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Landowners, both private and public, like mowed grass along the streams.

How do you convince them to stop mowing, and allow trees and shrubs to grow in a wide buffer along the stream?

I've wrestled with that question for years. The best answer I've come up with is "induce them to eat peyote".

With the farmers, the question is somewhat different. I think they deserve to be compensated in accordance with "takings" policy, as part of a comprehensive national soil conservation program. That most "unsexy" of issues, according to the sexless drone pundit class.

A massive rural soil conservation effort could have made for part of a great low-tech Federal "stimulus" program, providing not only jobs but an investment that reaps tangible long-term benefits. But Republicans have shot down or shriveled up soil conservation bills for years, and the Dems blew the only chance they had for massive infrastructure investment in environmental quality projects by committing all of their political capital and a large chunk of future government revenues to a massive "universal health care" insurance policy instead (notwithstanding multiple objections from small business owners and uh the majority of the customer base across the political spectrum). And we know how that's worked out so far. But I digress.

It's really not that expensive that we need federal funding. PVTU has been doing riparian habitat restoration for nearly 20 years with great success on a shoestring budget. It's not rocket science, it just getting the landowners involved that's the hard part.

And there is no "TAKING" landowners once they are educated get it. They really want to do what's right. For the most part we get money through grants and stay away from expensive projects that involve hiring contractors to do work because the money's harder to find.

We've partnered with PFBC, PGC, and various watershed groups to get it done and the Soil Conservation folks.