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2008 Pilot Project Objectives

1. Web tool Functionality--test each restoration action-type in the webtool (planting, invasives removal, large wood placement, engineered log structures, off-channel watering, fencing, culverts), including new functions, refinements from 2007 pilot feedback, and other changes from local coordinator, agency, and funder feedback to date.

2. Expose the web tool to a wider variety of local coordinators and a wider geographic landscape. Get more experience and feedback from a greater diversity of users.

3. Work with local landowner coordinators to demonstrate and further assess the effectiveness of StreamBank's one-stop-shop approach in addressing their capacity issues related to project:
    *   design,
    *   management,
    *   maintenance,
    *   monitoring, and
    *   any other gaps that may currently go un- or under-funded

    Identify efficiencies in project advancement through single source funding by evaluating total implementation time, transaction time and quality evaluation, as compared to local coordinator experience running the same or similar projects through the traditional funding system.

4. Integrate a permitting approach that lends itself to increased efficiency while still addressing regulatory requirements. Engage the new GA, RGP, SLOPES IV permitting and consultation process for certain large wood and boulder projects; and to the extent possible, move electronic permitting forward (at least to the point of electronic application form completion) with 2008 projects. Use the 2008 pilots to:
    ➢ get feedback on the new DSL GA / COE RGP and joint application form,
    ➢ determine next steps, including permitting tools needed by the 2009 season.

5. Explore how this approach can increase efficiency for other restoration actions and use the 2008 pilots as a path-finding exercise in shaping the approach to expedited permitting for additional restoration projects.

6. Work with regulatory agencies and funders to better understand and include at least the following in project prioritization criteria:
    ➢ limiting factors,
    ➢ watershed assessments / recovery/subbasin plan information, and
    ➢ project design criteria.
    Use this feedback to refine the web tool's prioritization approach(es) going forward, including linkages with data sources and other web-based efforts..

7. Attract a greater number of public and private funders to support the funding efficiency approach envisioned by StreamBank. Engage them in pilots in a way that addresses their concerns and requirements necessary to securing partnerships for 2009.