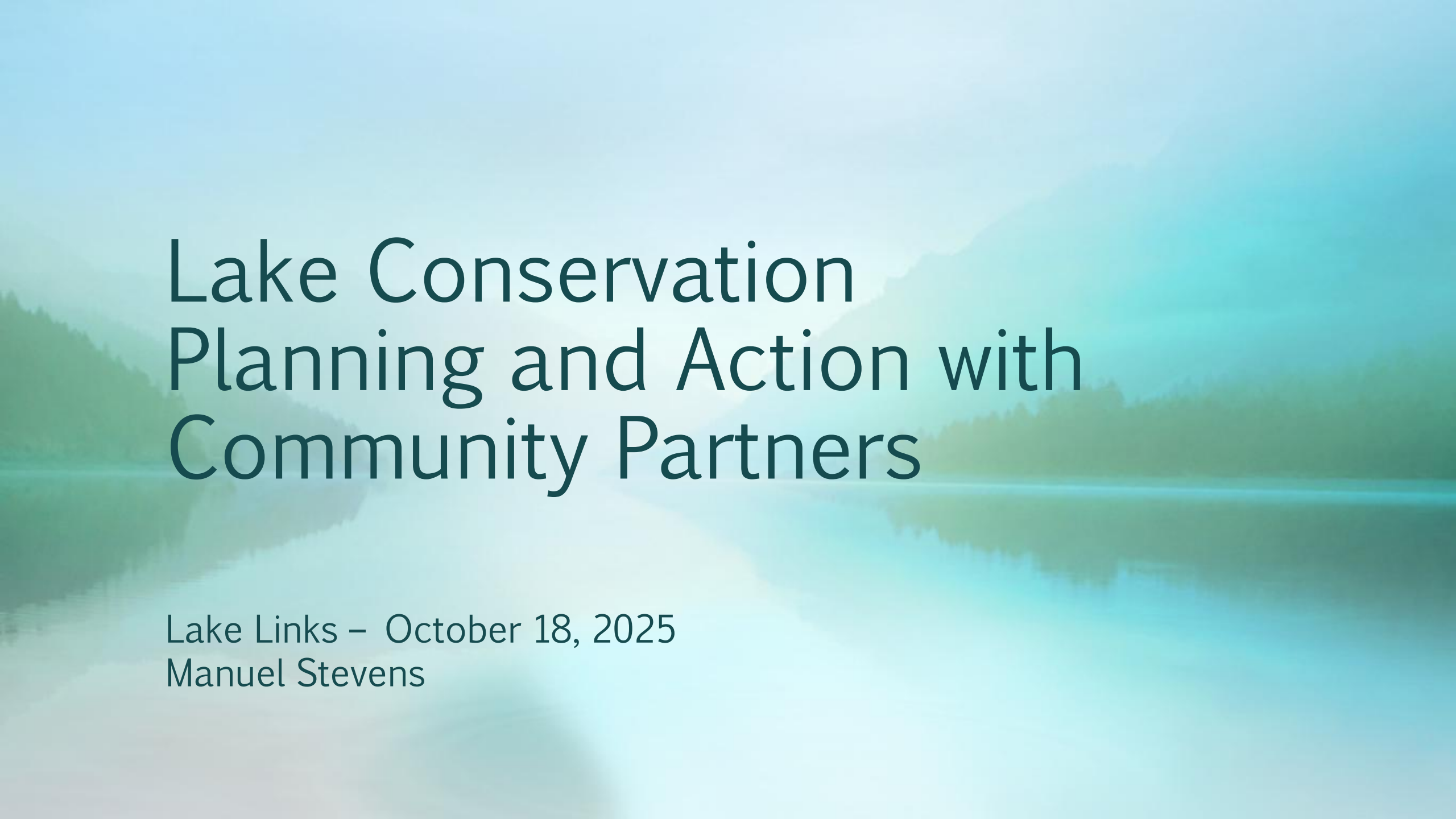




Lake Conservation Planning and Action with Community Partners

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Purpose of Presentation



- To share our experience of producing a lakes conservation plan and its subsequent implementation with a focus on collaboration during the process
 - Chronology of plan development
 - Municipal and government agency involvement
 - Consultation
 - Plan format
 - Implementation via annual work plans

How the Plan got its Start

Water quality issues on Colonel By, Dog and Cranberry: blue-green algae and proliferation of aquatic plants

May 2017 meeting:

- Increased awareness of common interests
- Dog and Cranberry Lake Association commitment to produce and distribute a newsletter
- Successful fundraising for water quality and research
- Love Your Lake Program for shoreline Naturalization (Dog and Cranberry)
- Early work led to lake planning

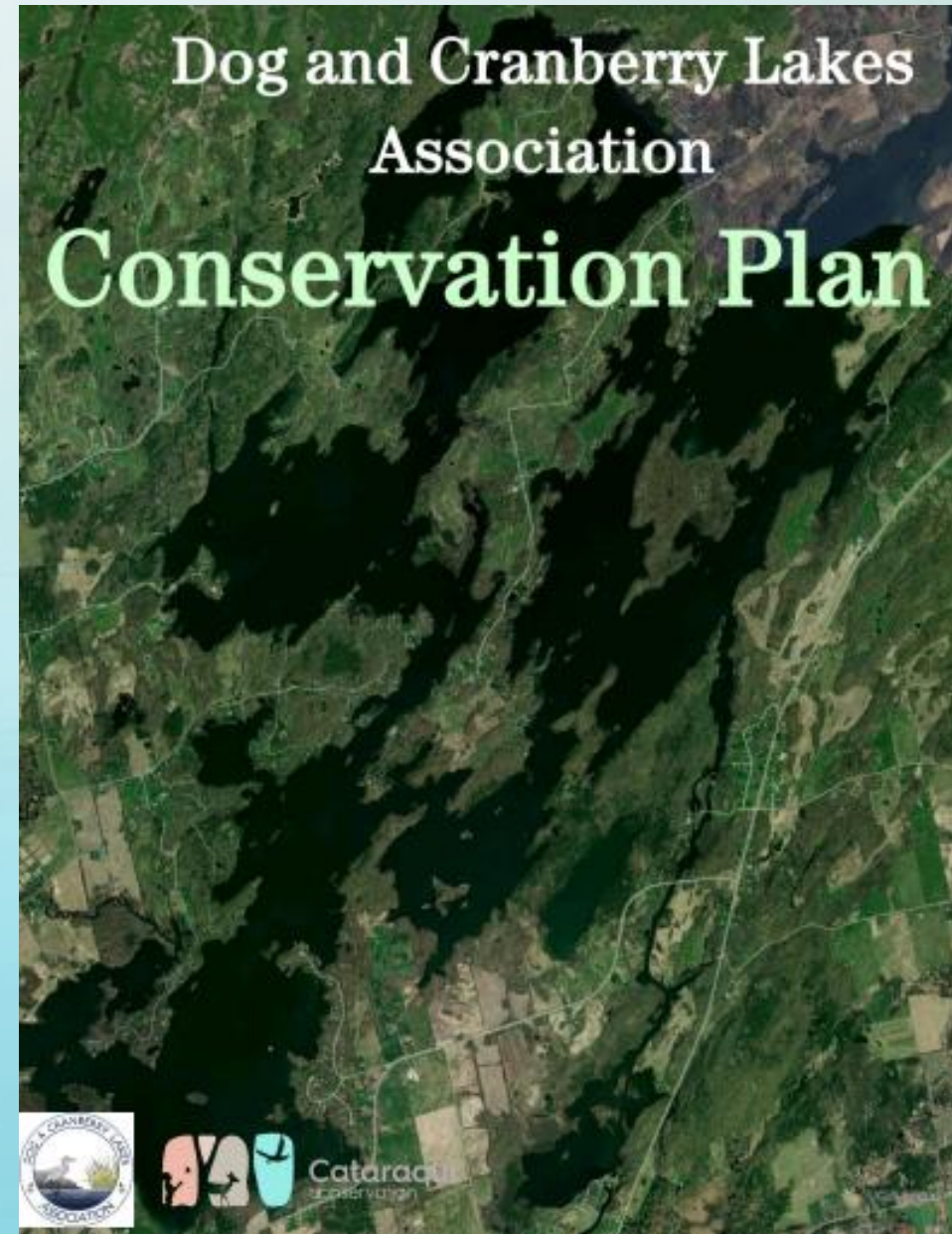


Brief Chronology

Years	Milestones
2017	Three Lakes Initiative
2020-2021	Lake Health Action Fundraising
2021-2022	Love Your Lake and Natural Edge
2022-2023	State of the Lakes Report
2023-2024	Conservation Plan
2024	Lake Conservation Plan Approved at AGM

Purpose

- Foster conservation and wise use of our lakes and their immediate environment
- Provides an assessment and roadmap for community-based action

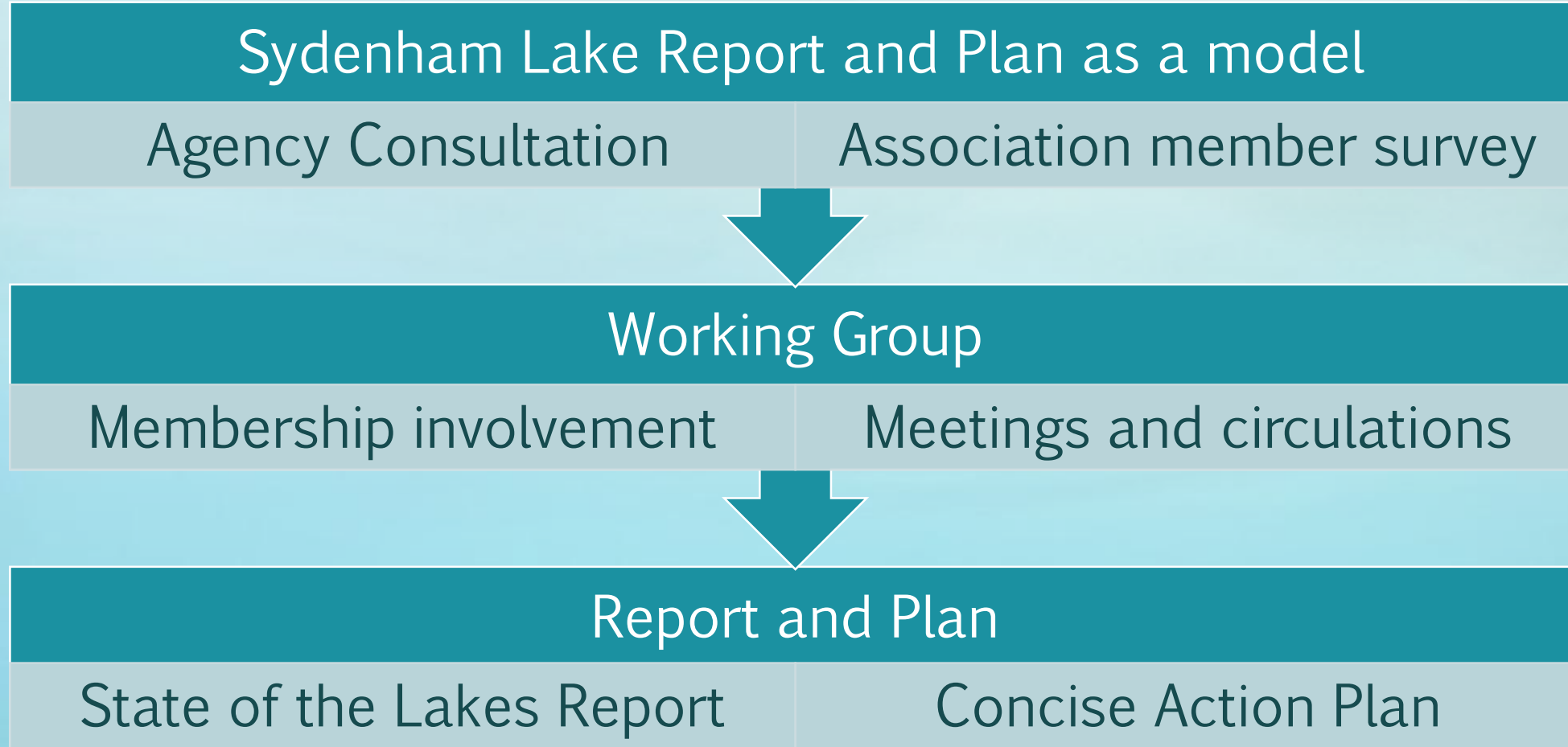


Benefits

- Identify vision for the future
- Credibility to conservation efforts
- Uses scientific information to make sound decisions
- States what can be done collectively and individually to conserve
- Provides a means to establish and maintain partnerships



Steps Toward Plan Completion



Partnerships

- Plan supports mutually beneficial conservation objectives and long-term relationships
- Agencies provide ongoing professional and technical support and advice



Plan at a Glance

- FAQs
- Member values, issues and hopes for the future
- Goals, objectives, key messages and actions for six topics

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Implementation

- Prioritization from high to low with timeframes over six years

• High – 2 years
• Medium – 3 to 4 years
• Low – 5-6 years
• Ongoing – ongoing commencing in 2025.

- Annual work plans are divided into quarters with specific deliverables

- Changing circumstances and opportunities may shift priorities, but focus remains on the goals



Observations and Conclusions



- Lake conservation plan development doesn't need to be lengthy or expensive
- State of the Lake reports are not absolutely necessary
- The DCLA Plan may be used as a model
- Municipal grants may be available to help with some of the costs involved
- Your local conservation authority may be able to help with technical and professional advice



Thank you

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