

North Shore Community Climate Readiness Project

Adaptive
Capacity

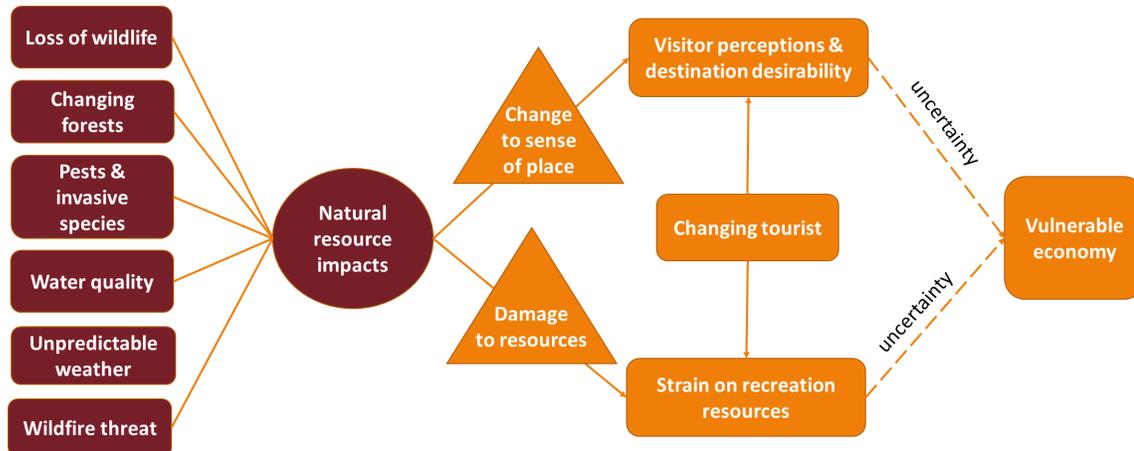
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What are community leaders saying about climate readiness?

What concerns community leaders?



"I am concerned. For instance if we keep having years with these bad windstorms, or droughts, or floods, the more damage that's happening to our natural environment here, the more impact it's going to have on our tour-

Engaging the community: what works?

What motivates individuals?

Commitment to community

- Responsibility to community members
- Responsibility to ecological community
- Culture of volunteerism

Excitement about an issue

- Reactive response
- Individual interest
- High urgency and profile

Awareness of an issue

- Knowledge and firsthand experience

Directly affects personal or professional interest

- Connection to business or agency
- Concern for recreation
- Concern for safety/property

What has worked in the past?

Community collaboration

- Grassroots organizing
- Leadership by agencies
- Neighbors helping neighbors
- Participatory planning

Using human capital

- Local knowledge
- Lessons from past experiences

"I cannot think enough about collaboration. And being at the table. You know, we do really well up here, sitting at the same table... there's a lot of differences up here, but boy we work well together."

How prepared is the community?

Community Readiness

- Active and engaged community members
- Abundant local knowledge and expertise
- Tourists' North Shore attachment
- Community committed to finding solutions
- Good track record of responding to change

Community Vulnerability

- Limited collaborative visioning and strategic planning
- Difficulty in making decisions under uncertainty
- Lacking efficient and consistent information sharing
- Need economic diversification
- No clear leader

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