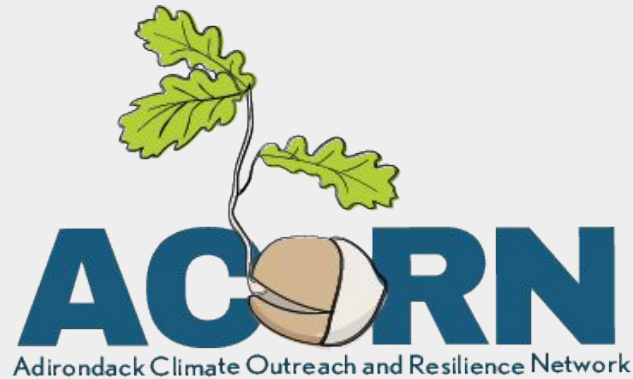


Adirondack Climate Outreach and Resilience Network



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ACORN's mission is to work together to identify community-driven solutions that ensure our rural region is proactive in responding to the changing climate through conversation, connection, and collaboration.

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Rural Climate Resilience Network

NEED

- Geographic Isolation
- Limited Resources
- Vulnerable Communities
- Vulnerable economic sectors



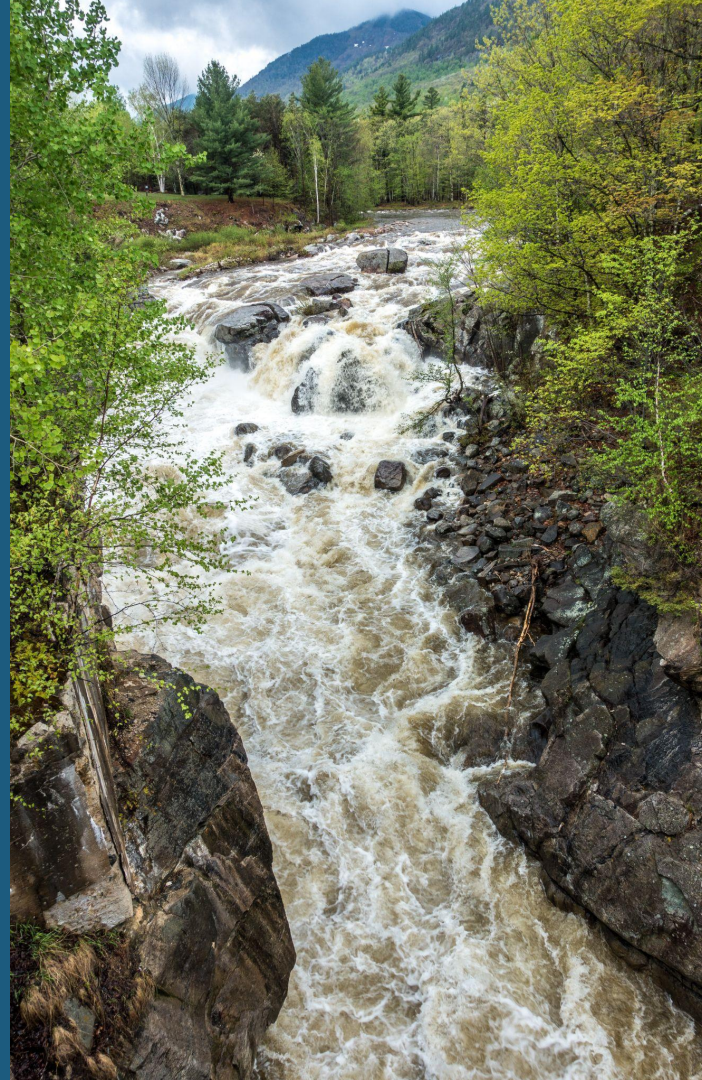
Rural Resilience Network and Roadmap - May 2025

- Strategies to address local climate impacts
- Coordination & collaboration
- Capacity-building
- Technical assistance
- Financial resources
- Rural voices at the table



Funding and Resources

- NYS Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act
- NYS Environmental Bond Act
- Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Federal Inflation Reduction Act
- Private Foundations



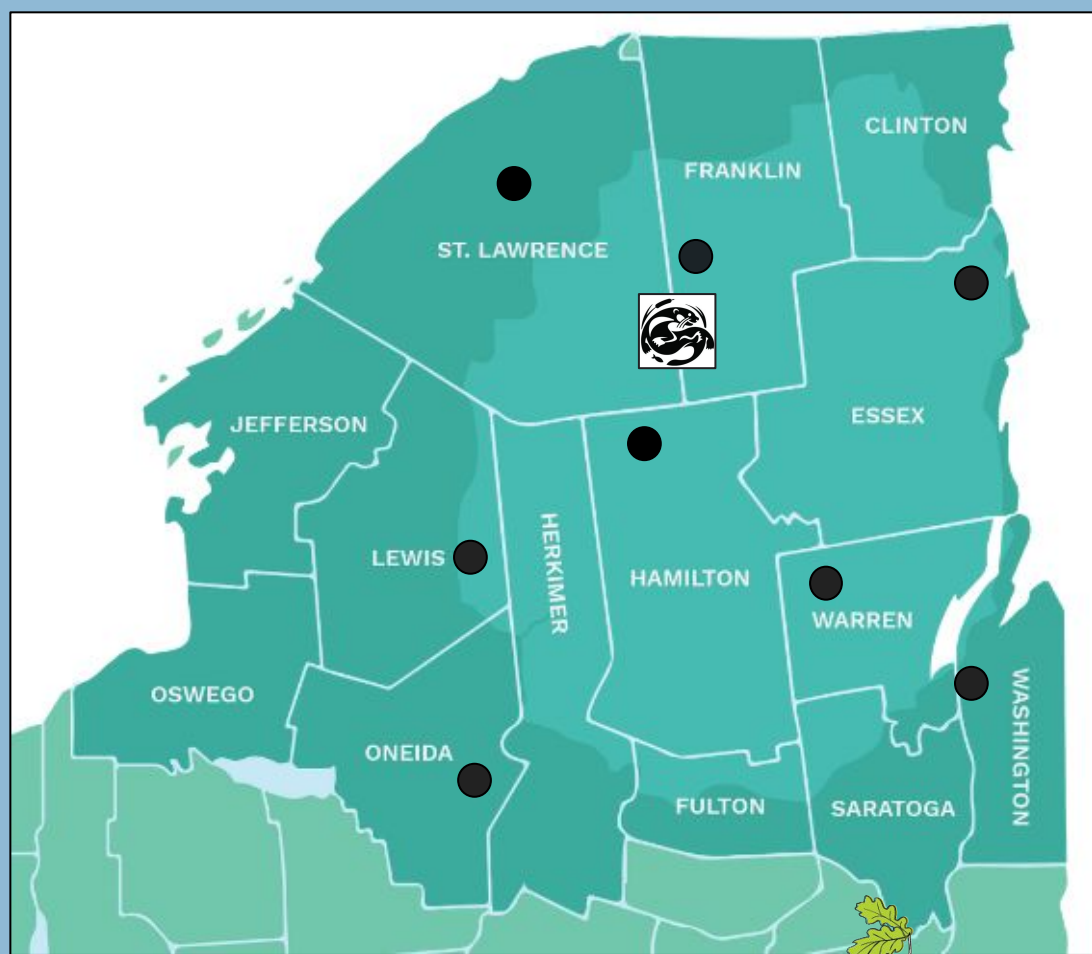
11 Community Listening Sessions



March 6, 2025:
Adirondack Climate Conference



May 2025:
North Country Rural Resilience Roadmap



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ACORN Listening Sessions 2024-25

1. **Oct 30** - Fall Forestry Roundtable at SUNY Adirondack in Queensbury, hosted with ARC and ESFPA
2. **Nov 1** - Central Adirondack Communities in Newcomb, hosted with ESF
3. **Nov 7** - Adirondack Youth Climate Summit - The Wild Center
4. **Nov 14** - Lake Champlain Communities Listening Session, hosted with Cornell Coop. Ext.
5. **Dec 5** - Stormwater Resilience in Canton & Potsdam, hosted with Clarkson and St. Lawrence Universities
6. **Jan 30** - Tug Hill Communities - Glenfield, hosted with Tug Hill Commission
7. **Feb 18** - Climate Resilient Housing - Virtual listening session, hosted with Northern Forest Center
8. **Feb 19** - Upper Hudson Communities - Chestertown, hosted with Warren County Climate Smart Task Force and Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board
9. **Feb 27** - Listening session at the Food Justice Summit (at The Wild Center), hosted together with Adirondack Food Systems Network
10. **Feb 28** - Mohawk Valley Listening session, Utica, hosted together with Mohawk Valley Economic Development District
11. **April 6** - Northern Adirondack Communities Listening Session, Paul Smith's College, and featuring PSC research

Regional Themes

- Flooding and Culverts
- Lack of Seasonal Predictability
- Lack of Affordable, Climate-Resilient Housing
- Need for Rural Voices in Decision-Making



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Vital news and information for the Adirondacks



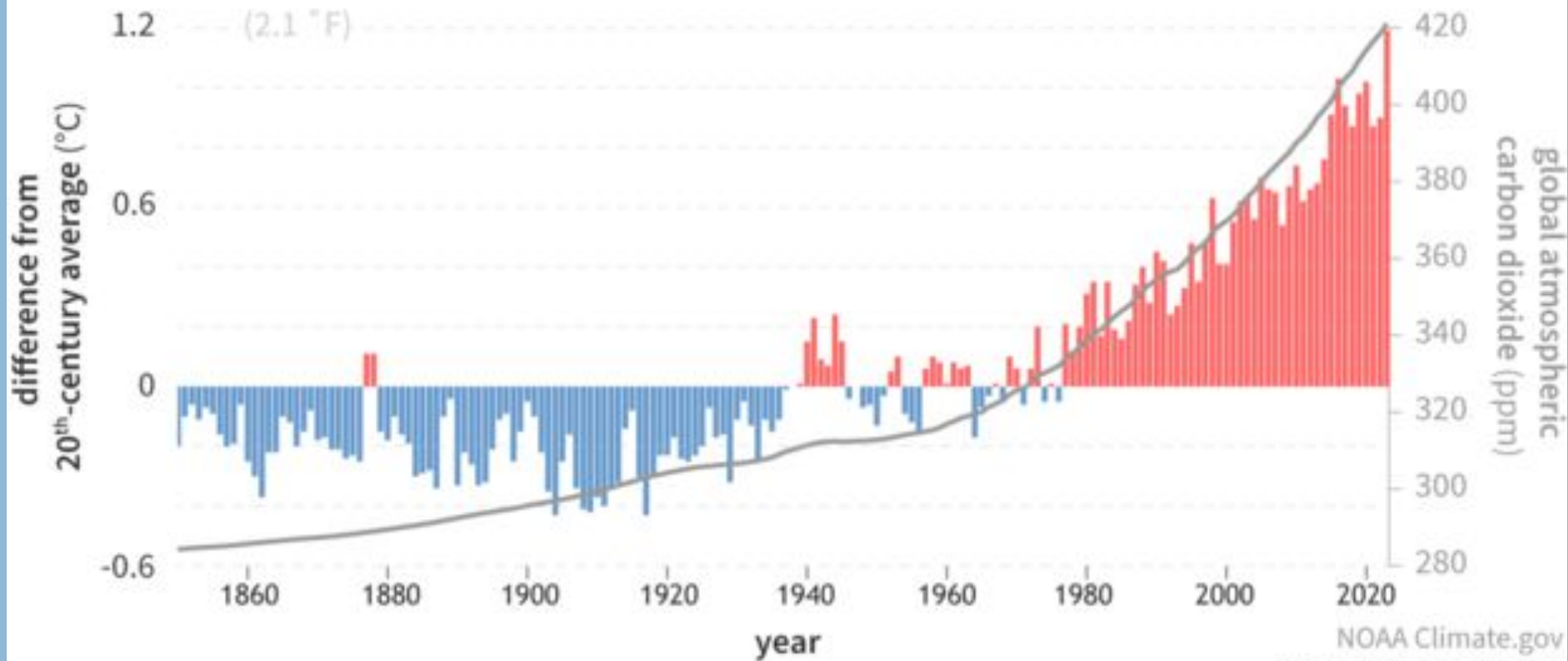
State Route 28N was closed in the Town of Long Lake after the heavy rains washed away roadway. Photo courtesy of Town of Long Lake

Locally Specific Themes

- Invasive Species
- Wetlands and flood mitigation
- Electrification
- Human Services



Earth's surface temperature and atmospheric carbon dioxide (1850-2023)



NOAA Climate.gov
Data: ESRL/ETHZ/NCEI

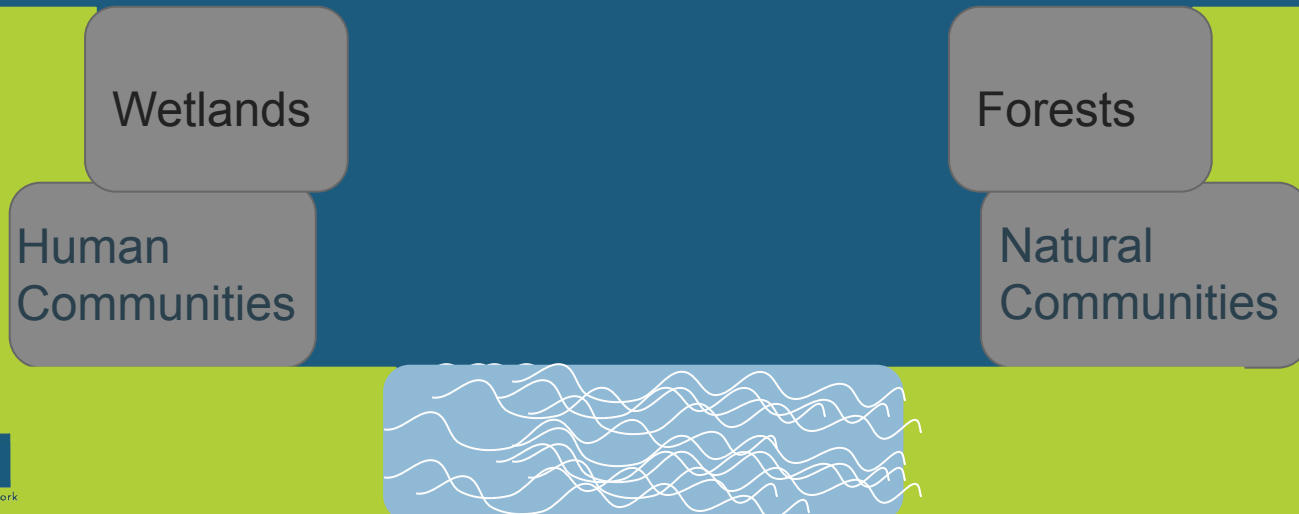
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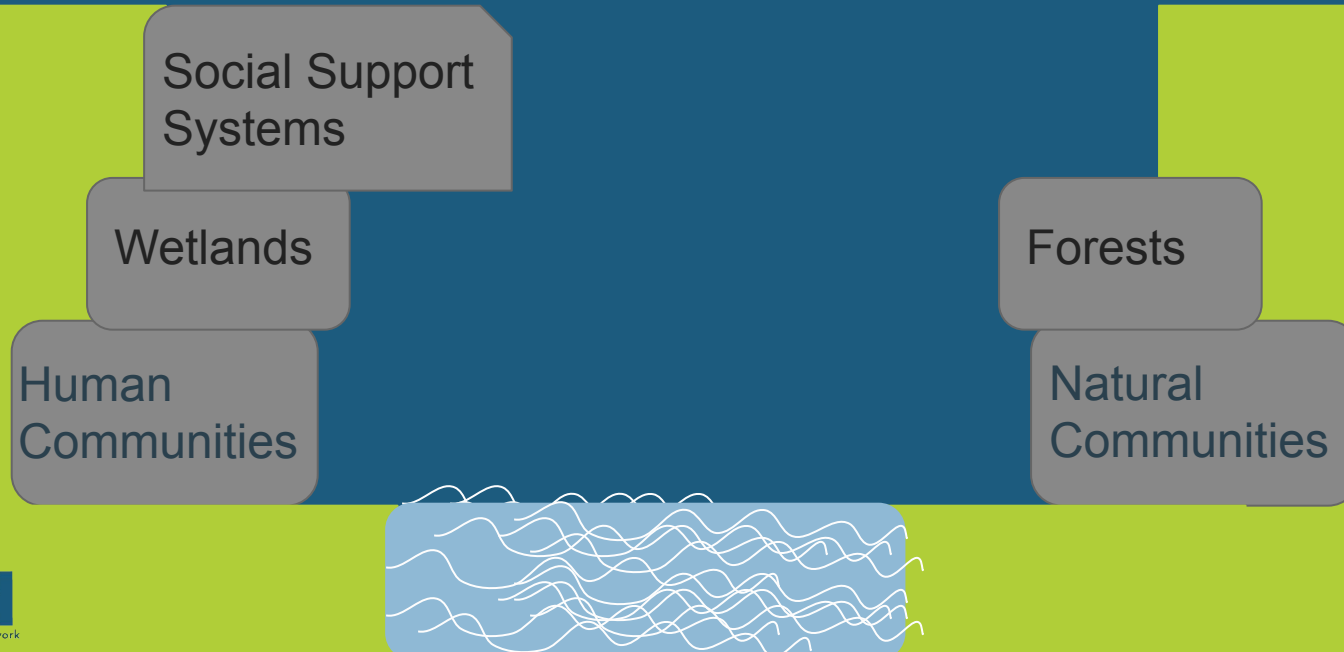
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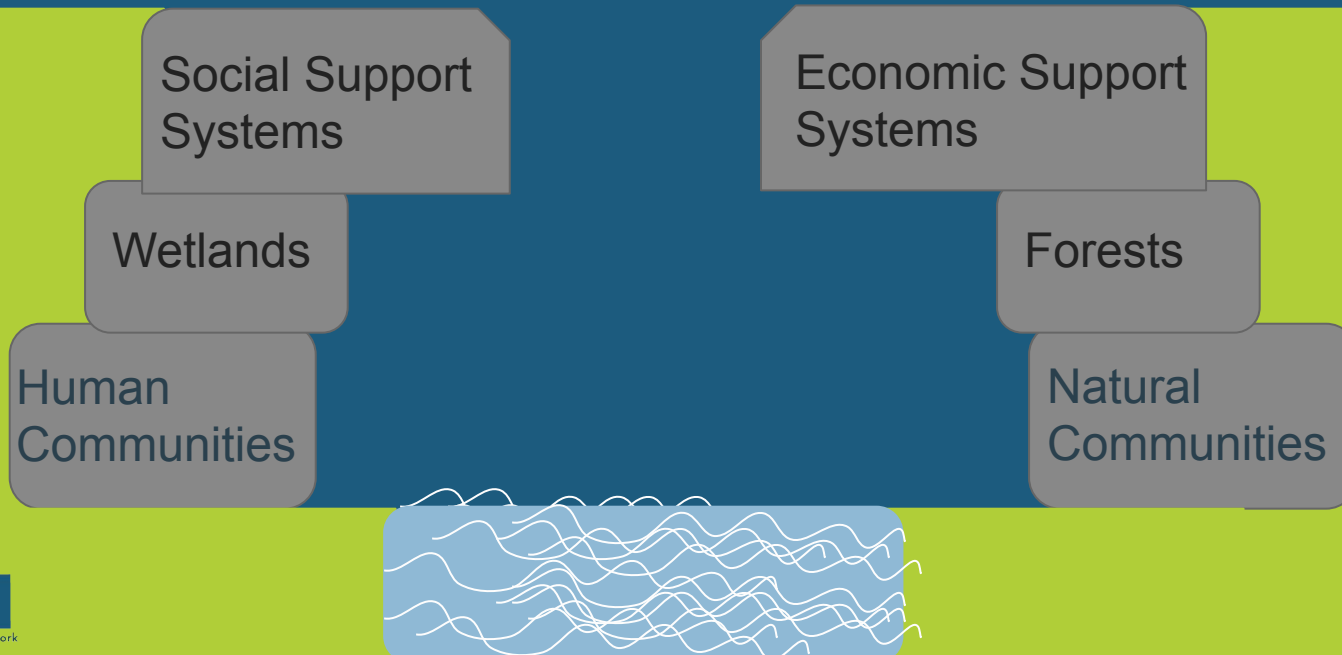
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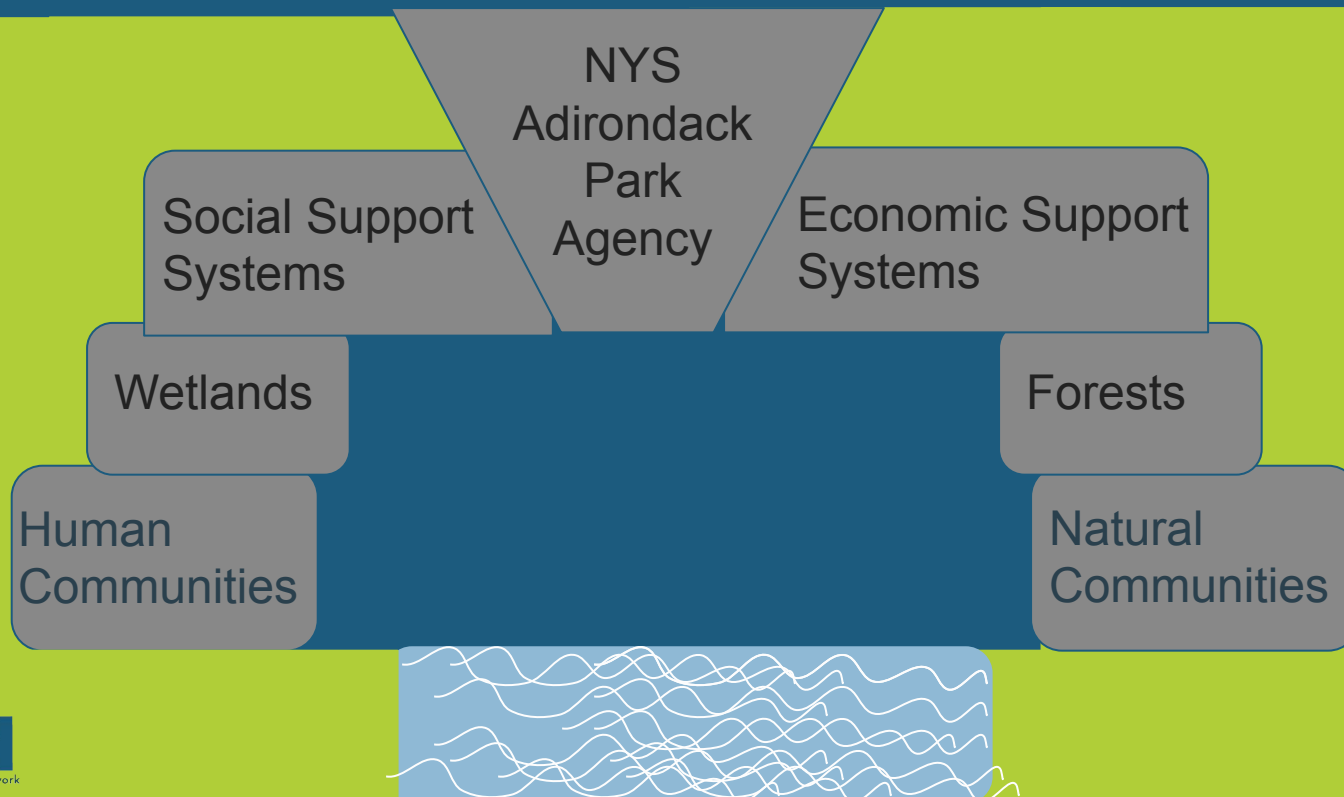
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Mini Listening Session on Adirondack Park Resilience

Why “Resilience”?

Livable

Sustainable

Resilient

Equitable

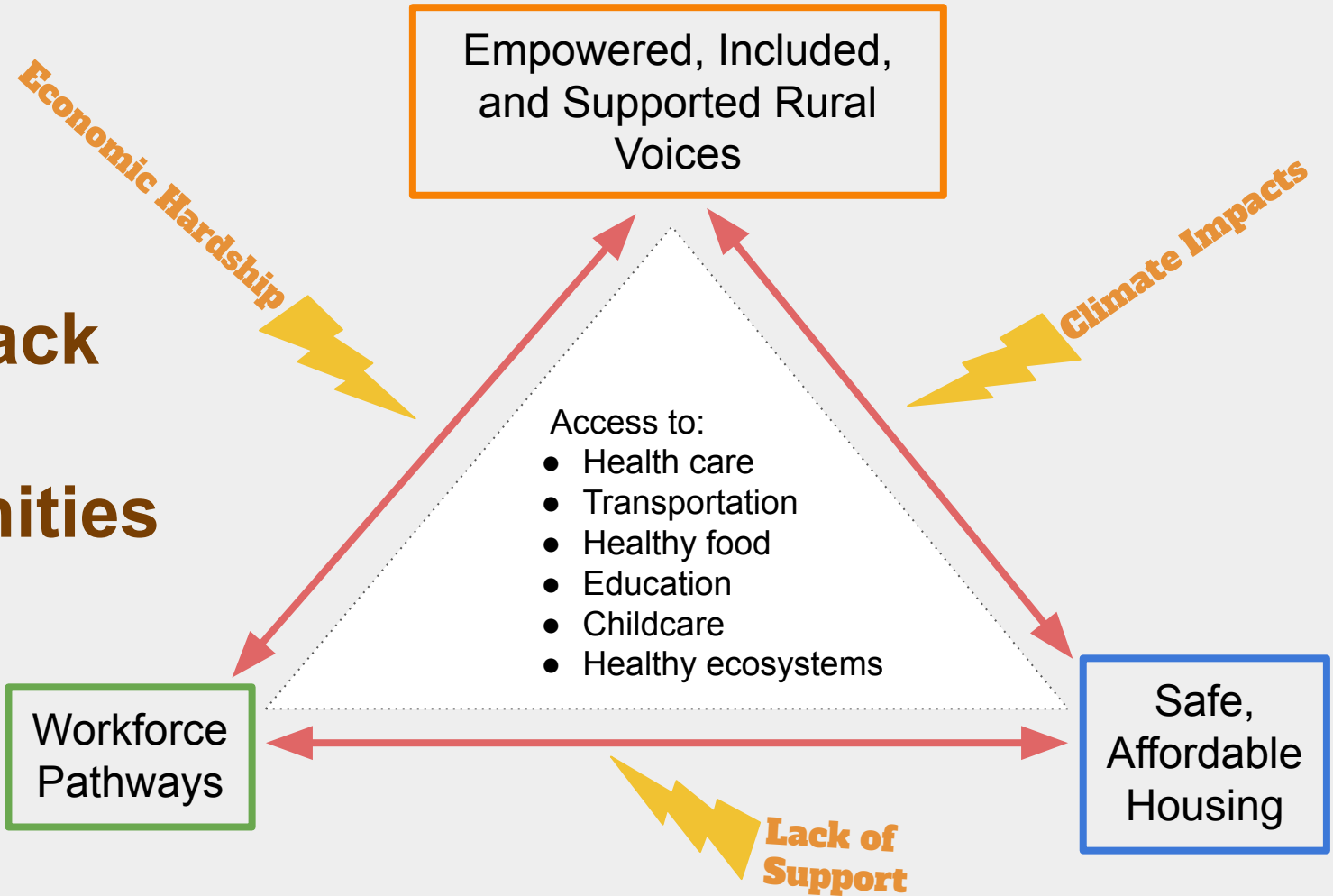
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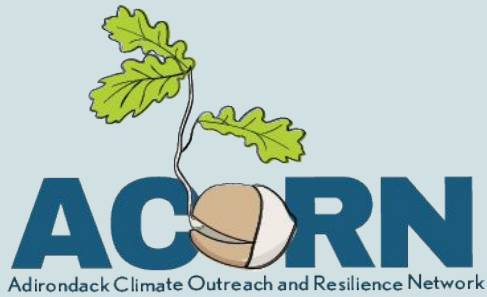


**Resilience =
Opportunity!**



Adirondack Livable Communities





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