Addressing AIS in Local Water Planning

Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District

This Afternoon…

•Citizen input in Water Planning

•Priority Concerns Development

•Public AIS meeting format

•Immediate results and actions

Citizen Input channels

- Online Survey (SWCD website, various Facebook pages)
- Hard Copies (Lake Co. Fair, Blueberry Festival)
- Community Conversations*
- Event Tabling*
- Non-profit groups*

*** Strong incorporation of
Sea Grant materials**

Citizen surveys said....

Citizen-rated most threatened resources:

1) Streams and Rivers
2) Lakes
3) Groundwater
4) Wetlands

Citizen-rated top four concerns:

1) Development Pressures and Impacts
2) Aquatic Invasive Species
3) Natural Habitat Destruction
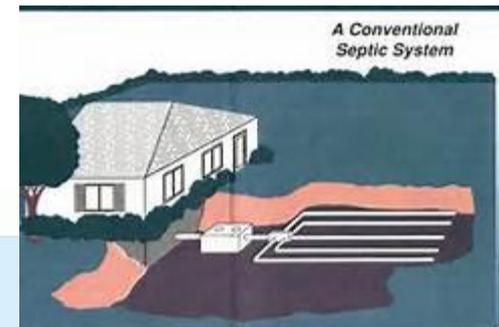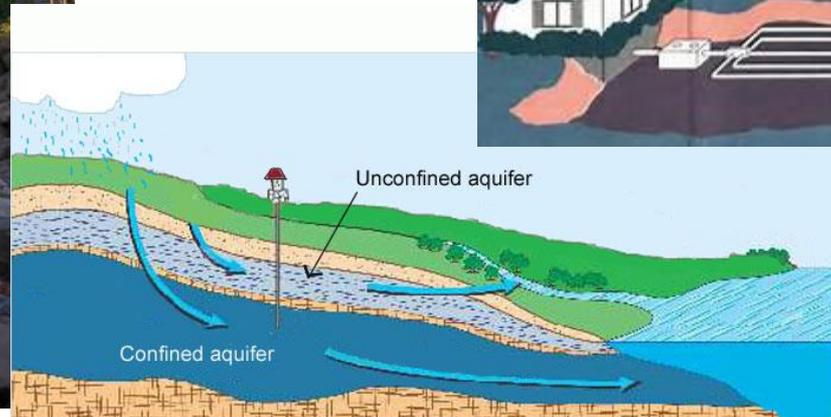4) Stormwater/Drainage Management

Why Aquatic Invasive Species?

Priority Concerns Identified…

Priority Concerns:

1) Surface water protection and enhancement (What are surface waters?)
2) Ground water protection and enhancement (What are ground waters?)
3) Sub-Surface Treatment Systems (Septic Systems!)
4) **Aquatic Invasive Species – Prevention, Education, Management**

Follow-Up public meeting on AIS

Attended by a passionate bunch!

Meeting Format

Focusing the Conversation…

- Process design using ORID
  - **O**bjective (facts and external reality)
  - **R**eflective (personal reactions, internal feelings, associations with facts)
  - **I**nterpretive (meaning, values, implications)
  - **D**ecisional (resolution, closure, next steps)
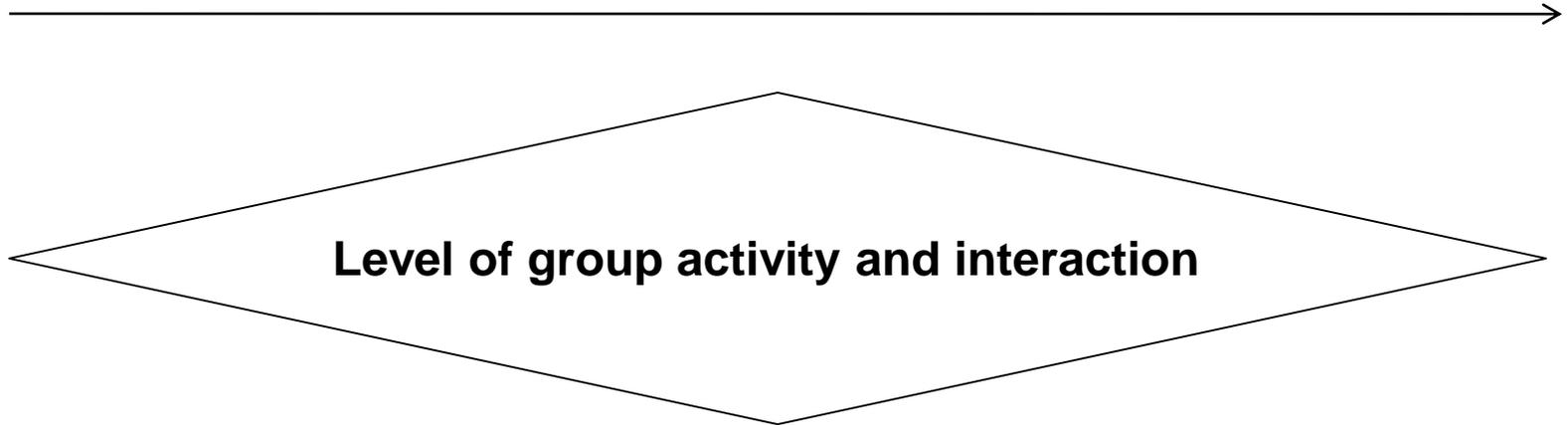
(Stanfield, 1997)

Using ORID Questions…

Objective --facts, data, external reality

Reflective -- personal reactions and ideas, internal feelings

Interpretive -- meaning, values, implications

Decisional – resolution, closure, next steps

Group begins……..…generates ideas and options…..comes to a decision

Level of group activity and interaction

Adapted from Stanfield (1997) and Kaner (1996)

Process management tips…

- Be clear on your intent for the conversation (rational objective and experiential aim)
- Select a suitable setting
- Provide an opening and closing statement
- First question – go around the group
- Address subsequent questions to the whole group
- Stay on topic

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Actions based on Input

St. Urho's Day
Finland, MN

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Tabling Events –

Blueberry Festival
St. Urho's Day
Duluth Home Show

Actions Based on Input

Silver Bay High School

North Shore
Community School

Actions based on Input

More to come…

Questions?

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