



Division of Forestry Strategic Direction FY23-27

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF FORESTRY STRATEGIC DIRECTION



2017–2022

What is the purpose?

Describe the Division of Forestry's niche within the broader forestry community in addressing major issues and priority topics and our clear intent for how we plan to achieve those objectives in the next five years.



The Road Ahead



Major challenges and opportunities for the next five years:

1. Diversity, equity, and inclusion
2. Supporting our workforce and partners
3. Healthy forests, communities, and economies
4. Climate change
5. Continuous improvement

Topics for Today:

1. Statewide Forest Action Plan
2. Division of Forestry Strategic Direction
FY 23-27- Final
 - Process to develop
 - Public Comment
3. Evaluation and Improvement
4. Next Steps

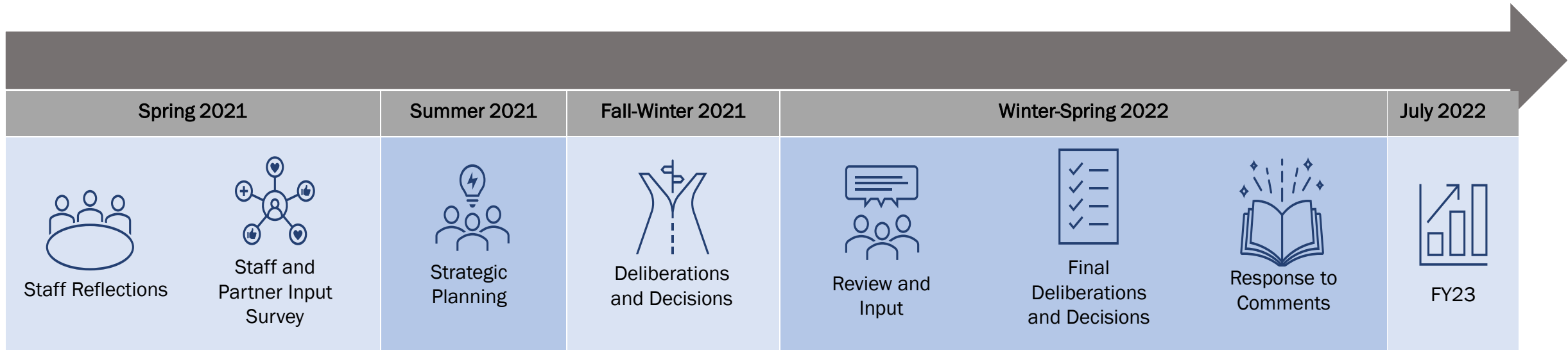


WI State Forest Action Plan & Division of Forestry Strategic Planning

- Identifies challenges and opportunities
- Practical, long-term recommendations
- Set the stage for identifying desired future conditions
- Intentionally broad



Development Process



Division of Forestry Programs

Applied Forestry

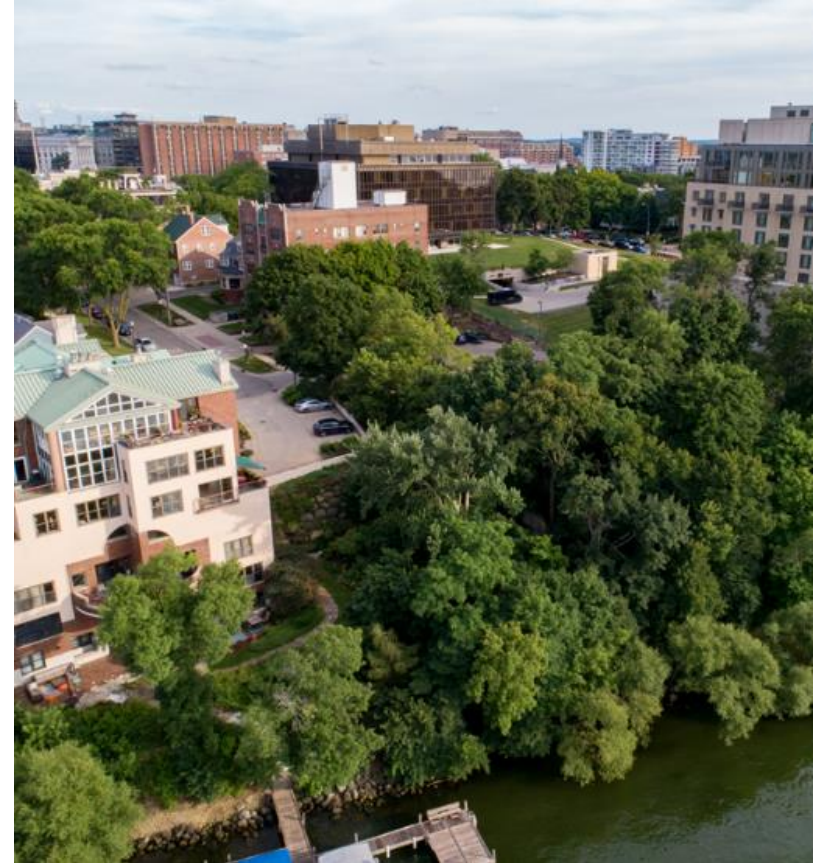
Forest Economics and Ecology
Forest Health
Forest Product Services
Reforestation
Urban Forestry

Forestry Business Services

Aeronautics
Budget & Grants
Division Effectiveness
Equipment Research & Development
Technology Services

Forestry Field Operations

Forest Protection
Forest Tax Law
Private Forestry
Public Lands



Applied Forestry

- Forest Economics and Ecology
- Forest Products Services
- Forest Health
- Reforestation
- Urban Forestry

Roles and New Strategies

Forest Economics and Ecology

- *Create a new genetics program*

Forest Product Services

- *Expand investigation of new and emerging forest markets*

Forest Health



Roles and New Strategies

Reforestation

- *Establish a state-of-the-art Tree Improvement and Seed Cleaning Facility at Hayward State Nursery*
- *Establish a Forest Regeneration Center at Griffith State Nursery*
- *New Tree Improvement Specialist position.*

Urban Forestry

- *Focus on the growing demand and need from communities for urban forest assessment data*
- *New Urban Forest Inventory Analyst position.*





Forestry Business Services

- Aeronautics
- Equipment Research & Development
- Division Effectiveness
- Technology Services
- Budget & Grants



Forestry
Field
Operations

Forest Protection
Forest Tax Law
Private Forestry
Public Lands

Roles and New Strategies

Forest Protection

Fire Prevention

Wildland Urban Interface

Prescribed Fire

- *Engage others to increase burn acreage across all ownerships*

Law Enforcement

Emergency Management



Roles and New Strategies

Forest Tax Law

- *Increase communication with tax law landowners*
- *Adjust the program's positions to meet growing administrative needs*

Certified Plan Writer Program



Roles and New Strategies

Private Forestry

- *Prioritize technical forestry assistance in accordance with NR 1.212 Administrative Code*
- *Re-engage with landowners with whom we have done a walk-through*
- *Pursue new partnerships and build upon existing partnerships*

Financial Assistance

Conservation Easements

Roles and New Strategies

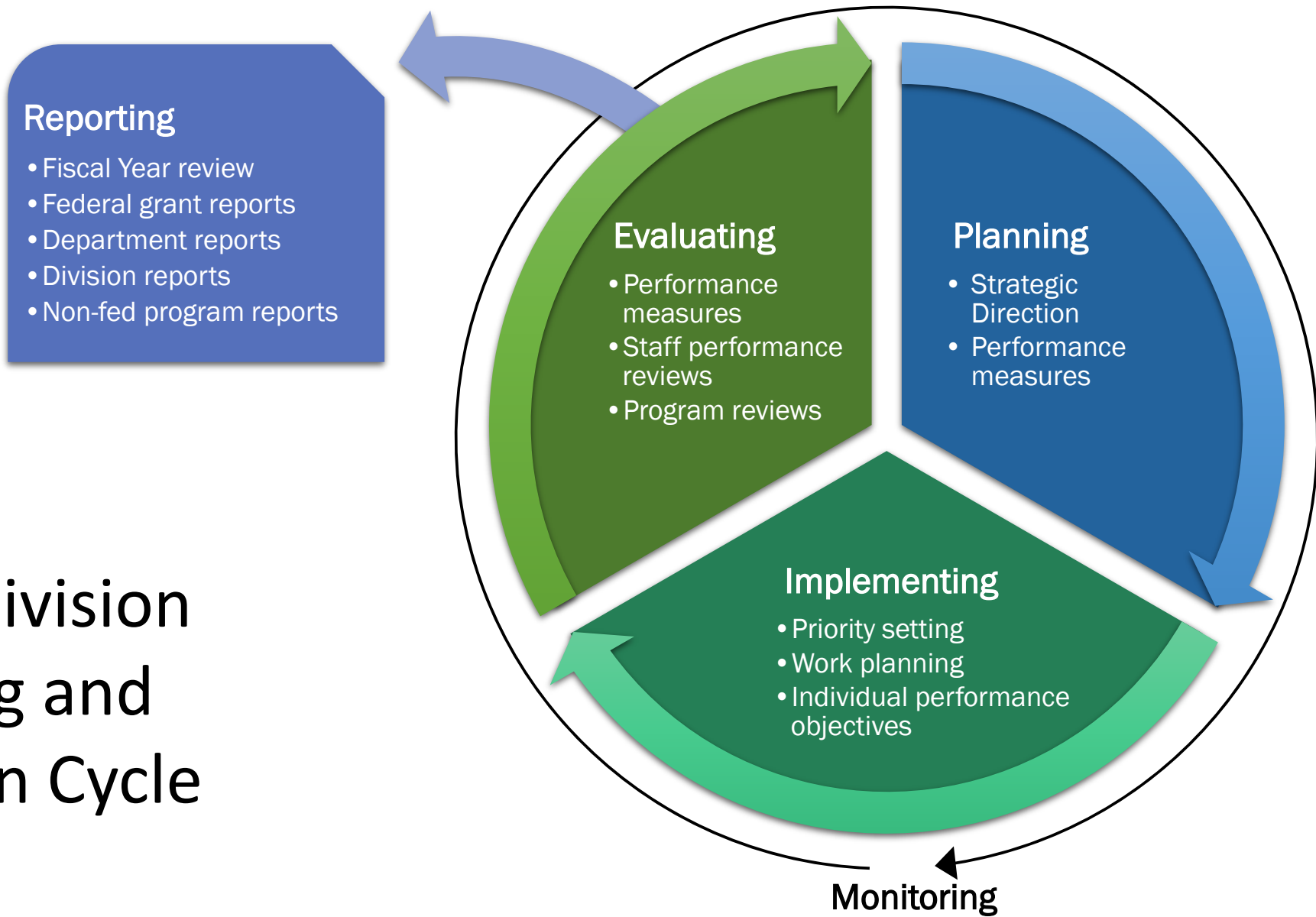
Public Forestry – county and state lands

- *Increase regeneration, afforestation, and cultural practices on state lands.*

Good Neighbor Authority

- *Formalize implementation of GNA to achieve 25 million board feet of timber projects annually and associated restoration projects*
- *Create a second National Forest Specialist, focusing on restoration projects*
- *Improve how we share information and decisions on program priorities and project implementation with interested stakeholders.*

Annual Division Planning and Evaluation Cycle



Next Steps

- Setting of Performance Measures
- Final document produced, printed, distributed in July
- Program implementation begins next fiscal year, July 1, 2022
- Organizational changes and hiring
- Annual planning and evaluation

Questions?

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