

# **CWPPs: Meeting the Objectives of HFRA?**

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## **Community Wildfire Protection Plans—CWPPs**

**“clarify and refine [the community’s] priorities  
for the protection of life, property, and critical  
infrastructure in the wildland-urban interface .”**

**(SAF et al. 2004)**



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## **Federal agency role in CWPPs**

**“Federal agencies should be partners in the  
preparation of the CWPPs to the extent that a  
community desires...” (USDA Forest Service 2004)**



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- recommends measures to reduce structural ignitability



## **HFRA encourages communities to develop CWPPs**

**“In the WUI, these plans will provide a seamless guide for fuel reduction across ownerships, identifying those treatments to be completed by public agencies and those to be completed by private landowners.” (USDA Forest Service 2004)**



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## Not only focused on communities adjacent to federal land

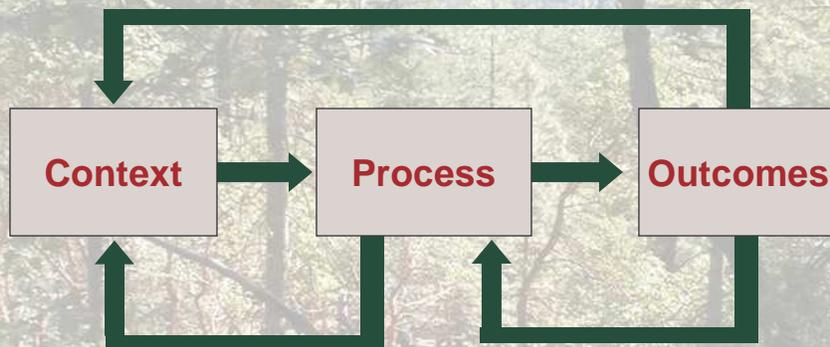
In allocating dollars to implement fuels reduction projects federal officials “should give priority to communities that have adopted a community wildfire protection plan...” (HFRA)



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## JFS Research Project CWPPs: Enhancing Collaboration and Building Social Capacity



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## **HFRA Priorities as Related to CWPPs**

- reduce wildfire risk to communities through collaborative planning, prioritizing, and implementing fuels reduction projects
- improve biomass utilization
- protect, restore and enhance forest ecosystem components



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## Improve biomass utilization

- Very difficult objective
- Limited success



## **Enhance/restore ecosystem components**

- Is the focus, rather than fuels reduction
- Highlighted as a benefit of fuels reduction efforts
- Ignored or down-played--a barrier to fuels reduction efforts



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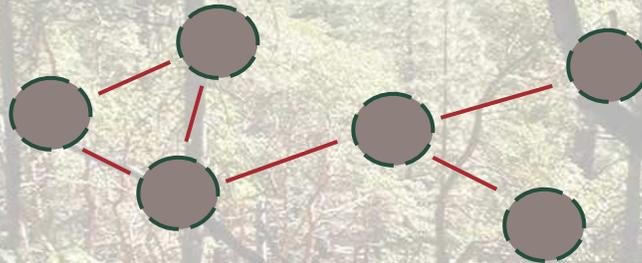


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## Social Networks

**“A set of individuals or groups and the ties representing some interrelationship between the them” (Brass 1992: 300)**



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## Community Capacity

**The ability of a community to meet the day-to-day needs of its residents. (FEMAT 1993)**



## CWPPs build community capacity by

- building leadership
- strengthening relationships
- providing visibility for players
- gaining access to networks
- enhancing community buy-in
- achieving success that spawns success
- creating a new sense of hope and trust



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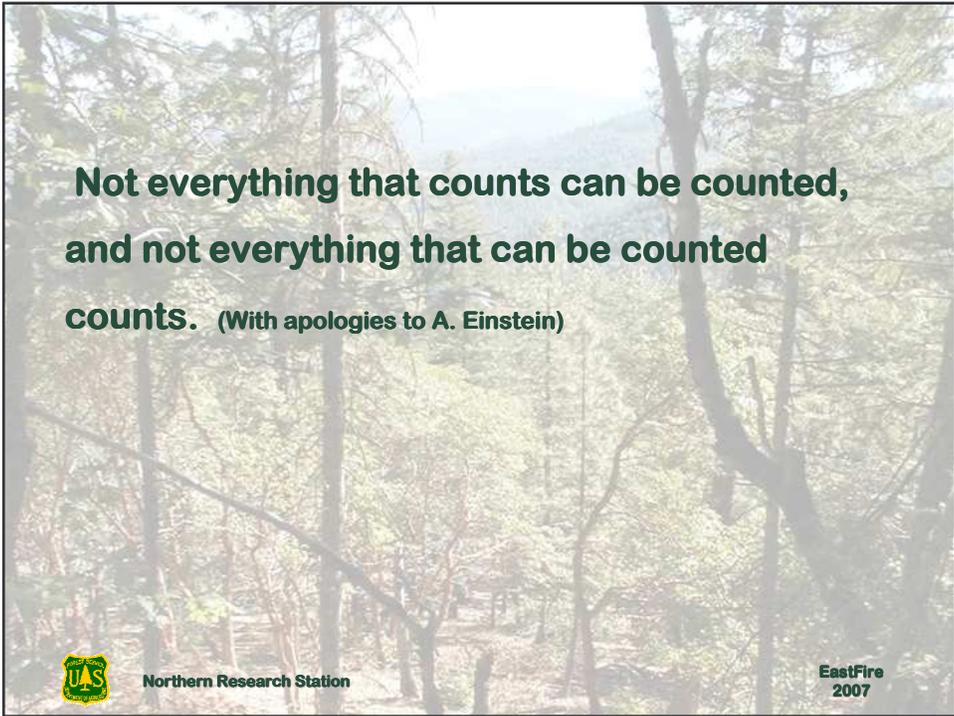
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**Community Wildfire Protection Plans** (CWPP's) are one of the more important means for protecting communities and ecosystems of catastrophic wildfires. *Enhancing collaboration and building capacity* is viewed as a means insuring that these plans are responsive to the needs and objectives of communities at the wildland-urban interface.

This site describes an applied research project that seeks to analyze the lessons learned about collaborative processes among approximately ten CWPP development processes in the United States.

