

COMMUNITY FORESTRY

OUR VISION AND PLAN FOR WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

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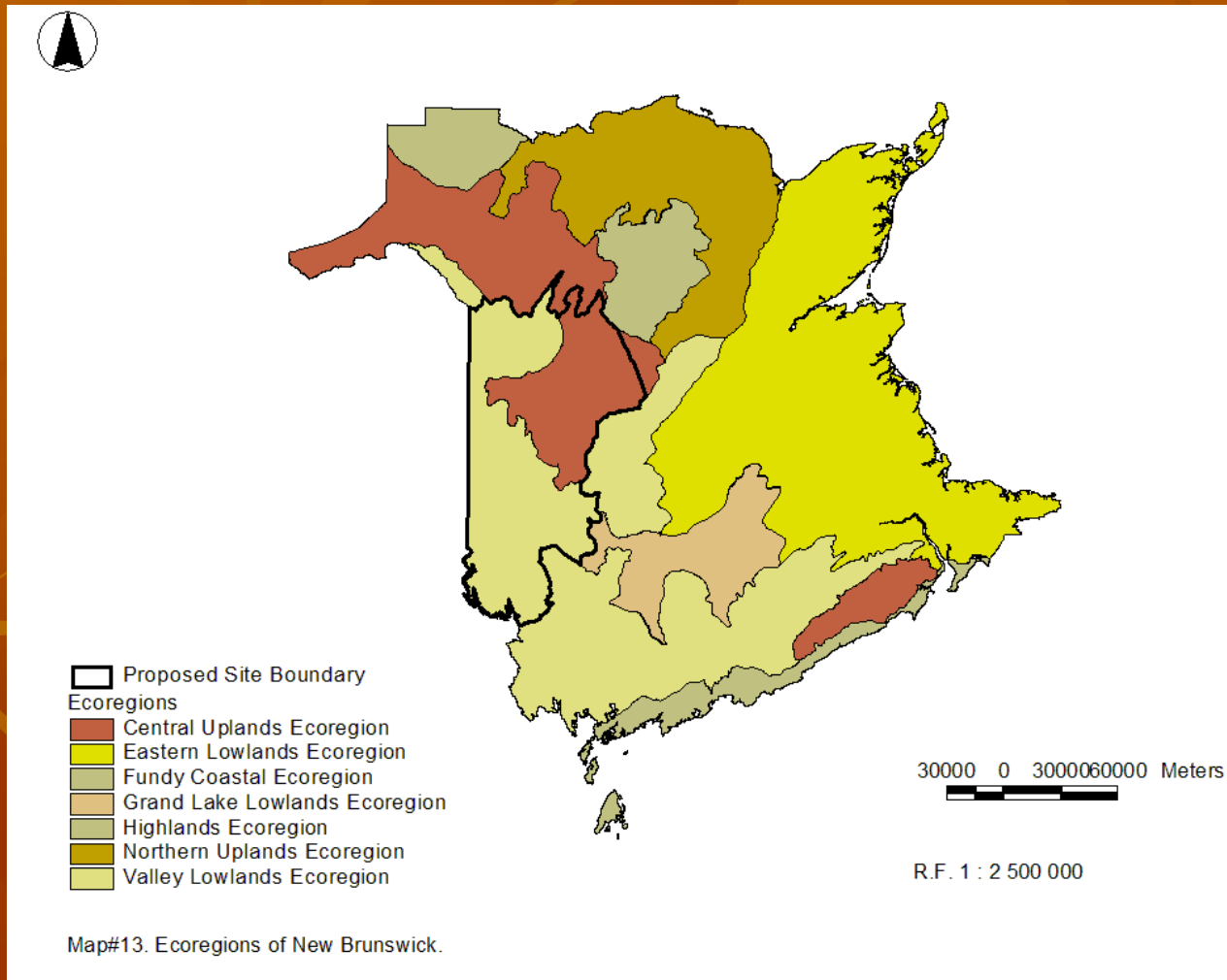


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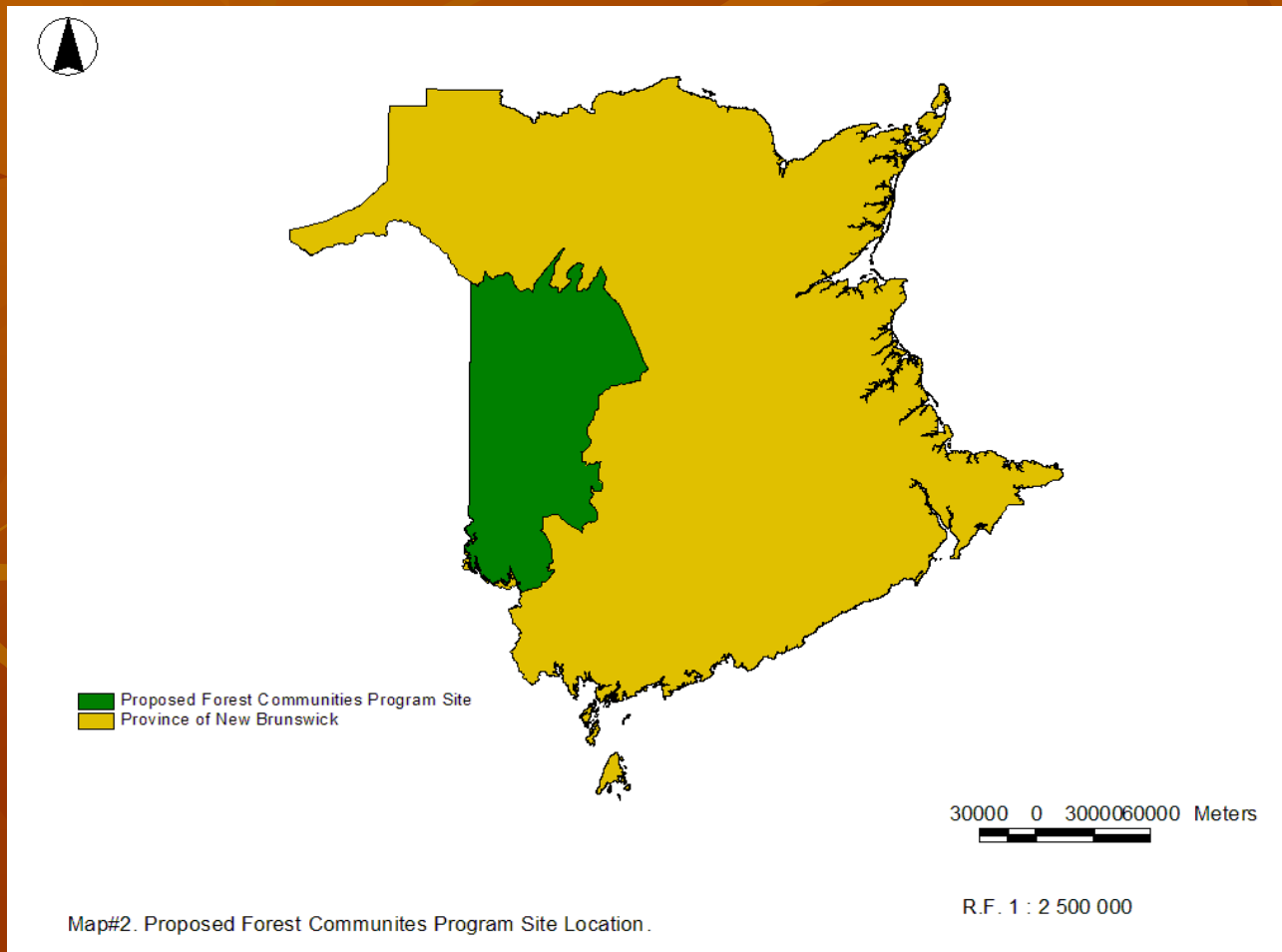
- Eco-regions
- Watershed boundaries
- Landuse patterns
- Eco-system management
- Ecological governance



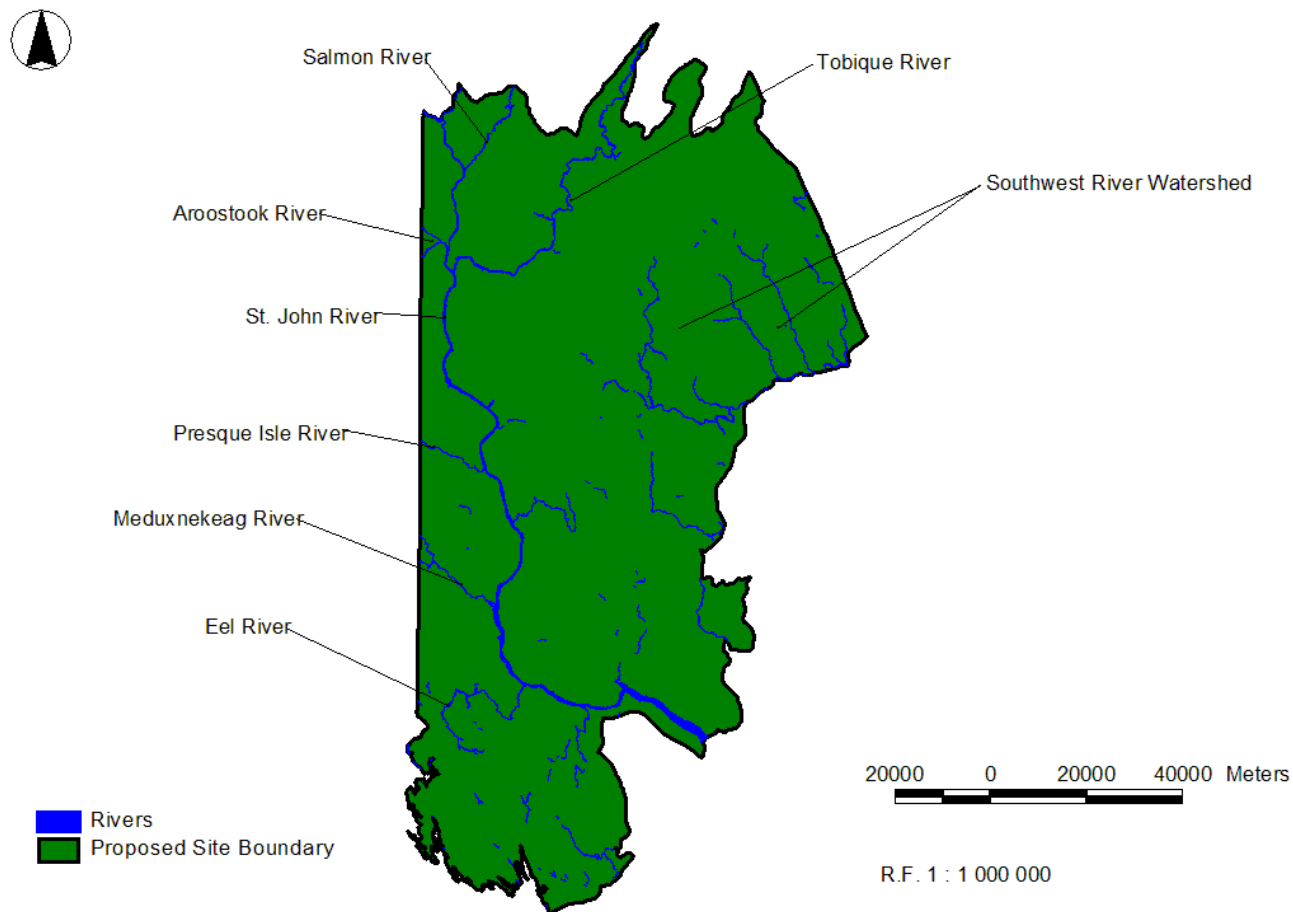
ECOREGIONS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK



PROPOSED FOREST COMMUNITIES PROGRAM SITE LOCATION

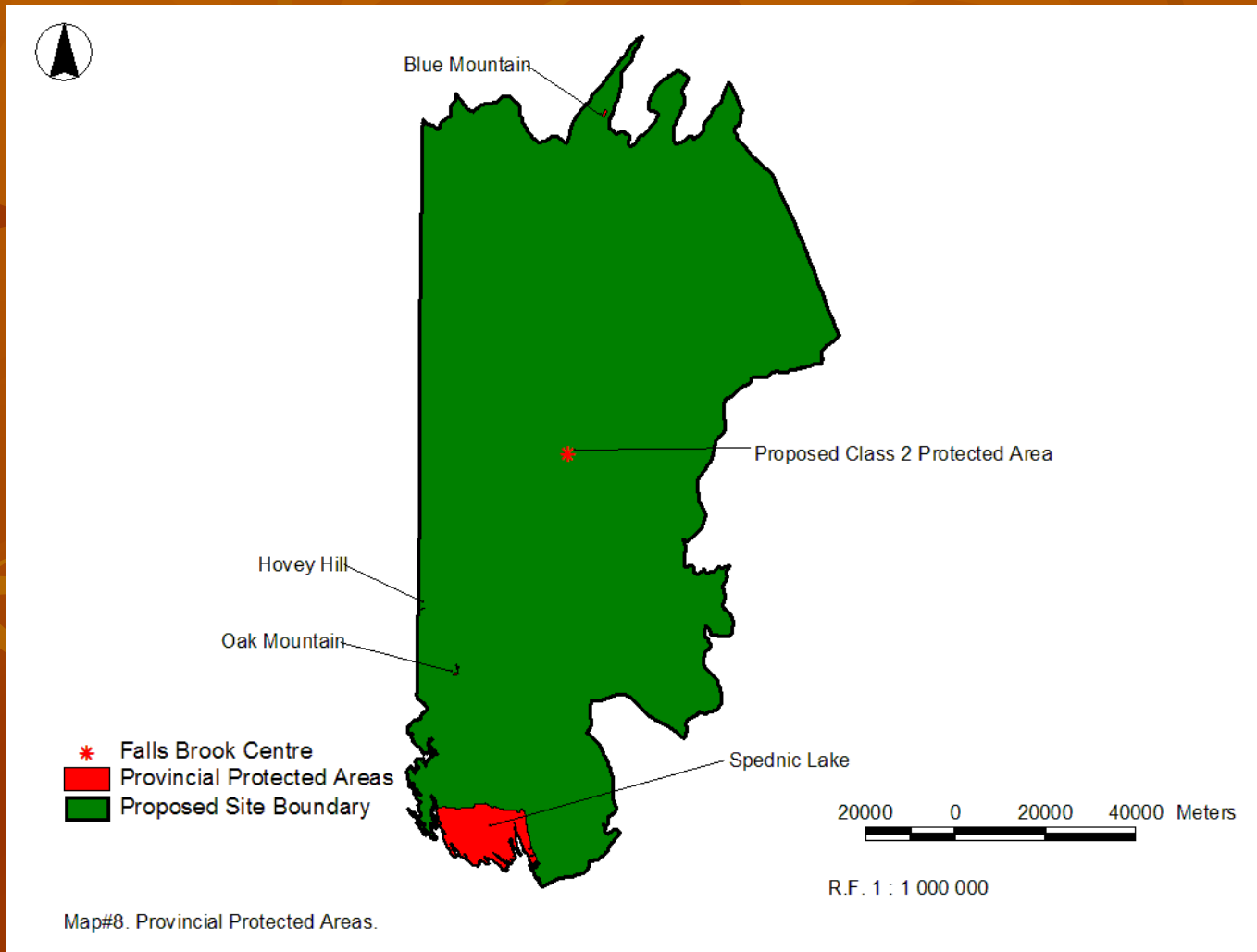


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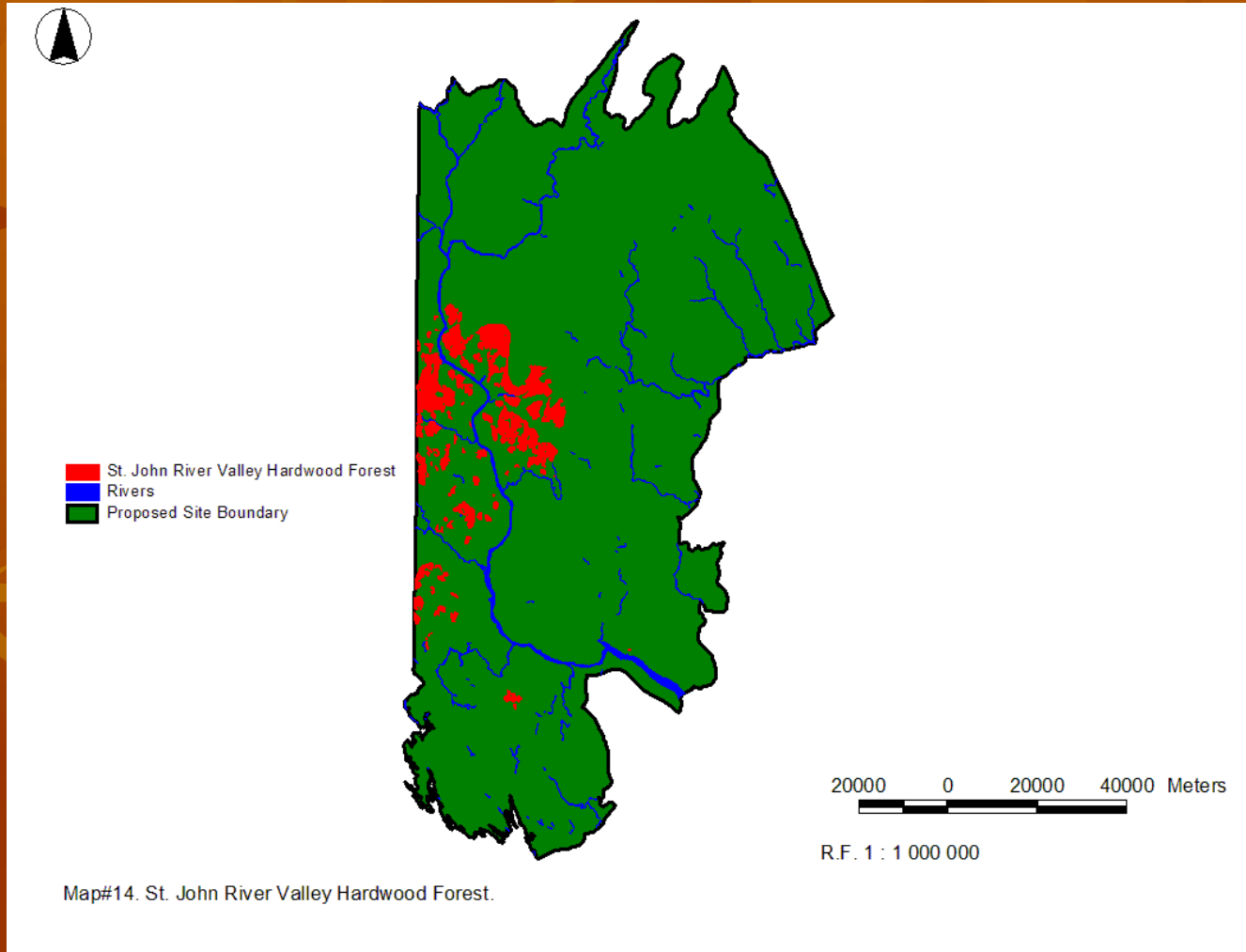


Map#12. Major Watersheds.

PROVINCIAL PROTECTED AREAS



HARDWOOD FOREST

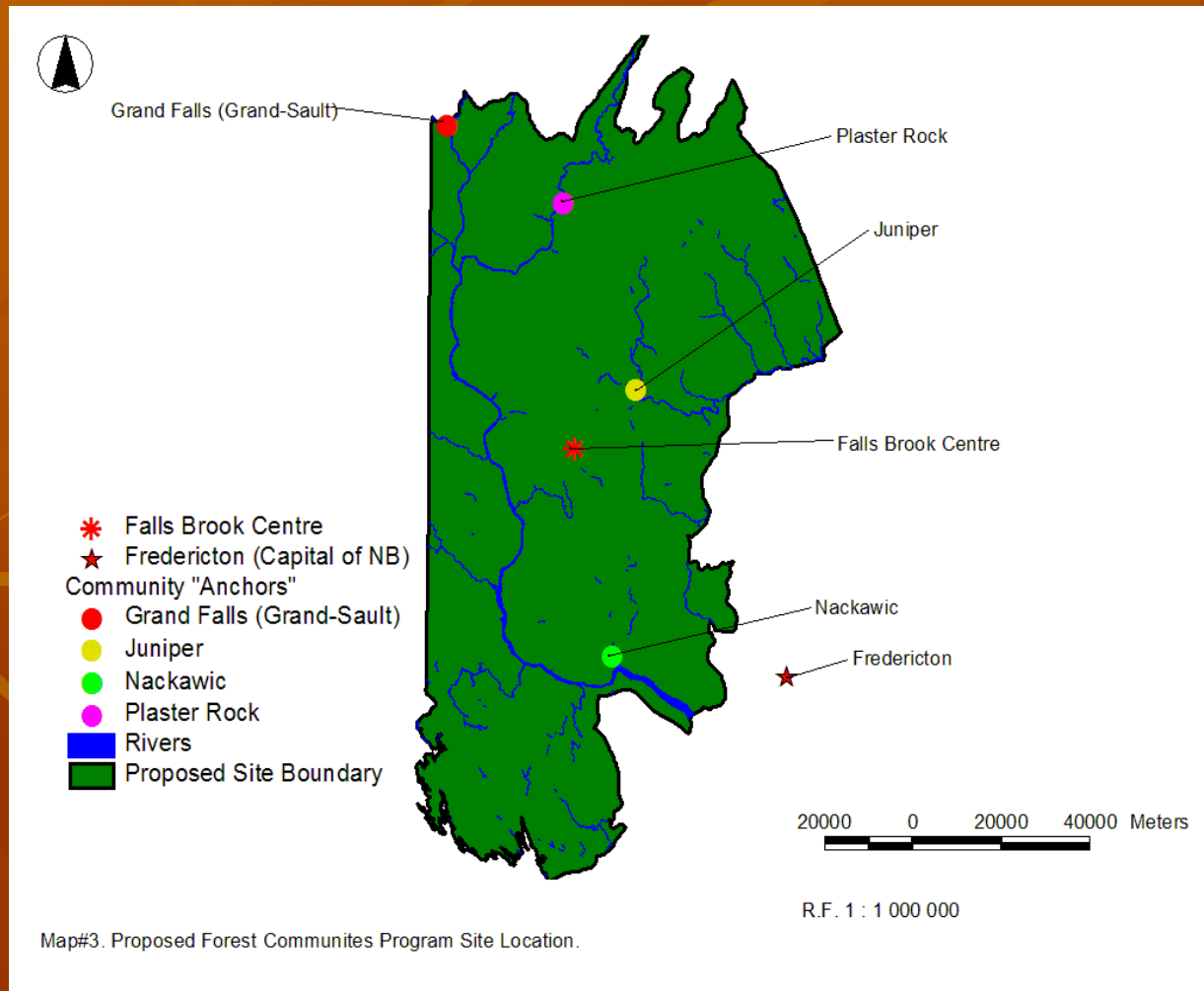


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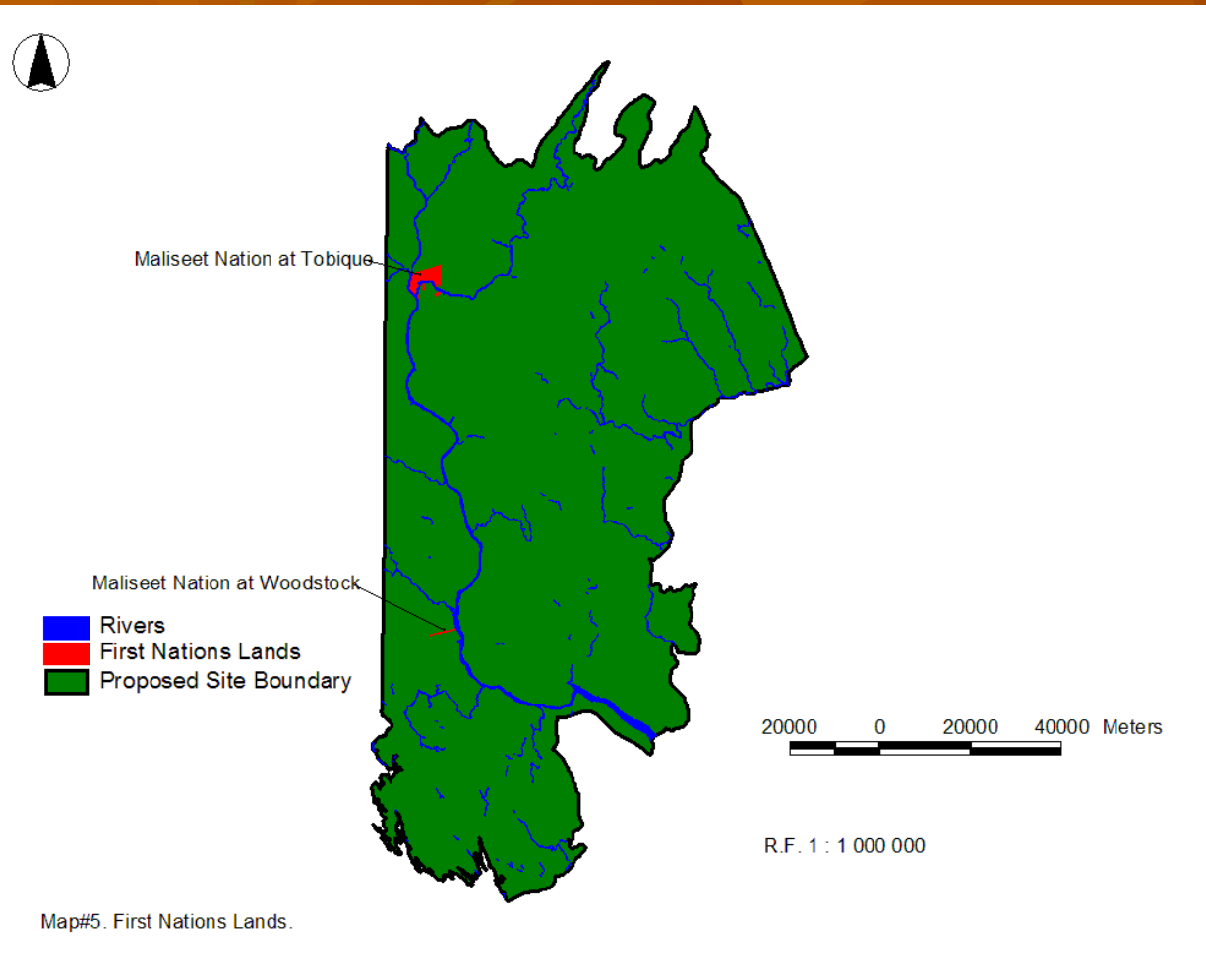
- Human settlements
- Decision-making
- Election process
- Conflict resolution
- Round-table discussion
- Buy-in and trust
- Community resilience
- Ecological governance



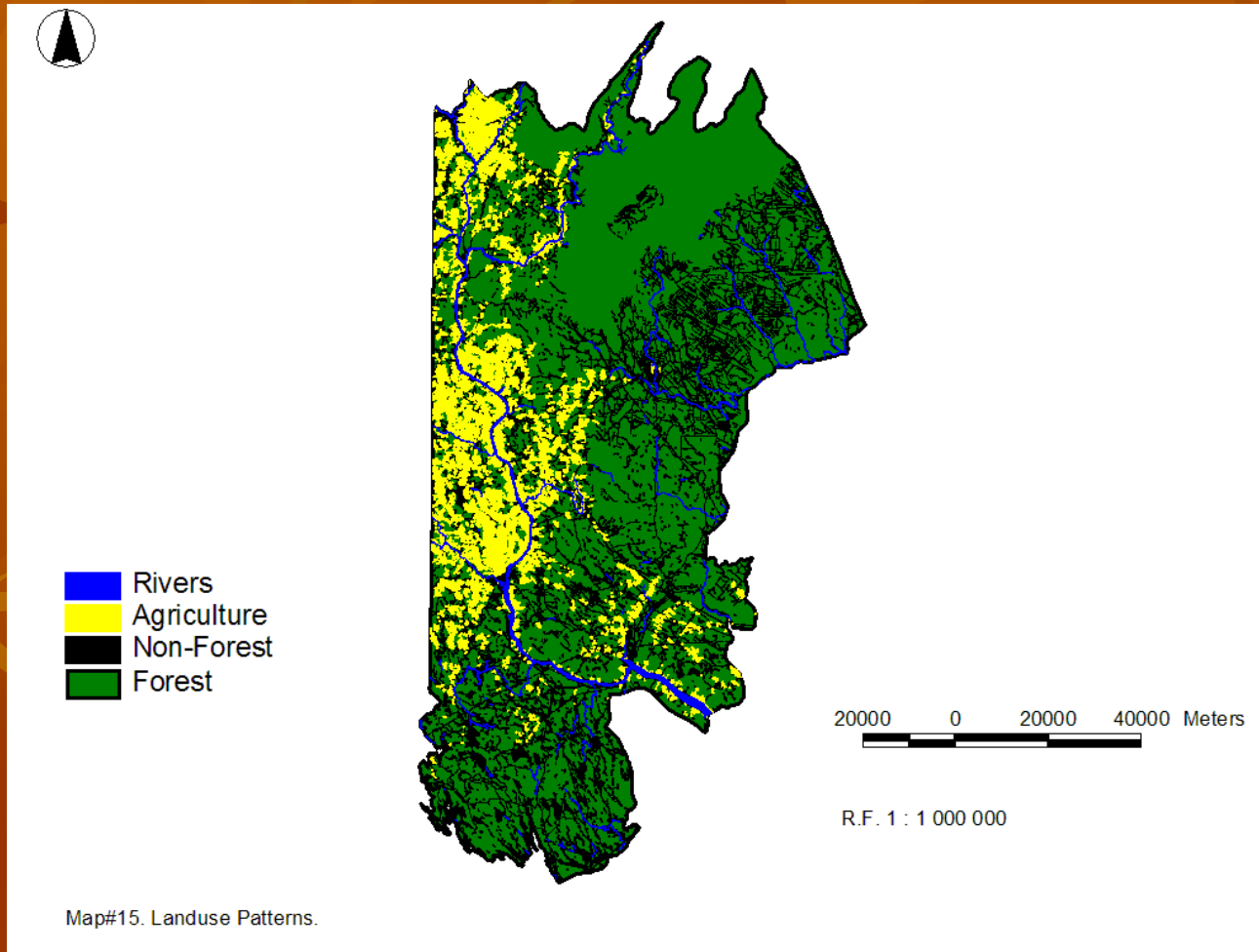
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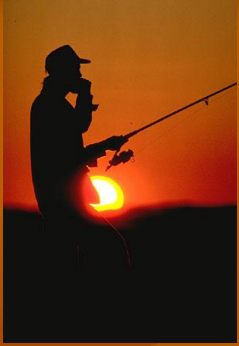


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LAND-USE PATTERNS



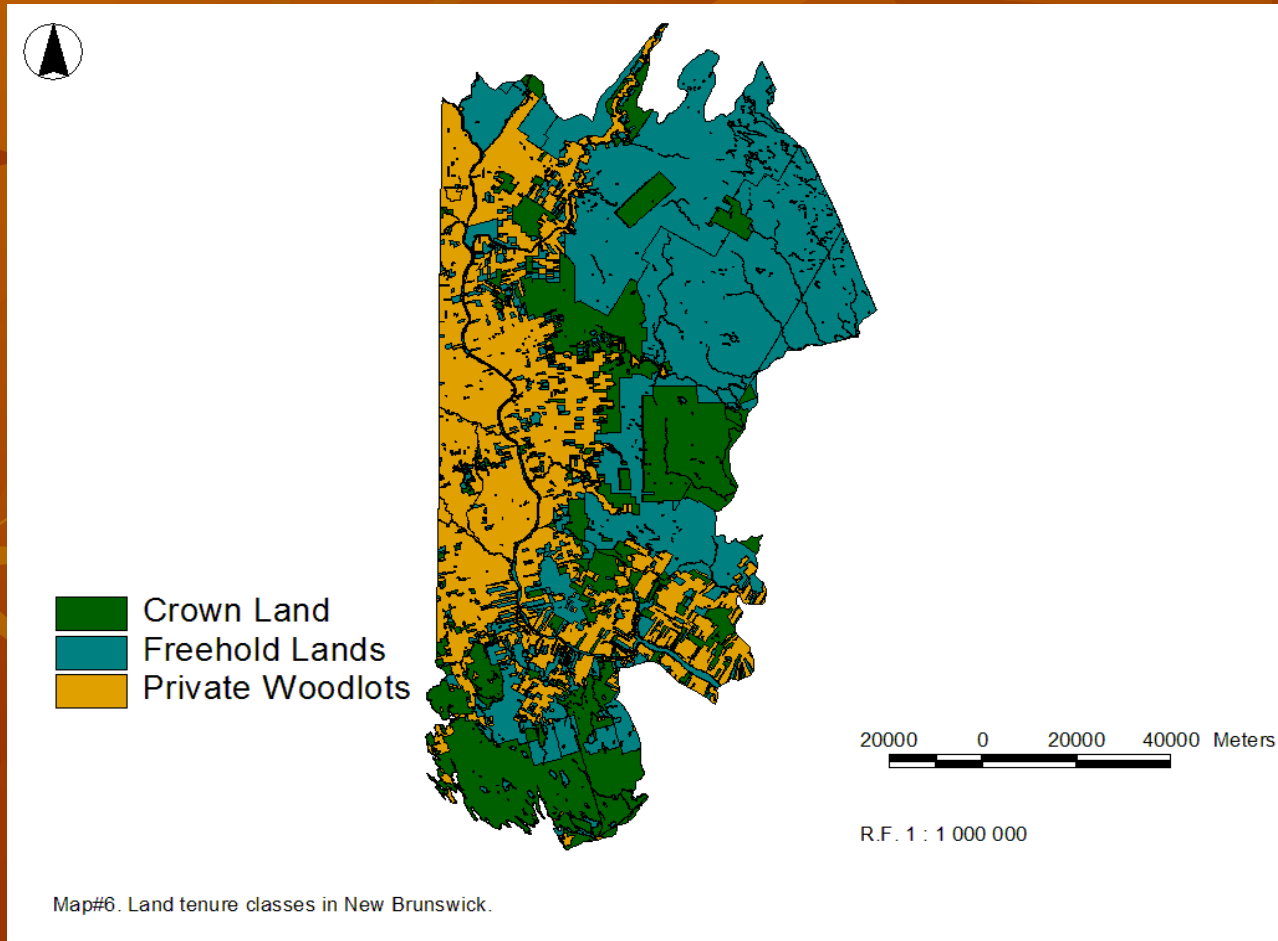


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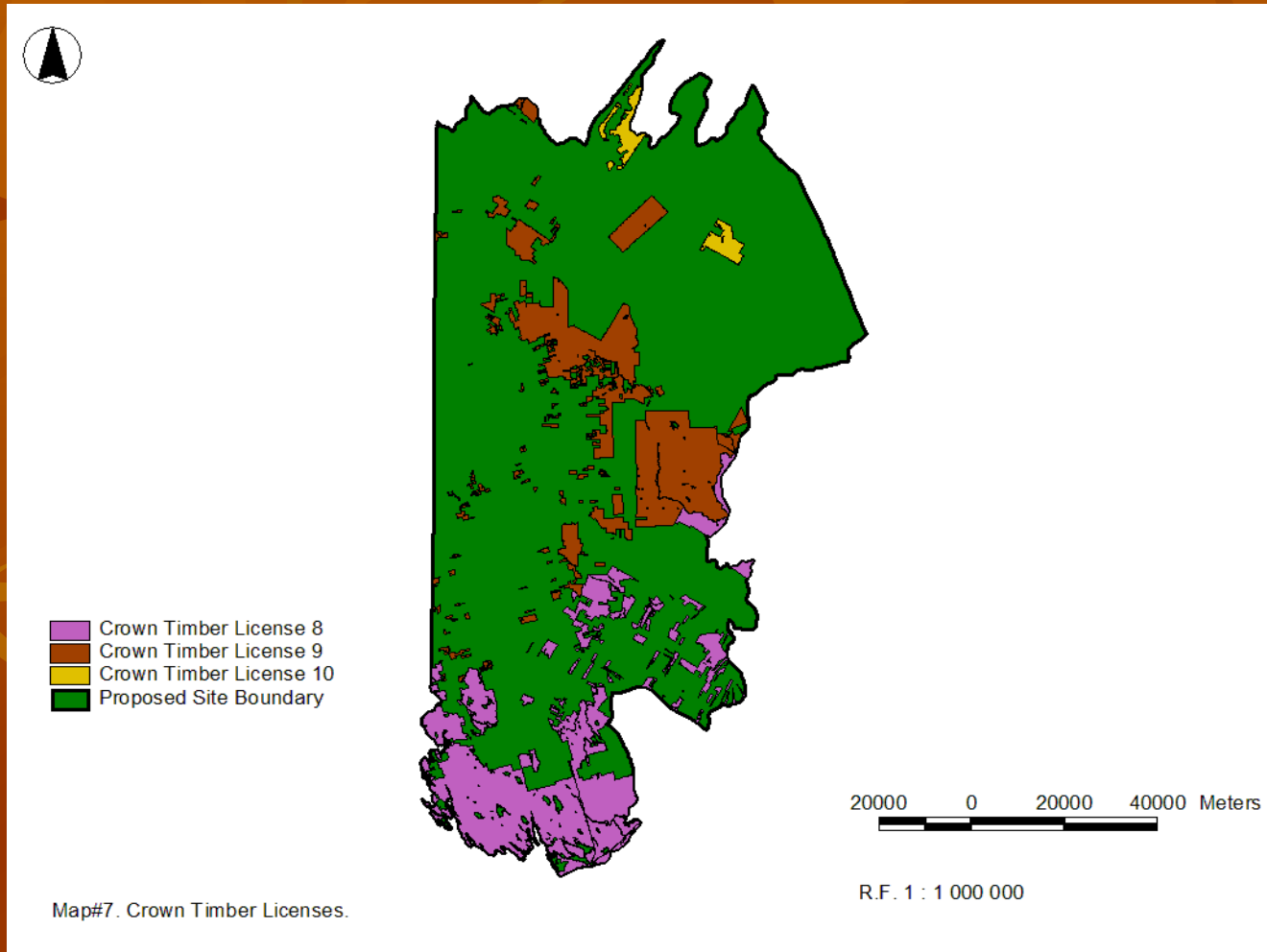
- Long-term economic projections
- Sustainable harvesting levels
- Profits and debts back into community
- Back-casting
- Market development
- Full cost accounting
- Triple bottom line



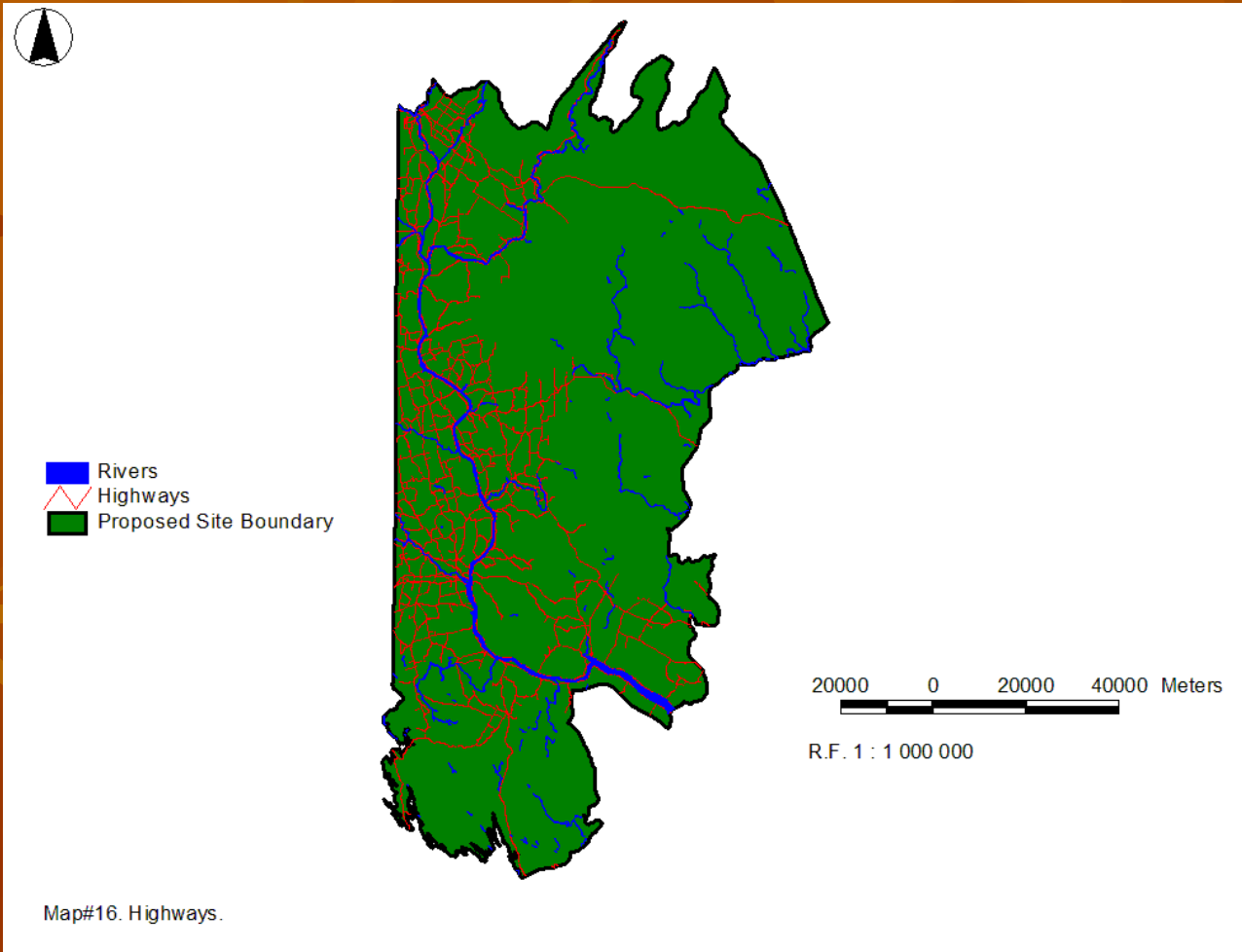
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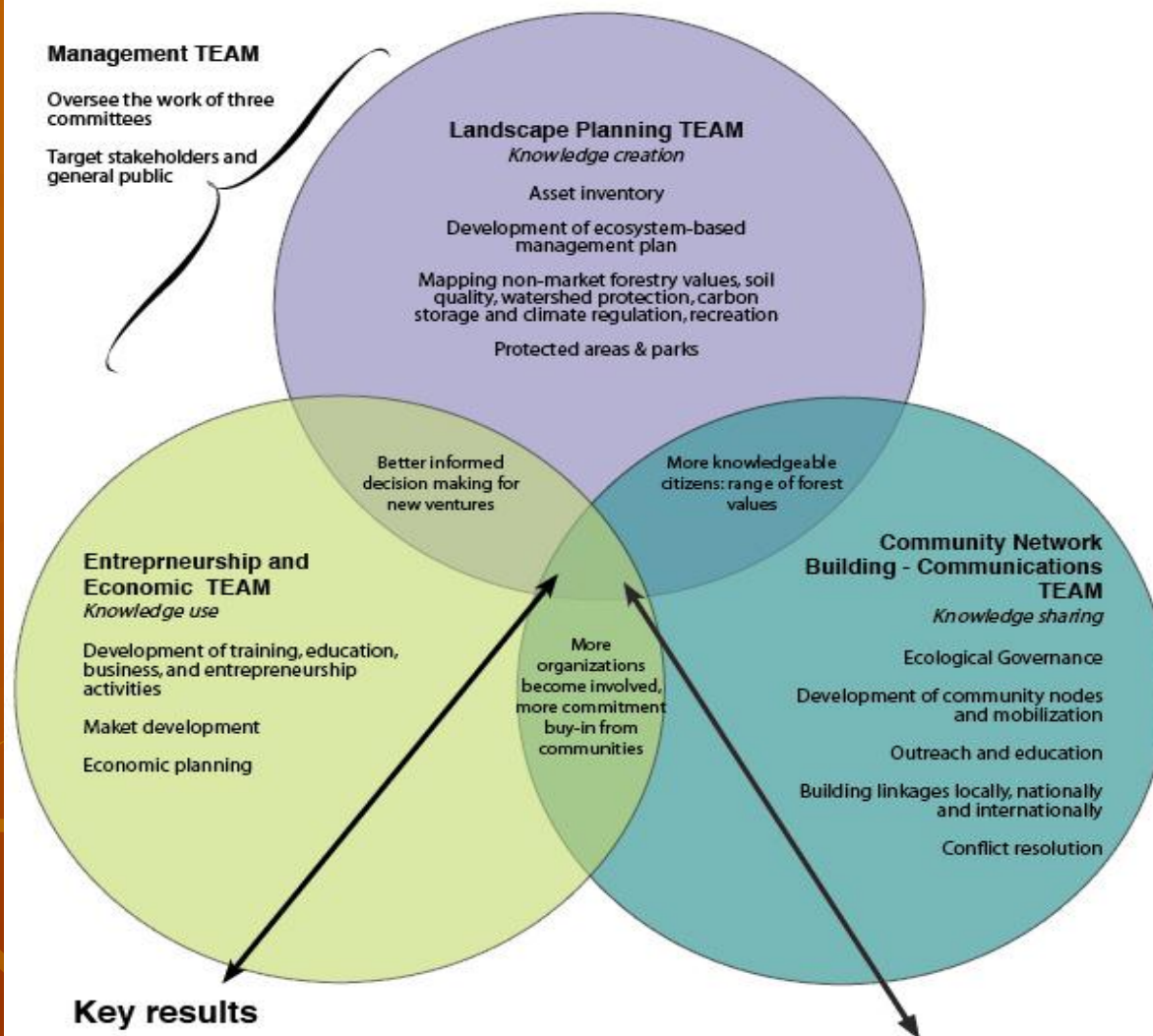
HIGHWAYS



Management TEAM

Oversee the work of three committees

Target stakeholders and general public



Key results

- Landscape Level Asset Inventory
- More stable rewarding employment
- Community resilience
- Sustainable harvesting levels
- Triple bottom-line
- Less reliance on fossil fuels, energy alternatives
- Civil Society knowledge creation
- Ecological Governance Model developed
- Interest in region as a model for replication of success

Model Forest Network
Regional Model Forest
Network LAC-Net

St-John River Valley Initiative



**Community Asset Mapping
for Community Forestry**

Outcomes

Through Asset Mapping Workshops:

- Enhance network between St. John River Valley forest communities
- Help communities develop a common vision for the future
- Build community resiliency
- Move toward community governance for forest management

What is Community Resiliency?

Based on community conversations, is the ongoing ability of a community to work together to:

- Identify their strengths and challenges
- Mobilise their assets
- Work collectively to meet their needs and goals

What are Assets?

- Popularly recognized attributes and advantages
- Essential for the maintenance of rural living
- Vital for the sustainability of the economy, sociability and environment
- These include: First Nations Communities, Acadian & Boreal Forest Ecosystem, Woodlot Owner Association and traditional knowledge of the ecosystem.

What is Asset Mapping?

- Collection and inventory of all the good things about your community;
- Ranking the valued aspects of your community;
- Discovering the reasons why people place high value on assets in your community

Collectively strategize about how to build on the assets in order to sustain and enhance them for future generations

The Method

Identify assets: What do you want to sustain and build upon for future generations?



Tangible

Built, natural, people, jobs,
economic, services, location

Intangible

Values, skills, heritage, social,
volunteer

The Method

- Identify supports:

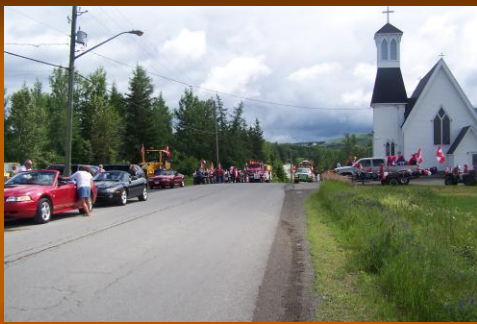
What sustains these assets?



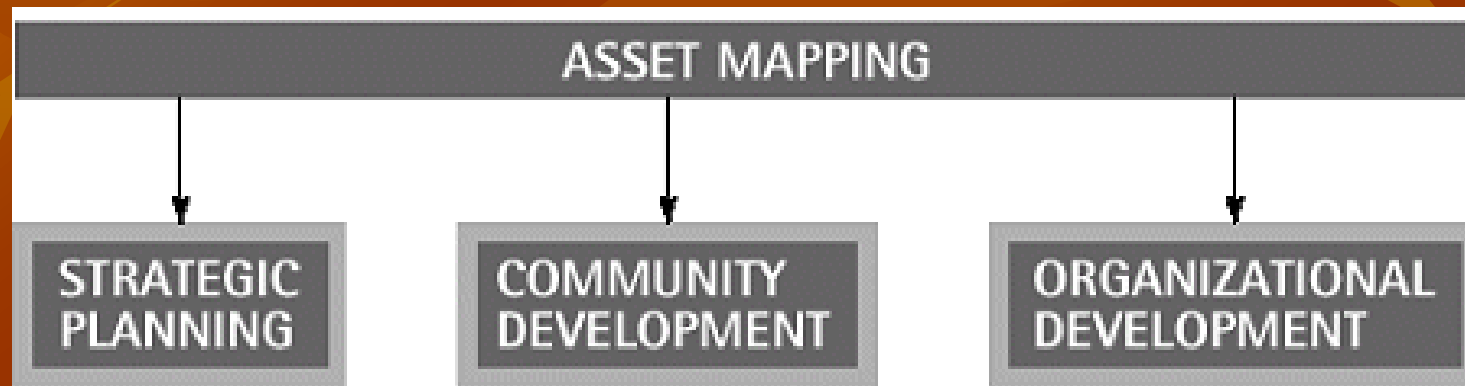
- Identify threats:

What might compromise these assets?





Asset Mapping



... a broad spectrum of the community

- Youth and elderly groups
- People with different economic means
- Non governmental organizations and voluntary groups
- People with different occupations, linguistic and ethnic identities



Why use it?

- Celebrate differences rather than homogeneity
- Is inclusive
- Produces a common cause and view
- Needs divide while assets provide
- Is a positive approach
- Easy and fun to do

Shared assets

- St. John River and its tributaries
- Acadian Forest
- Small businesses, local farms & food
- Existing infrastructures
- Aging population and retirees
- Gateway to US and protected natural areas



Shared recommendations

- Networking and rural governance structures
- Increase availability of local value added products, services and businesses
- Develop governance of community forestry management
- Develop tourism strategy: St. John Valley Tourism Association

Asset mapping is a great planning tool for Community Forest Management



but the greatest tool to success is...
COMMUNITY WILLINGNESS!

Meanwhile...Forest Restoration



Restoration of degraded Community Lands – Guantanamo Cuba



Value added Forest Products



Mangrove Restoration - Honduras



Cuero y Salado Biosphere Honduras



Transforming mono-cultures using Analog Forestry Methodology for Restoration

Standard Fruit/DOLE

Corredor Biológico

usando diseños de Forestería Análoga

5 Hectáreas
Primera Siembra: 2012

Asociación entre:



Comunidad de Salado Barra



FUCSA
Fundación Cuero y Salado



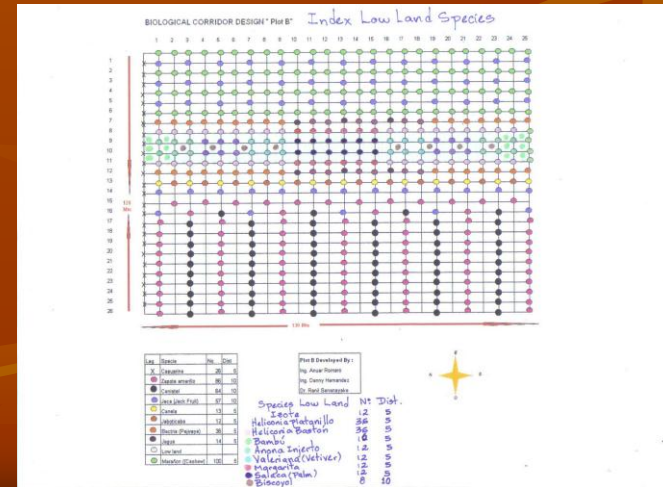
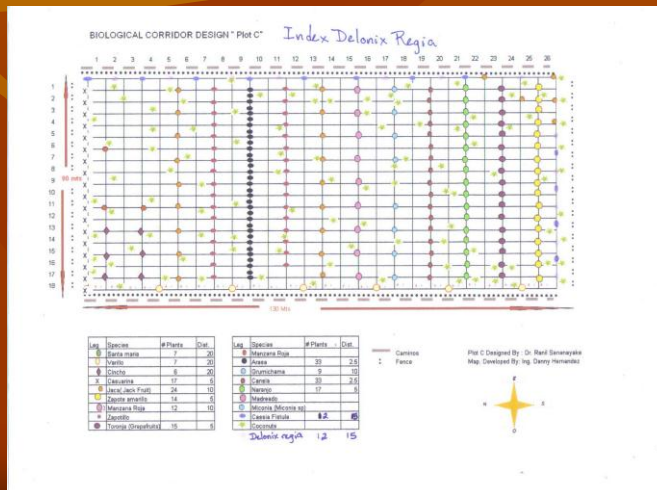
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Standard Fruit



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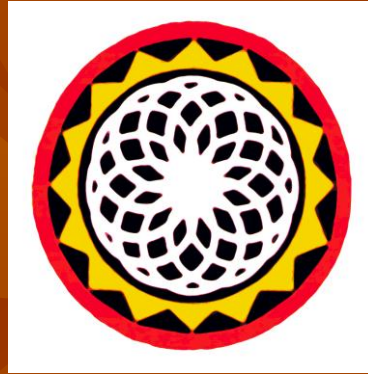
Dole – Standard Fruit, Honduras



Planting, Planting, Planting Community Restoration



Thank you!
Any questions or comments?



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