cause-Effect Analysis

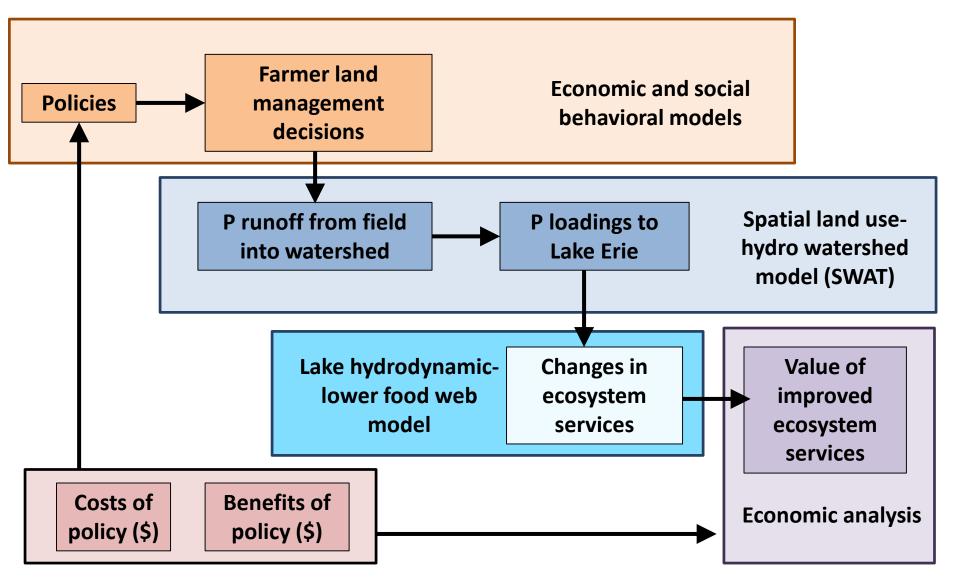
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The Solution: Transactions⇔Ecological Endpoints



OSU Analysis: Lake Erie-land coupled humannatural systems model



Workshop Talks

- 1. <u>Dennis McGrath</u>, The Nature Conservancy. Overview of Achievements from the Great Lakes Watershed Ecological Sustainability Strategy for Agricultural Watersheds in the Great Lakes Basin
- 2. <u>Todd Redder</u>, LimnoTech. *Linking Watershed and Coastal Ecosystem Models to Assess Harmful Algal Bloom Production in the Western Lake Erie Basin*
- 3. <u>Leah H.</u> Palm-Forster, Michigan State University. *Designing Conservation Auctions for Aquatic Ecosystem Services in Agricultural Watersheds*
- 4. <u>Randy Dell, The Nature Conservancy.</u> *Public Drain Fee Reduction Program to Support Biological Watershed Outcomes*
- 5. <u>Carrie Vollmer-Sanders</u>, The Nature Conservancy. *Lake Erie* 4R Nutrient Stewardship Certification: Water Quality Markets
- 6. <u>Wendong Zhang</u>, The Ohio State University. *Linking agricultural land management decisions and Lake Erie ecosystem services using integrated ecological economic modeling*

Roundtable Discussion with Panelists

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What are the top research areas/questions to focus on in the next 2 years? 5 years? 10 years?
- 2. What kinds of programs do we need to encourage landowners to manage cropland in a way that improves water quality?
- 3. Who (which organizations) should be engaging with farmers to increase land stewardship?
- 4. How should incentives be structured to maximize participation in voluntary stewardship programs?