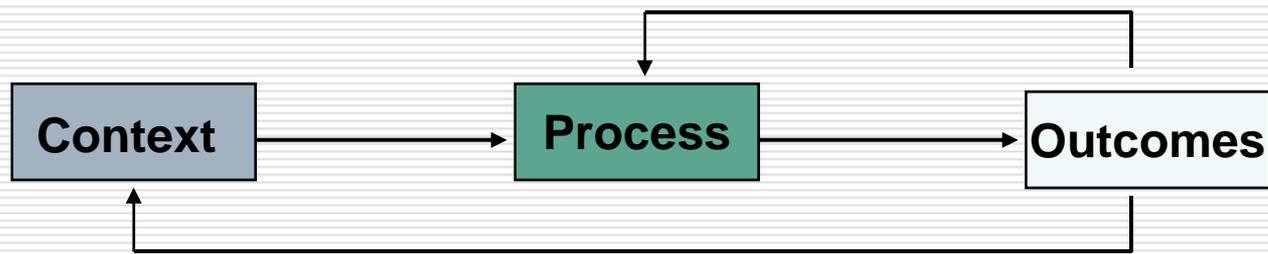
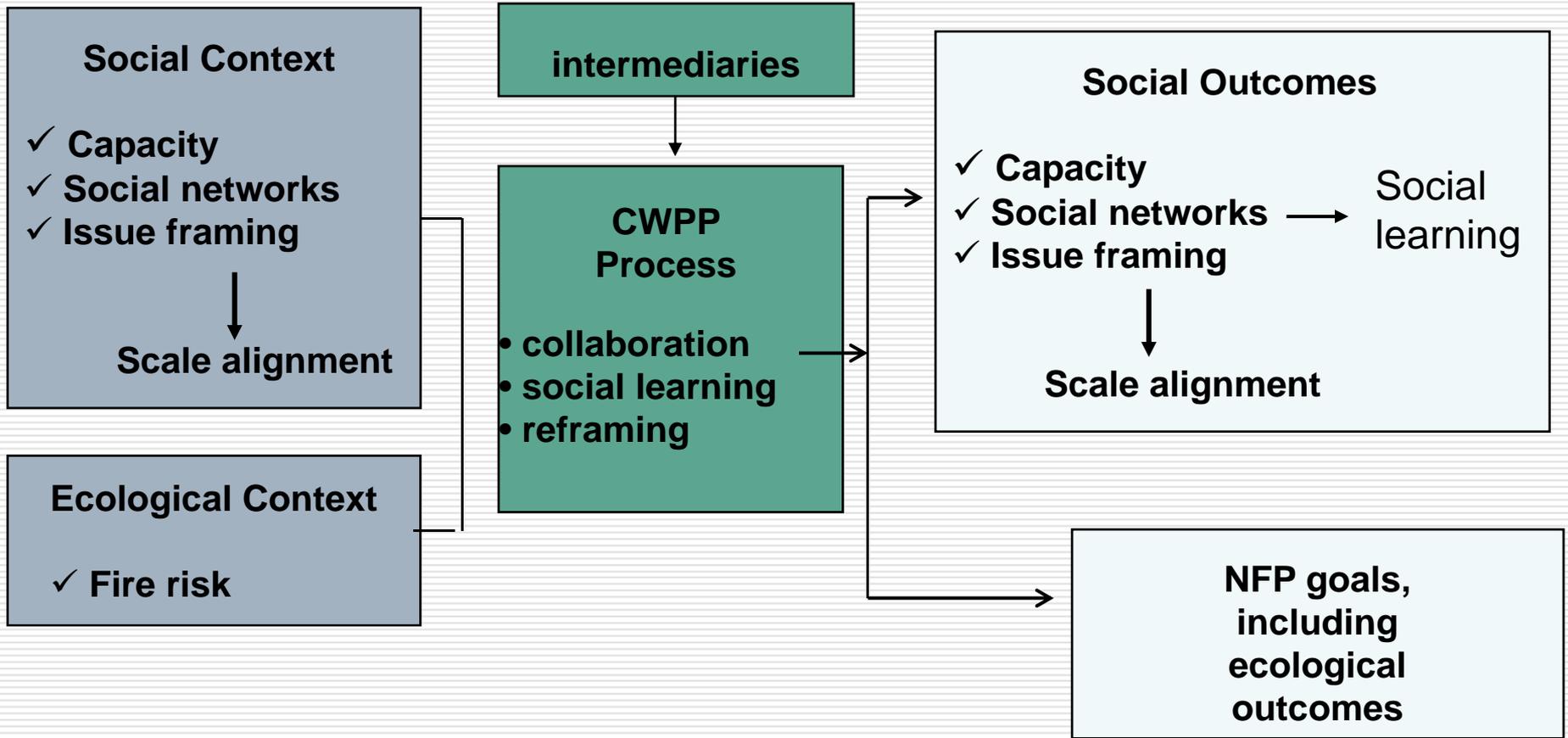




# Assessing, Monitoring and Evaluating CWPP Context, Process and Sustainability

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# Why assess context?

Understanding the ecological setting and social dynamics of the community is essential for successfully undertaking a community-based collaborative project such as a CWPP.

## Need to assess

- social composition, culture and history of the community
- constellation of assets which provide capacity to launch a collaborative effort
- what outside resources and information needed



# How to assess context?

- ❑ Assess past experiences
  - Framing of issues, including risk
  - Past controversies and collaboration
  - Catalysts for change
- ❑ Find community assets
  - Trusted leaders and “spark plugs”
  - Skilled residents
  - Community organizations
  - Sources of support
- ❑ Discover networks of individuals and organizations
  - Emergency management networks
  - Fire (networks including state and federal agency)
  - Informal and formal neighborhood and community network
  - Bridges to outside resources



# Why evaluate CWPP process?

- ❑ Assess effectiveness
- ❑ Improve accountability and inclusivity
- ❑ Build trust among participants and with stakeholders
- ❑ Find new participants and resources
- ❑ Note progress and successes

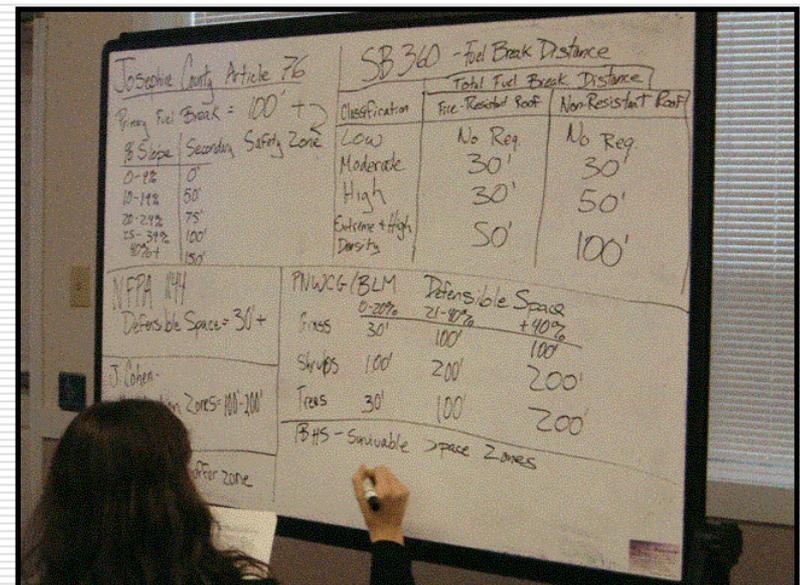


# How to evaluate process?

- ❑ Check who is at the table, who is missing
- ❑ Are their goals and expectations aligned?
- ❑ Assess how data, models, and maps frame problems and what other options are available
- ❑ Evaluate
  - communication
  - decision making
  - incentives for participation
- ❑ Determine if scale is appropriate
  - across landscape and jurisdictions
  - community or neighborhood level



- Ideally, all participants should take part in monitoring – bring in outside evaluator only if necessary.
  - Get a good cross-section of respondents, including non-participants
  - Group coordinators found to report higher rates of success (Leach, Pelkey, and Sabatier 2002)
- Focus on the group's objectives - how well does the group meet its own goals?
- Consider using a combination of descriptive, normative, and impact questions.



# Potential Roles for Participants

- Neighborhood (homeowners association),  
Community (community development org)
  - Education/ outreach
  - Rule/ covenant establishment and enforcement
  - Peer and mentor relationships/norms
  - Diffusion of technology and innovation
  - Collect fees/fines
  - Apply for grants
  - Sign/bless CWPP
  - Fuels management on common property
  - Monitoring and evaluation

# Potential Roles

## □ State, Municipality and County

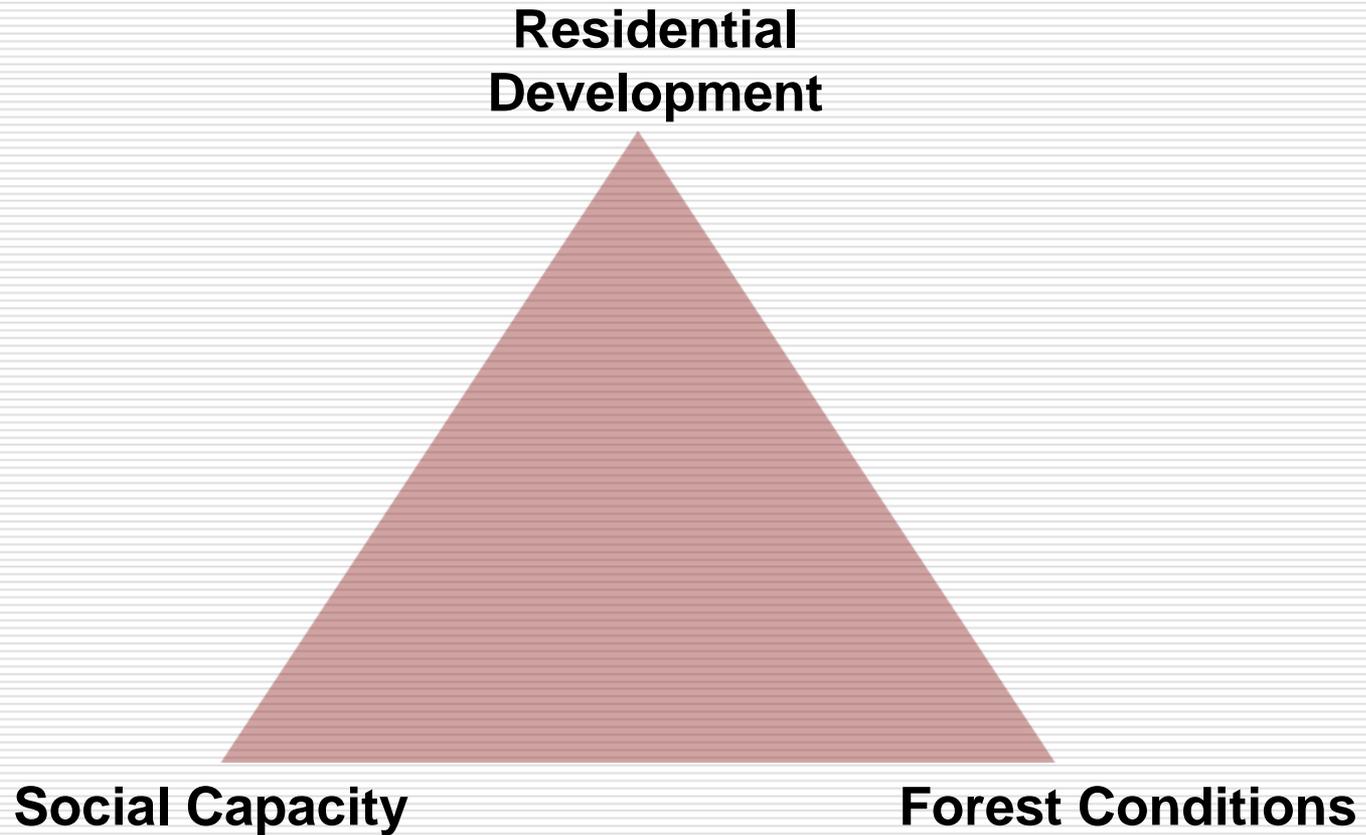
- Funding, grant applications and funding distribution (NFP, Title III)
- Community planning and zoning
- Emergency planning and evacuation (transportation)
- State and local code/law development and enforcement
- Tax incentives-assessments
- Home/landowner education/outreach/ assistance
- Land and resource planning and management
- GIS mapping and other technical assistance or training
- CWPP facilitation, writing, monitoring, signing/approval
- Wildland fire prevention/suppression and structure protection
- Social services, special needs
- Community economic development (small diameter and biomass)
- Risk assessment
- Fuels management on public land that they manage

# Potential Roles

## □ Federal

- Develop federal policies
- Land and resource planning and management
- Federal law enforcement
- Wildland fire prevention/suppression and structure protection
- Fuels management (prescribed burning, mastication and other activities) on lands that they manage.
- State and local government incentives/assistance
- Biomass and other small diameter market development
- Technical assistance, fuels information and other tools, data, maps, etc.
- CWPP review (different from above?)
- Develop staff who later become consultants or other players in CWPP
- Development and implementation.
- Monitoring

# WUI Fire Triangle



## Finally, assess sustainability

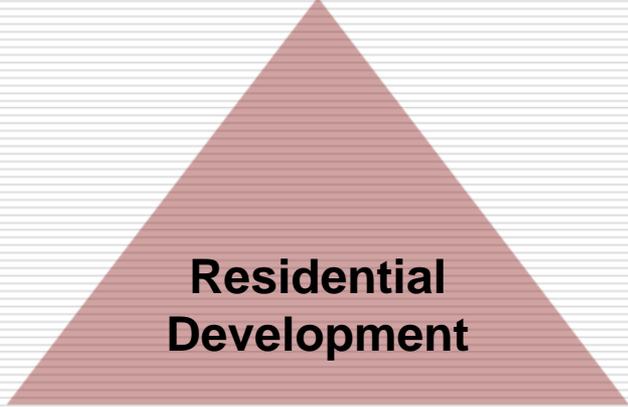
*Why?* To evaluate the needed capacities and essential components for moving to the next step - implementation.

*How?* Ask:

- Has social capacity been created to implement the plan?
- Are community education and outreach effective and sustainable?
- Are agency and department decision-makers willing to implement projects?
- Is the CWPP comprehensive and multifaceted?
- Are there programs, organizations or plans to embed CWPP?



**Planning & zoning**

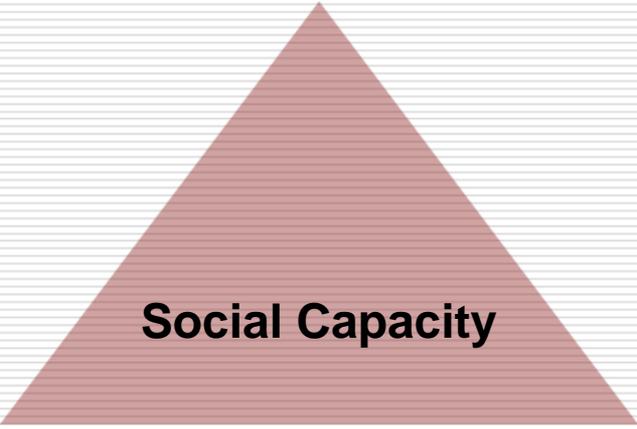


**Residential  
Development**

**Incentives**

**Code enforcement**

**Governance**

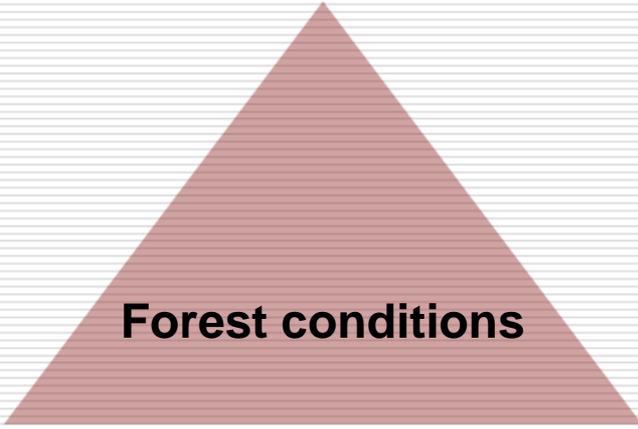


**Social Capacity**

**Economic**

**Learning**

**Fuels management**



**Forest conditions**

**Habitat protection**

**Restoration**