

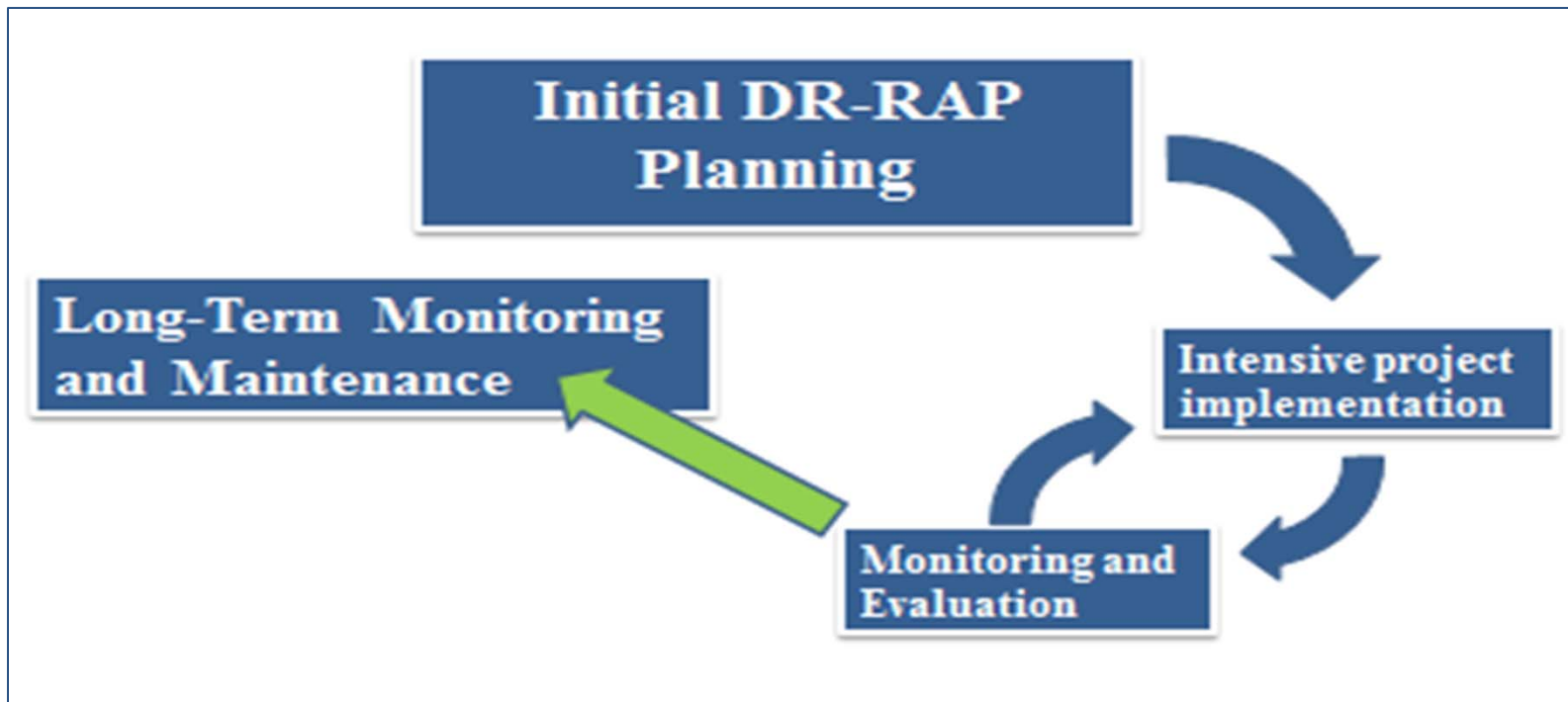


# Monitoring and Maintenance Plan

- Need, DR-RAP did not address 5+ years out
- M & M Plan was developed to address the long-term maintenance and monitoring needs of the Partnership
- 2015 - 2019



# Adaptive Management





## Critical Questions

- How will we protect our investment: ecological, interagency partnerships, opportunities or young men and women
- When will the Dolores River Restoration Partnership cease to exist?
- What will a successful transition look like?



## Goals - Ecological

- Increase number of areas of sustainable, healthy riparian plant communities
  - Reduce adverse affects of tamarisk and other secondary weeds
- Reduce tamarisk to less than 5% of vegetation cover; and other non-natives to less than 15%
- Vegetation cover will be at least 30%\*\*\*



# **Goals – Social**

## **youth, public safety, aesthetics**

- Increase opportunities for next generation of stewards
- Reduce wildfire risks; improve highway safety via better visibility from reduced tamarisk encroachment
- Better access to river, restored camp sites, opportunity to serve and volunteer



## **Goals – Economic**

**employment, local investment, efficiency and recreation**

- Over 200 jobs created for young men and women
- Investment in local communities of Gateway, Naturita and Redvale
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness of treatments
- Enhance visitor experience



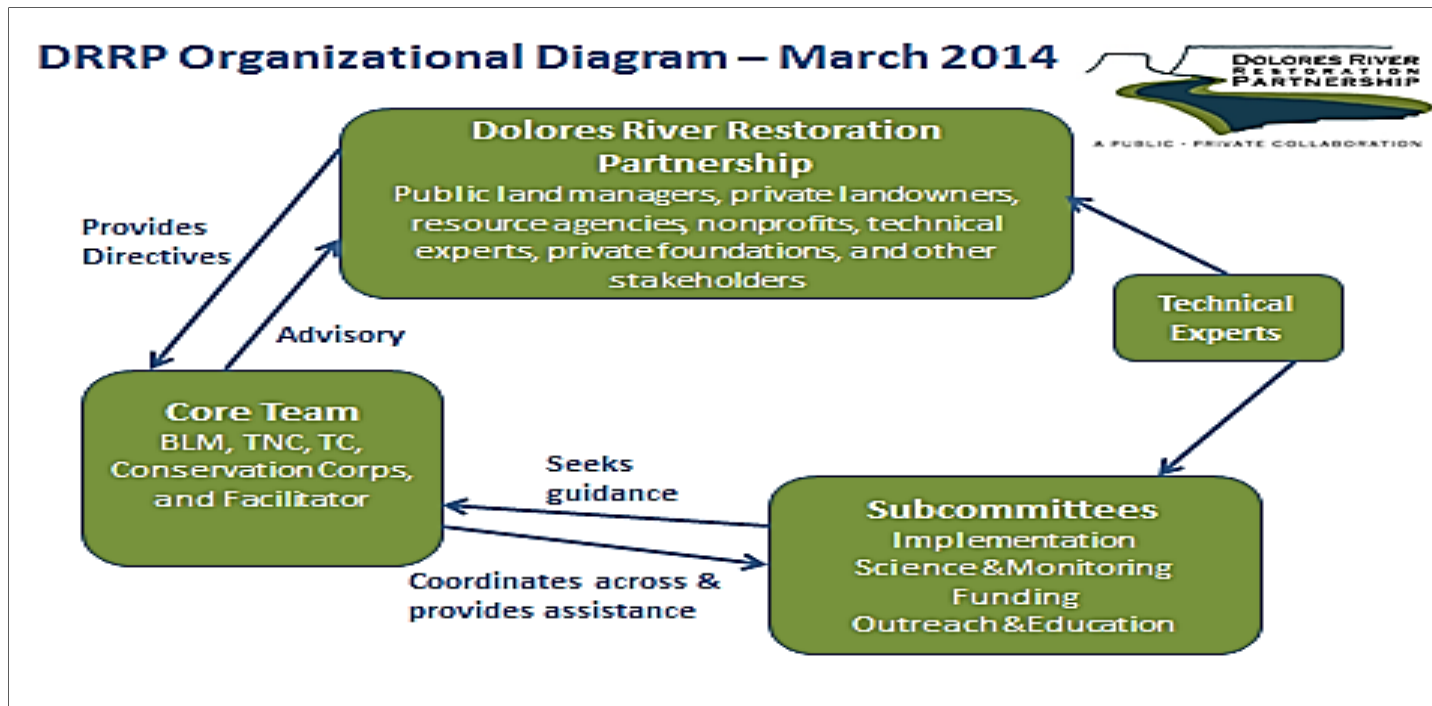
## **Goals – Management learning, sharing, improving**

- Promote and provide for interagency and public forums to share best practice and lessons learned
- Incorporate education and interpretive practice to enhance public understanding and appreciation of riparian areas and healthy rivers



# Governance

## How will we achieve these goals?







# Capacity – the next 5 years

- BLM: direct restoration on their lands; track Partnership progress, provide funds as available
- Tamarisk Coalition: partnership coordination, implementation and maintenance planning, fundraising, oversee science & monitoring
- Conservation Legacy: provide labor, education and outreach, fundraising, and implementation expertise
- The Nature Conservancy: implementation, fundraising, contracting