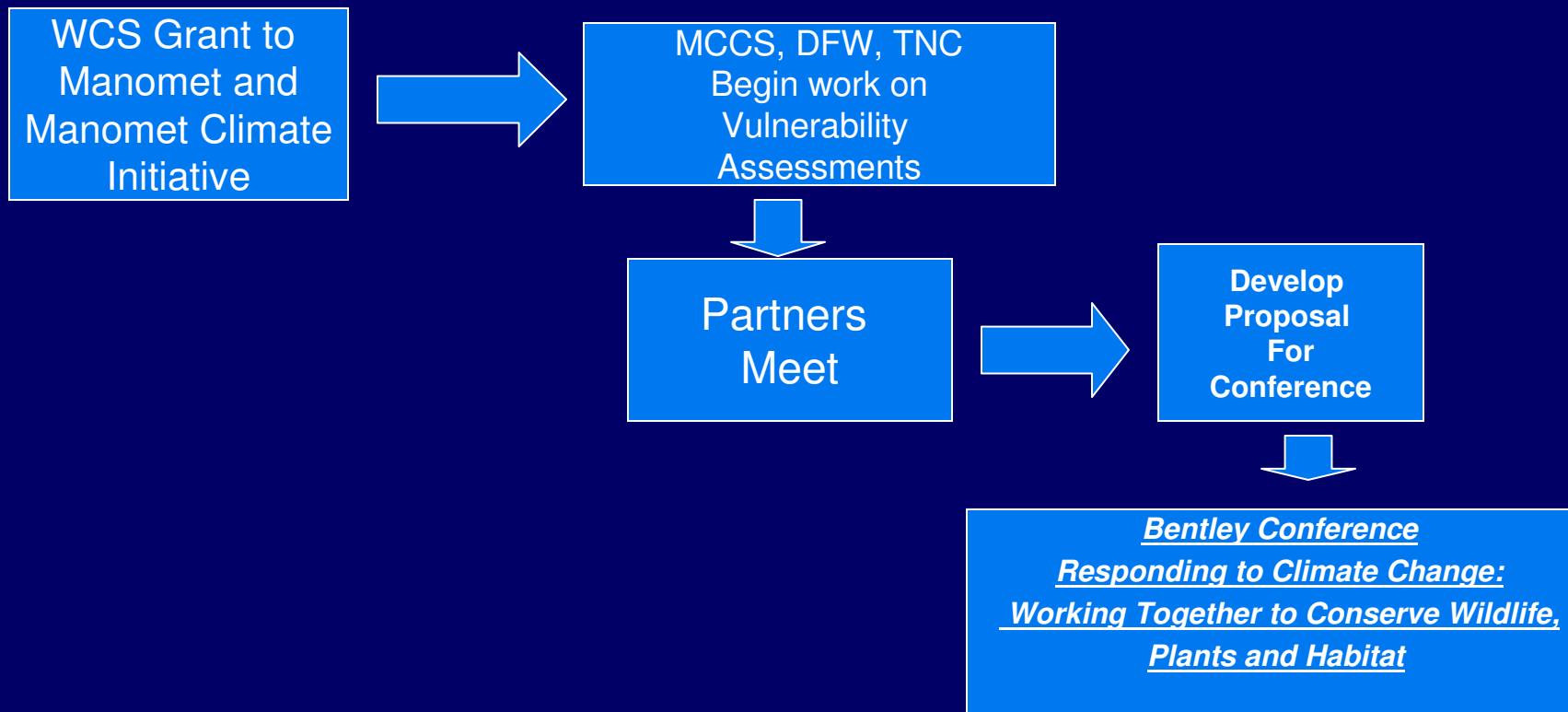
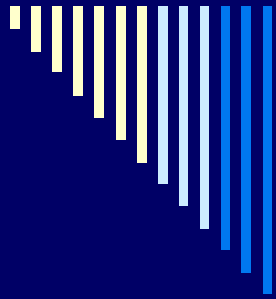




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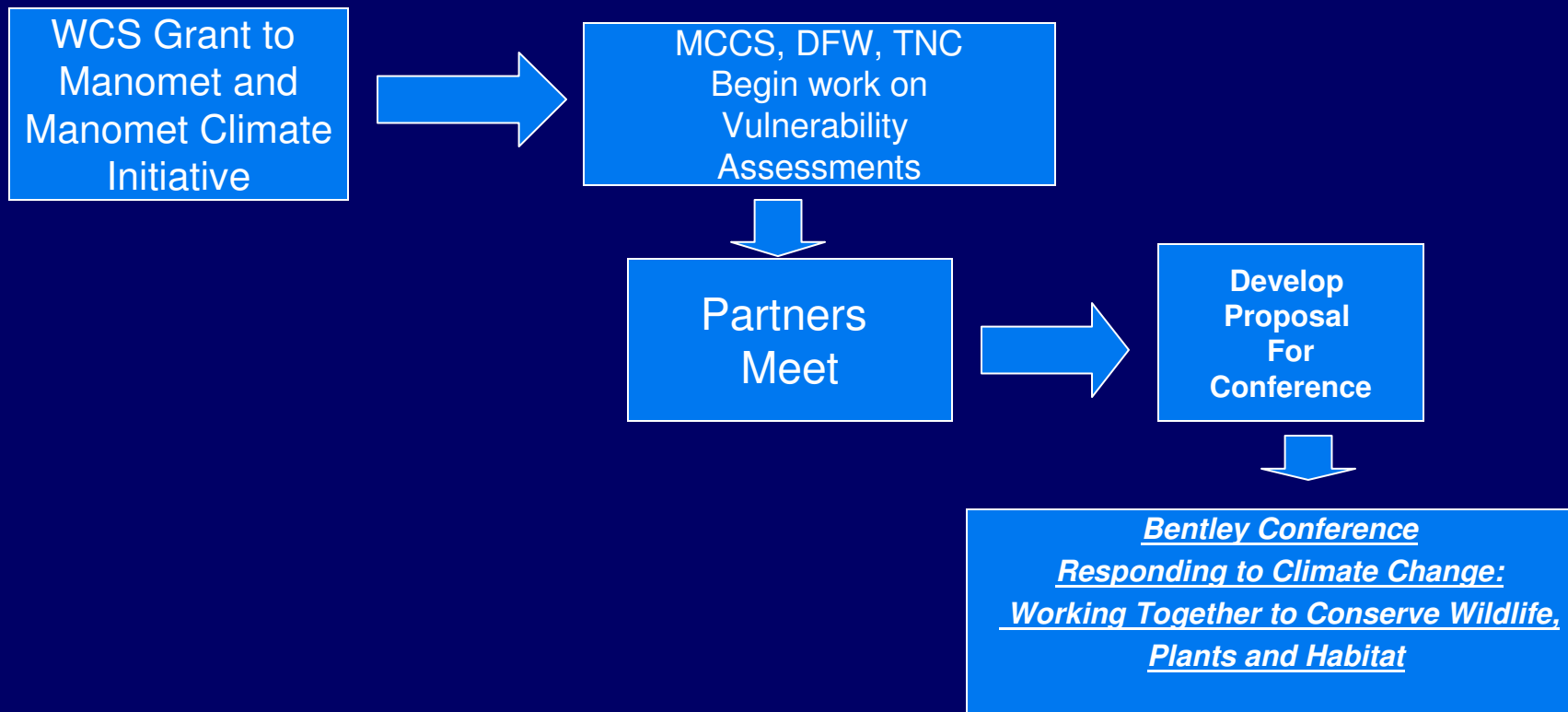


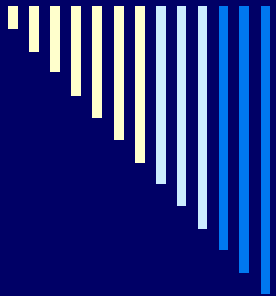
Partners

- ❑ Environmental League of Massachusetts
- ❑ Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences
- ❑ Massachusetts Audubon Society
- ❑ Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game
- ❑ Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
- ❑ Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition
- ❑ New England Wild Flower Society
- ❑ The National Wildlife Federation
- ❑ The Nature Conservancy
- ❑ The Trustees of Reservations

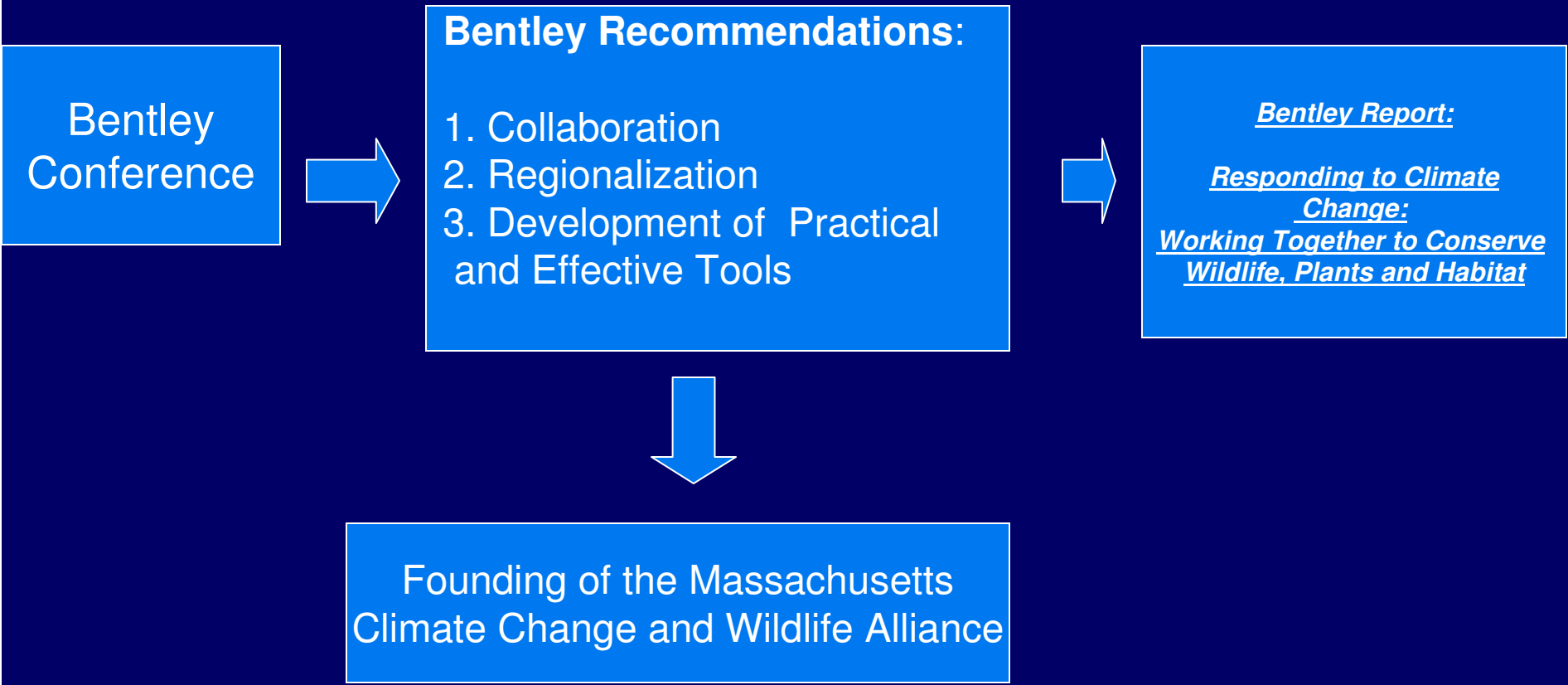


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The Bentley Conference and Outcomes





Alliance Mission:

- *The mission of the Alliance is to promote and facilitate the dissemination of climate-related impacts and adaptation information, to advocate for the development and implementation of science-based adaptation strategies to conserve Massachusetts' ecosystems and the array of services they provide in the face of climate change, and to engage in partnerships, communications and outreach in policy venues that enhance attention, planning, policy and funding for wildlife.*



Structure and Initiatives of the Alliance:

- **Executive Committee**

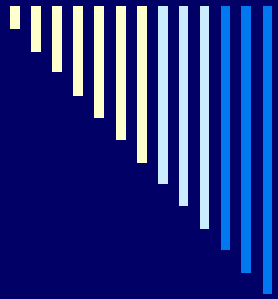
 - **Working Groups:**
 - Adaptation Policy
 - Adaptation Strategies and Management Tools
 - Communication and Outreach
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Building the Massachusetts Model

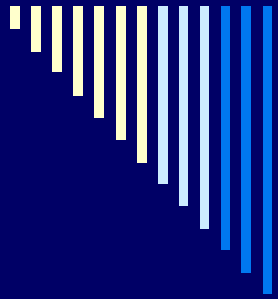
Working Group Activity

- **Adaptation Policy**
 - **Coordinated Response to EEA Adaptation Plan**
- **Adaption Strategies and Management Tools**
 - **Vulnerability Assessment (MCS & DFW)**
 - **1. Climate Change and Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife: Introduction and Background**
 - **2. Climate Change and Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife : Habitat and Species Vulnerabilities**
 - **3. Climate Change and Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife : Habitat Management**
 - **Development Biomap 2.0 (TNC & DFW)**
- **Communication and Outreach**
 - **Developed and launched Alliance web site**
 - **Produced the Conference Report on Bentley I**
 - **Co-sponsored this Climate Change Conference**



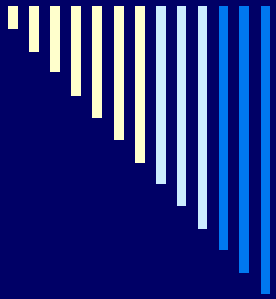
Continuing Challenges:

- To help bring about regionalization in adaptation planning and implementation.
- To continue the development of effective on-the-ground management tools and solutions



Alliance Membership

- ❑ Affiliates: Government and 501c3 nonprofit organizations who officially endorse the Alliance
- ❑ Individuals: Supporters who receive updates and alerts from the Alliance to stay informed about critical issues
- ❑ www.climateandwildlife.org



Conclusion: A collaborative approach among agencies and organizations is essential:

- ❑ 1. The challenge of climate change is complex and multidisciplinary and calls for a broad array of skills and strengths that are not completely held by any one organization.
- ❑ 2. The Commonwealth's conserved lands, held by many public and private organizations and individuals, include terrestrial, freshwater and coastal systems. Thus, implementation of adaptation strategies will be facilitated and advanced by collaboration and coordination among organizations.
- ❑ 3. The ability to attract future funding for planning and implementation will be strengthened if we approach funding sources with a common understanding of how our individual work connects to a commonly developed coherent and sensible plan, rather than individually developed projects.
- ❑ 4. Recommended policy changes may be more effective if they come from an alliance of partners, rather than separately from individual organizations.
- ❑ 5. Working together, Massachusetts is positioned to influence regional and national climate change planning and policy.