# **Roles and Responsibility for NBS Monitoring**

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# **Point Pelee**







OPTION 5 REGIONAL SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT



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#### **Next Steps and Questions**

Do we have sufficient information about the sediment transport pathways, sources and sinks?

How have and will these pathways change with higher water levels, increased storm activity and loss of ice?

Need to implement a solution means that these questions will be answered in parallel to any NBS

What current or past NBS project is similar in scope, scale and environment to this site?





### Santa Rosa Island

Large-scale post-storm vegetation planting with focus on washover fans



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Research on this coastal system were not readily accessible to local decision makers

Maxweek #

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#### **NBS Best Practices**

No recognition of local and regional variations- all sites are considered equal

No reporting from areas of Santa Rosa Island where restoration was not successful and why

Project timelines and funding were not sufficient for monitoring and dissemination of monitoring results





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#### **Representative Sites?**



Inter- and intra-site variability and sitespecific controls on coastal systems means that there are no 'representative' sites





### **Comparing Sites**



Water Levels

#### Is the NBS for Site A appropriate for Site B?



Variable B

What other NBS projects are comparable?

Variable A





Adaption and success of NBS depends on project monitoring and dissemination

#### **Pre-Project**

Site-specific and scale-dependent data Difficulty identifying representative sites

#### **Post-Project**

Limited funding for long-term monitoring Lack of an industry-wide database

Successful and widespread monitoring will not happen on a project-by-project basis

Industry-wide collective and coordinated commitment to monitoring

## The development and testing of pharmaceuticals is expensive and difficult



Industry-academic partnership to develop a 'drug look-up table' to ensure testing and trial data was effectively shared.



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