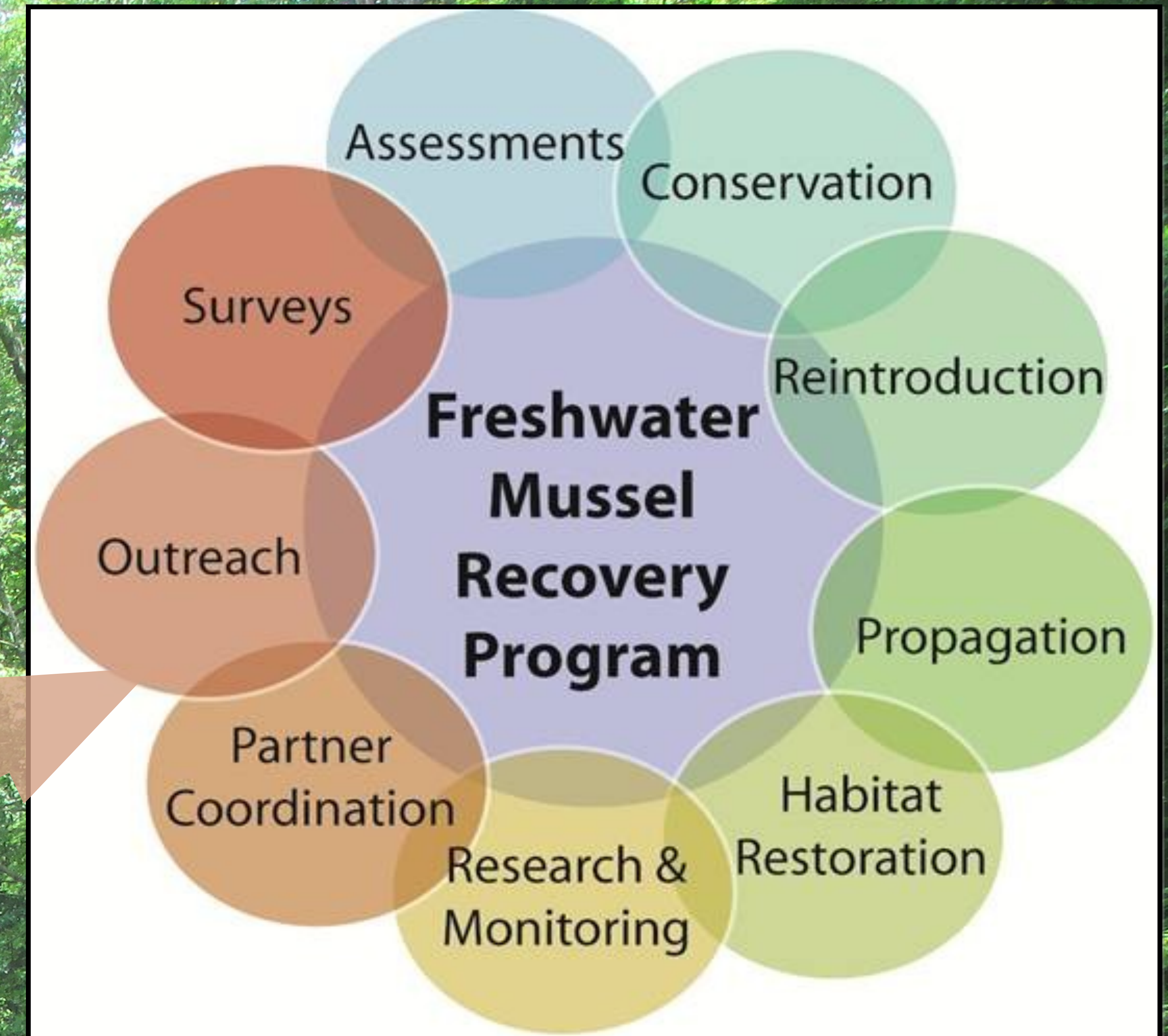




Connecting citizens to science and inspiring stewardship for estuary waterways while championing the rescue of a local, imperiled animal.



The Solution:  
"Show us your mussels"  
- a training program for volunteers.



PDE Science and Education Outreach departments collaboratively train volunteers to survey streams for freshwater mussels, an important component in the FMRP that will help restore mussel populations in Delaware Estuary waterways.

### The Problems:

- Too few scientists
- Too few dollars
- Too many stream miles



If we could save a local creature from extinction, would you be willing to help?

Freshwater mussels filter pollution from the waterways that provide our drinking water.

No polar bear ever did that.

### Program Features:

- Classroom instruction from PDE science and outreach staff.
- Hands-on, in-stream mussel survey training.
- Freshwater Mussels of the Delaware Estuary ID Guide & Volunteer Survey Guidebook
- Online portal for volunteers to upload data for scientific analyses and follow-up.
- Online tracking map for volunteers to see where others have surveyed.
- 2012-2014 = 233 Volunteers trained!



Contact: Dee Ross, Watershed Coordinator  
dross@DelawareEstuary.org