Natural Flood Management
EA National Approach

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Overview

- The role of Natural Flood Management
- Challenges
- Priority themes
- Our approach
Natural Flood Management

...taking action to manage flood and coastal erosion risk by protecting, restoring and emulating the natural regulating function of catchments, rivers, floodplains and coasts

...is a spectrum of measures
Natural Flood Management in Action
Key challenges

- (Perception of) red tape
- Future maintenance liability needs addressing
- Partnership takes effort
- Ring-fenced funding sources hard to align
- Effectiveness of new ideas is uncertain
Communicate & facilitate appropriate NFM in current programme to help deliver 300,000 houses target

Encourage others to contribute to effective flood risk management through NFM

Ensure uptake of NFM wherever appropriate and feasible in the next 6 year programme

E.g. Promote good practice and proportionate effort and assurance

E.g. Optimise future partnership funding arrangements

E.g. Use of Countryside Stewardship (and post brexit revised funding)
Our Approach

- Clear about goals: protecting households, healthier rivers & lakes
- Strategic planning for catchments and coasts
- Single plans across Defra
- NFM as one of the tools in the FCRM toolbox
- Proportionate approach to assurance
- Open to partnership working
- … and …. Led by evidence