

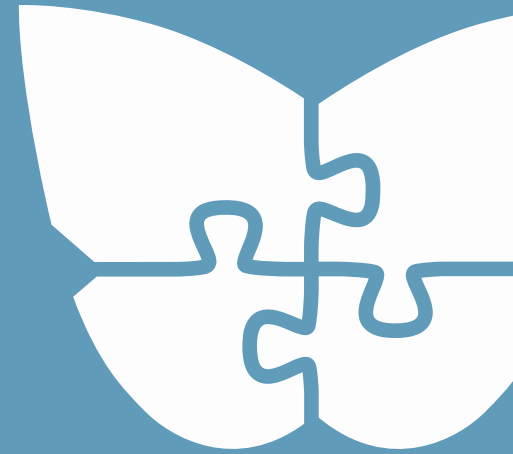
Restoring the Willamette Basin

Bringing Together the Science,
Planning, Policy, and Financing
to Create a National Model for
Success

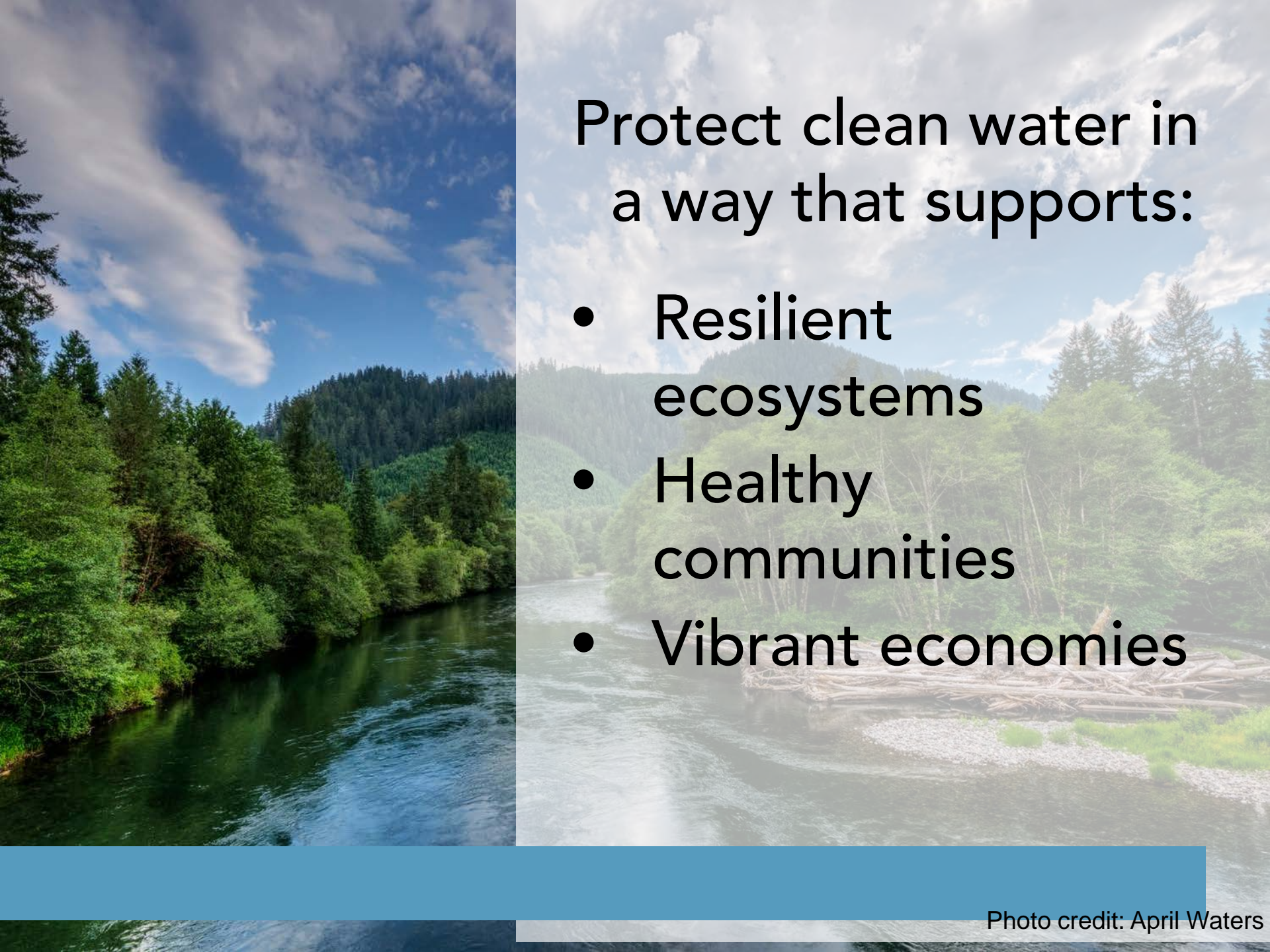
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LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR MORE
EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION.

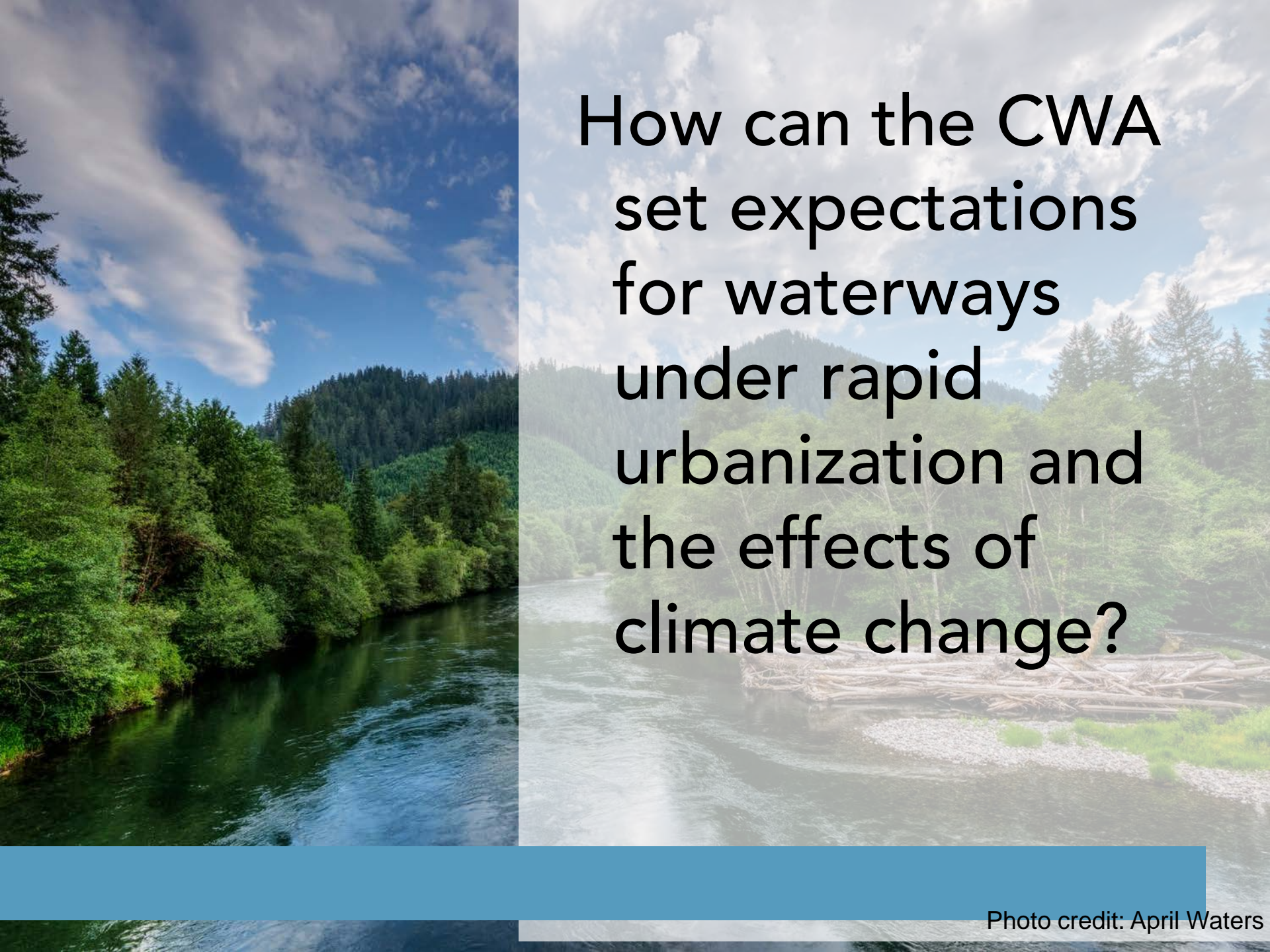


Protect clean water in a way that supports:

- Resilient ecosystems
- Healthy communities
- Vibrant economies



How can we move forward despite complex legal, scientific, and social issues related to water quality?



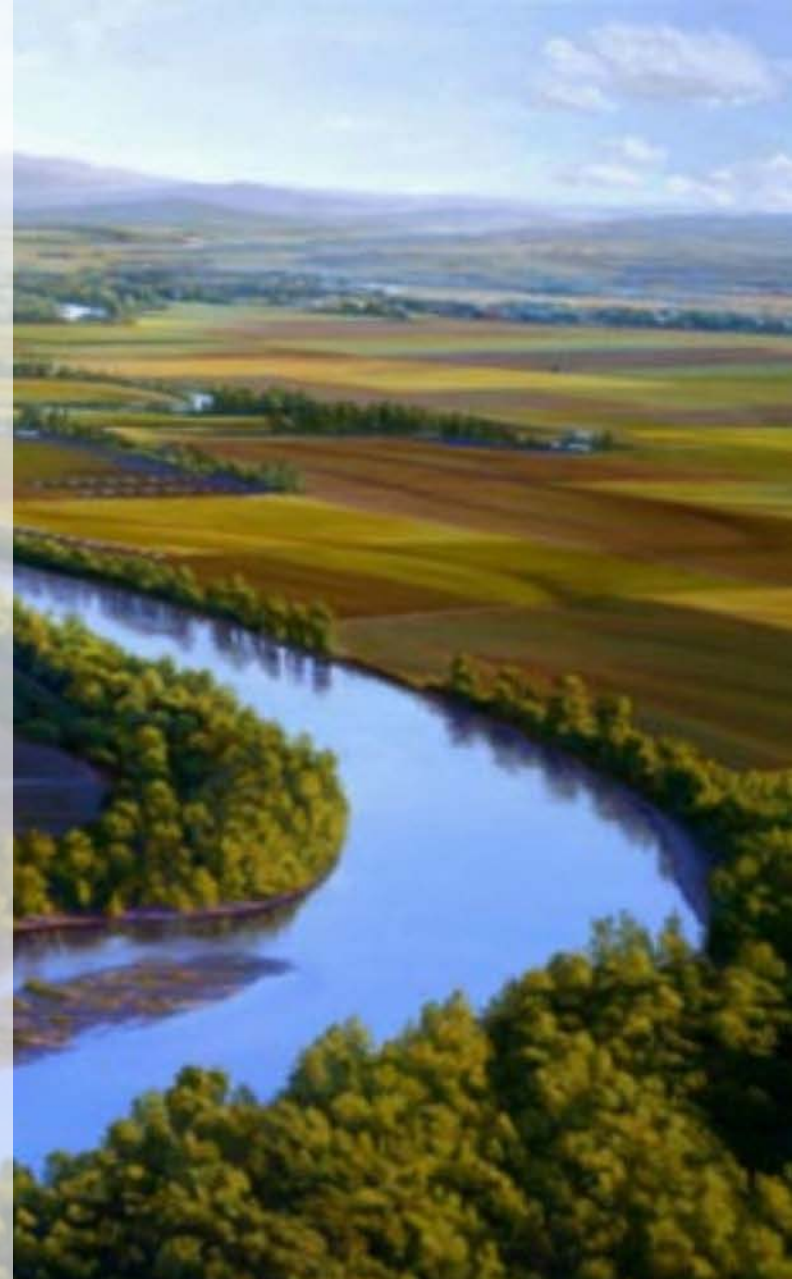
How can the CWA
set expectations
for waterways
under rapid
urbanization and
the effects of
climate change?



How can we make
space in regulatory
programs for
meaningful
investment in
natural systems
and collective
action?

Uncertainty around water temperature/thermal load in the Willamette Valley:

- Standards struck down (NCCC)
- TMDL may be dismissed
- Permits administratively extended
- Gray infrastructure option is expensive and unlikely to affect change in the system.



Plan A

1. Watershed Protection Plan: define actions, targets, metrics, and milestones necessary to restore supportive conditions;
2. Regulatory Certainty: regulatory instruments that incentivize early action and reward effective watershed restoration;
3. Finance: Identify multiple financing instruments to support watershed restoration

Plan B = Plan A with no funding

1. Willamette Partnership organizing research questions and information needs from range of interests
2. Michael Campbell: legal context and potential paths forward
3. Eugene Foster: Technical framework that DEQ will use to evaluate action, outcomes, status, and trends
3. Brad Hunter: The role of private finance

Thank You

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