

Natural Water Storage: An Alternative Approach

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What's the problem?

Earlier snowmelt/more rain in winter

More people

Insufficient infrastructure



What's the problem?



Source: DNRC (Toston Dam, Broadwater-Missouri)



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What's natural storage?

“The strategic use of networks of working lands, working landscapes, and other open spaces to conserve ecosystem values and functions while providing associated benefits to human populations.”

Source: World Resources Institute



What's natural storage?



Source: The Nature Conservancy (Long Creek, Centennial Valley)



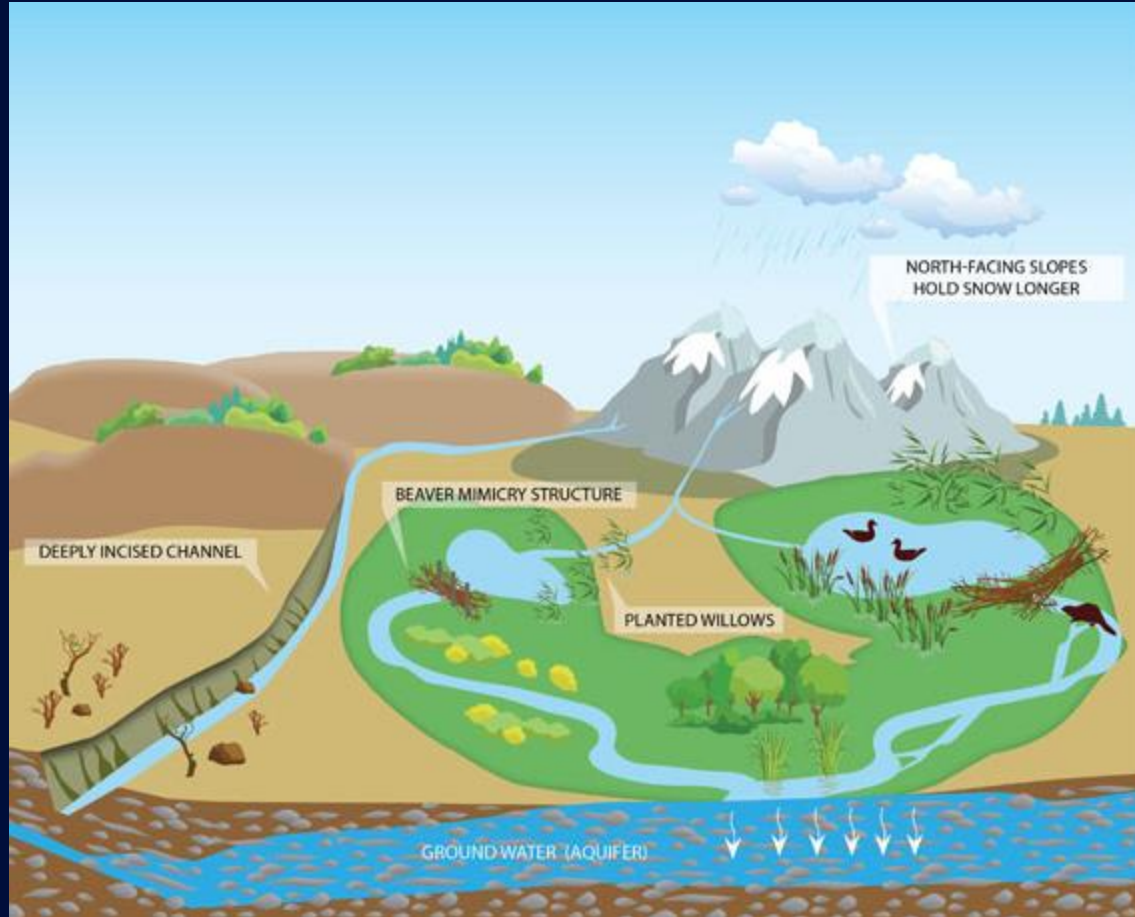
What's natural storage?



Source: Karin Boyd, Applied Geomorphology, Inc. (Musselshell River)



What's natural storage?



Source: The Nature Conservancy



What do we do?



Source: Chris Boyer, Kestrel Aerial Services (Musselshell River)



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