



# Right Tree, Right Place, Right Time: The Target Plant Concept

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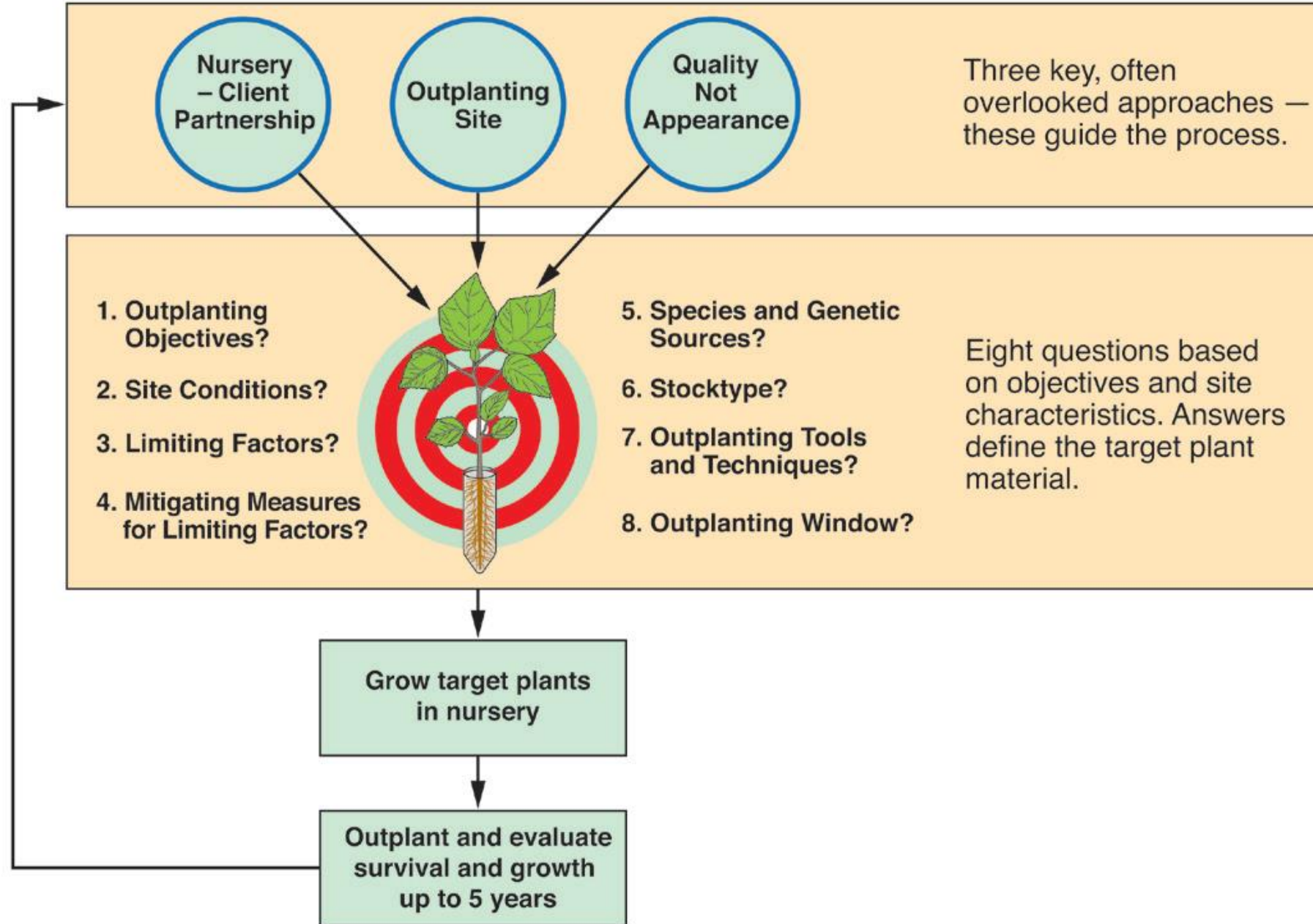
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- Not a new idea...
  - ~35 years – Target Seedling Symposium
  - Dumroese et al. (2016) Reforesta 1: 37–52
    - <https://www.fs.usda.gov/research/treesearch/52082>
- Novel – not a linear relationship
  - Feedback loop is critical
- Quality more important than appearance

# The Target Plant Concept



# 1. What are the objectives?

- Reforestation
- Biodiversity enhancement / endangered species
- Climate change mitigation
- Biofuel production
- Recreation
- Watershed
- Plantation vs. natural



## 2. Site conditions?

- Site history
- Soils
- Current climate / microclimate
- Vegetation
- Accessibility



# 3. Limiting factors?

- Vegetation competition
- Soil physical and chemical properties
  - pH, organic matter, contaminants
  - Moisture content
- Climate
  - Frost pocket, wind, aspect
- Site prep (or lack of)
- Browse
- Accessibility
- Cost
- Organization capacity



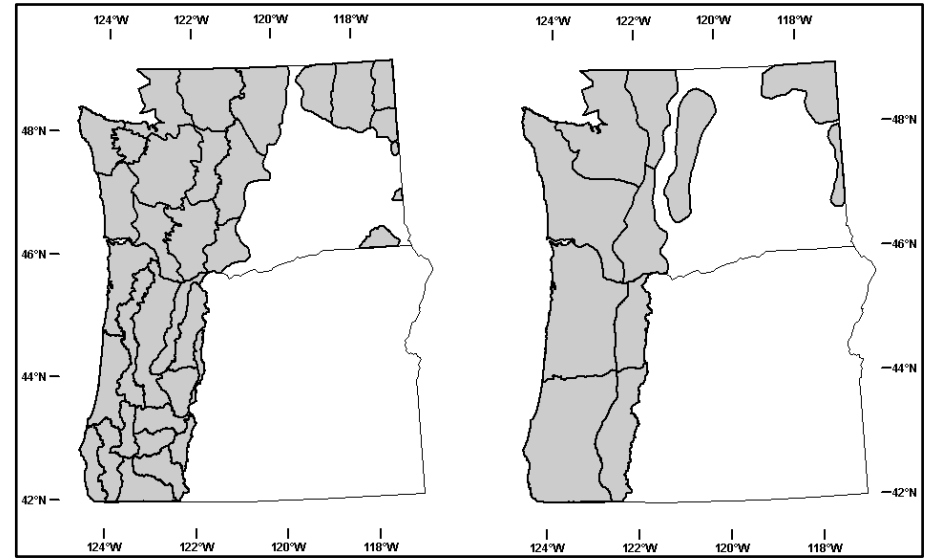
# 4. Mitigating limiting factors?

- Site preparation
  - Herbicide treatments
  - Scalping / mounding
  - Fertilization
  - Prescribed fire
  - Maceration
- Fencing

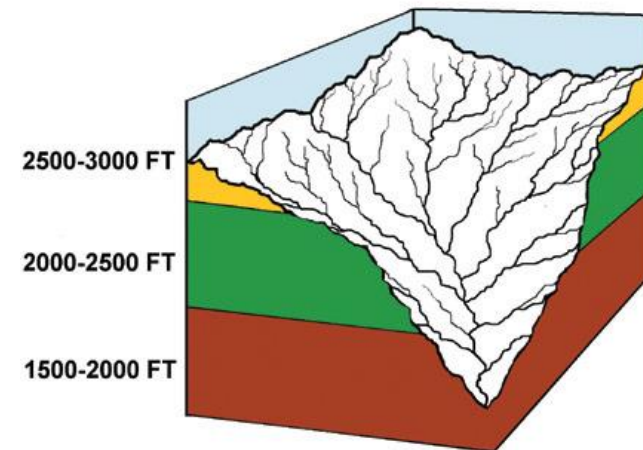


# 5. Species and genetics?

- Native or introduced
- Seed transfer guidelines
  - Lat, Long, Elevation
- Orchard or wild
- Dioecious
  - Especially cuttings



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# 6. Stocktypes?

- Seeds
- Bareroot
- Container
- Bareroot—container “hybrids”
- Root stock
- Non-rooting cuttings





# 7. Tools and techniques

- Hand
- Machine



# 8. Window?

- Fall
- Spring
- Summer
- Winter

