Aquatic Ecosystems
Ecosystem Services: Mother Nature
Ecosystem Services: Anthropocentric
Native Aquatic Plant Benefits

- Nutrient removal/polishing
- Substrate stabilization
- Food
Invasive Exotic Aquatic Plants

- Monocultures
- Flow
- Health and safety
Consequences of Natives Breaking Bad

• The same!!!
• It’s in the way that you use it...
Breaking Bad: Submersed

- *Cabomba caroliniana*
- *Potamogeton illinoensis*
- *Vallisneria americana*
Breaking Bad: Floating-leaved

• *Nymphaea mexicana*

• *Nuphar advena*
Breaking Bad: Floating

• *Limnobium spongia*
Breaking Bad: Emergent

- *Pontederia cordata*
- *Typha sp.*
Remember... it’s in the way that you use it!

Thanks! Questions?

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