

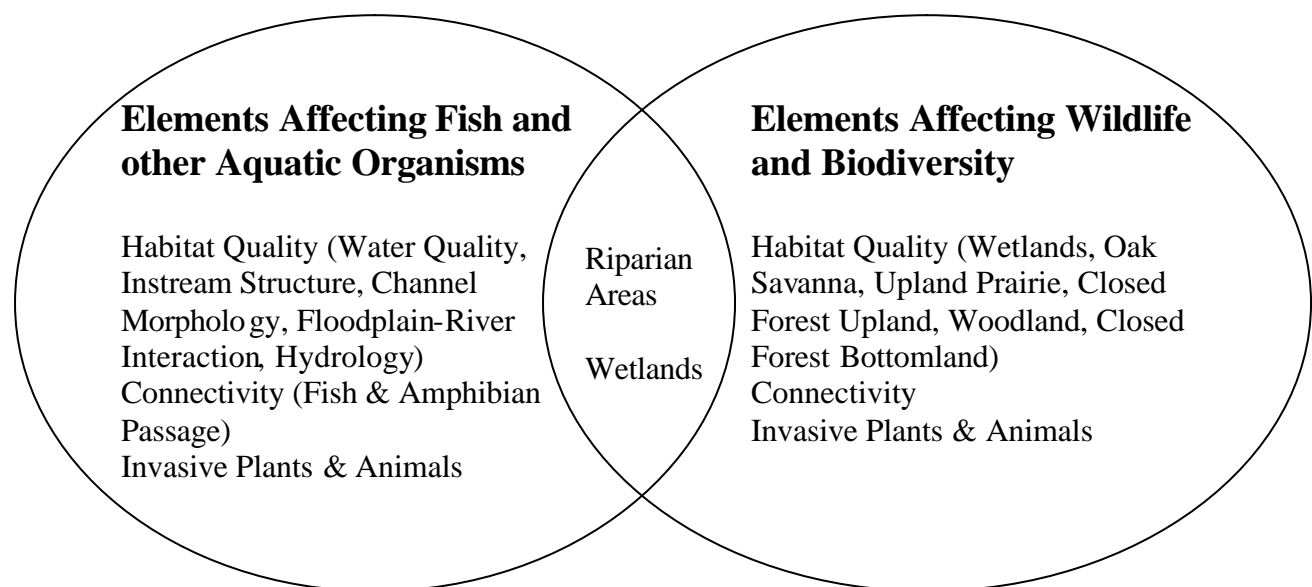
## Long Tom Watershed Conservation Strategy

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Our Conservation Strategy is an overarching document to guide our efforts toward conservation in the Long Tom Watershed, which includes protection, restoration and enhancement.

We are planning for Council meeting interaction on this topic between February and May of 2006. We will be welcoming assistance from members of our Technical Team and Steering Committee, as well as Council members. **Please let us know if you have time for some concerted effort on this project.**

### *Conceptual Framework for Developing Strategies and Actions*



### *Strategies and Actions*

We will develop strategies and actions for *most* elements or sub-elements. Each action will be prioritized. High priorities will be given additional attention toward implementation.

The overarching strategy for each element will address the following four parts, in this order of priority. The answers to these questions will be the actions the Council or other entities implement.

1. **Protection** - How can we protect this element or sub-element in places where it is functioning or of high quality? (Note that any kind of conservation easement would be taken on by other entities that have that ability as the Council does not.)
2. **Connecting high quality, functioning habitats** - Where do high quality habitats need to be reconnected and what strategies can we use to reconnect them?
3. **Restore process and function** - Where can function be passively restored if a process is reinstated? (For example, removing a blockage to creek movement or flow).
4. **Restoring or enhancing habitat** - Where are key functions and habitats in need of enhancing or restoration to rejoin a functioning system? (Note: many of our current projects would fall under this strategy).