

Pathways toward....

Mainstreaming Groundwater Protection Planning and Comprehensive Planning

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Pathways... bridging the gap

“Governments all say they want sustainability, but are slow to implement strategies.”

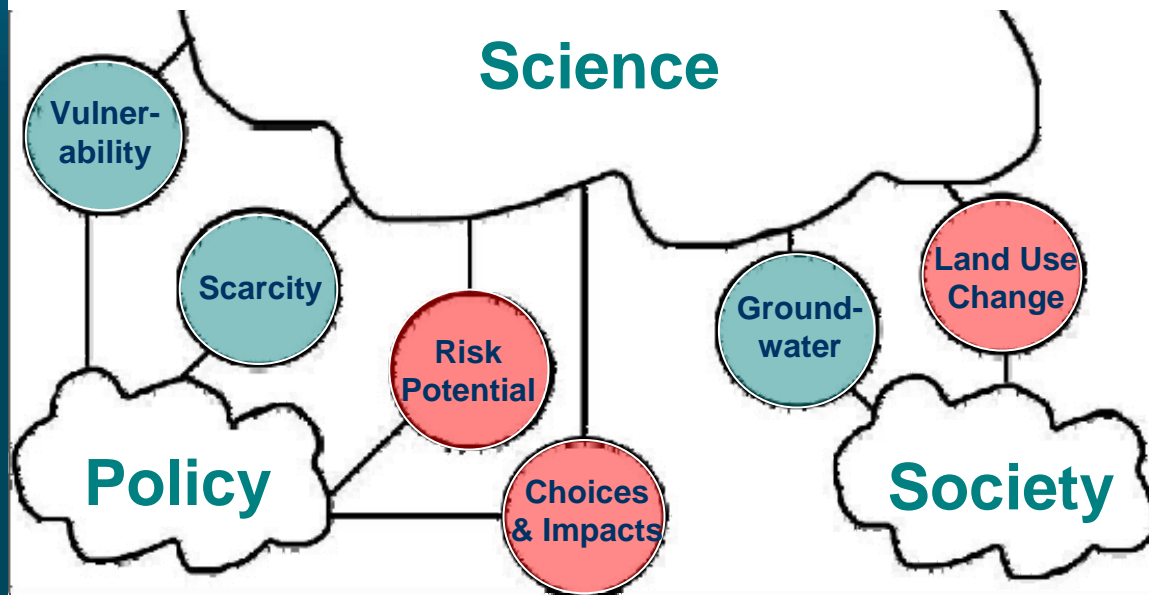
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- **Integrated Modeling & Visualization** can support an ongoing dialogue about policy options and their coherence across jurisdictional boundaries.



Science & Policy Interactions

Motivating Question

➤ IF

we can characterize the groundwater resource and know where and why there are vulnerabilities (*quality/quantity*)

THEN

where is it safe, or not safe, for people and property to be, and how can we mitigate impacts of these activities?



Summary of Main Points



- Draft version of a **framework and methodology** for mainstreaming conventional groundwater resource assessment and comprehensive planning

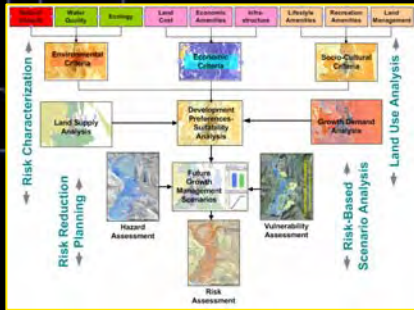


- Consistent with recommendations established by **NAS, EPA, EU** and emerging trends in **risk-based assessment** (Environmental Protection, Climate Change & Disaster Reduction)



Summary of Main Points

- Extends well established techniques for **vulnerability** and **risk** assessment by evaluating potential **hazard impacts** for existing and future settlement patterns



- Underpinning methodologies include **Multi-Criteria-Decision Analysis**, **Cost-Benefit Analysis** and **Scenario-based integrated assessment modeling** for evaluating groundwater protection.



- Piloting the use of a '**Groundwater Risk Index**' to evaluate both impacts and mitigation- adaptation strategies.

Implications of our approach



- **Complements and extends existing methodologies** already in place (e.g. *BC well-head protection toolkit, aquifer vulnerability assessment, others*)



- Potential **bridge to ongoing comprehensive land use planning** initiatives at Provincial scale (*Regional Growth Strategy/Official Community Plans*).



- Continued **collaboration** with provincial, regional and academic partners, both in terms of ongoing methodology development and evaluation/refinement.



Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis

Analytic-Deliberative Framework *informing decisions in a democratic society.....*

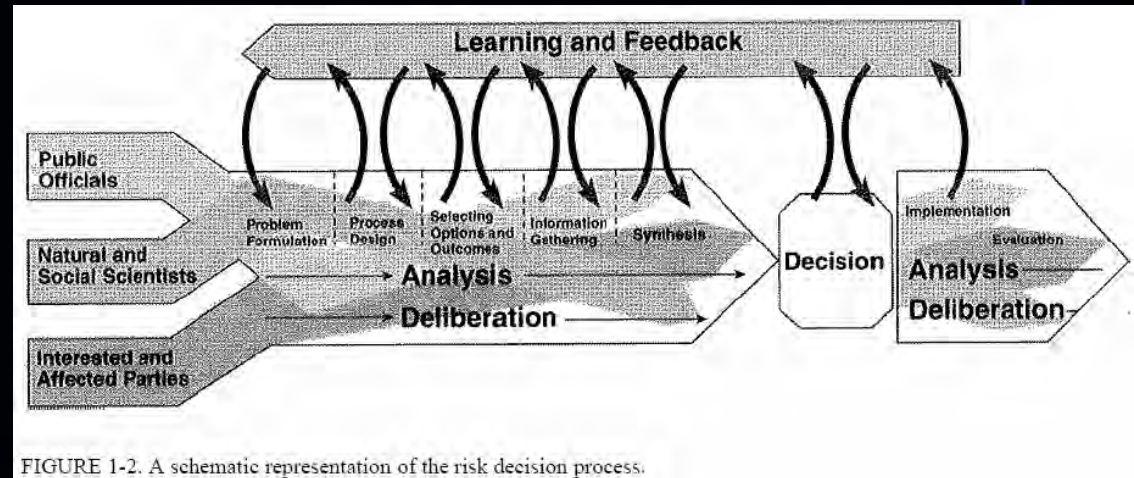
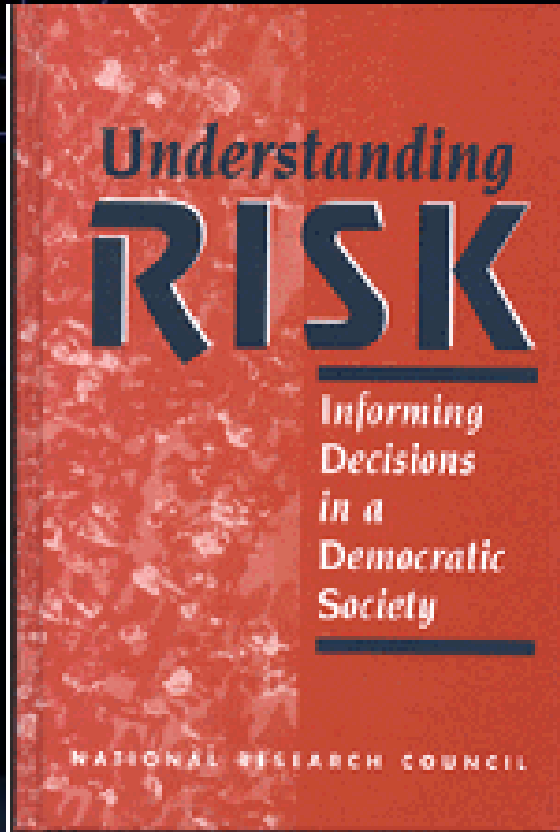


FIGURE 1-2. A schematic representation of the risk decision process.

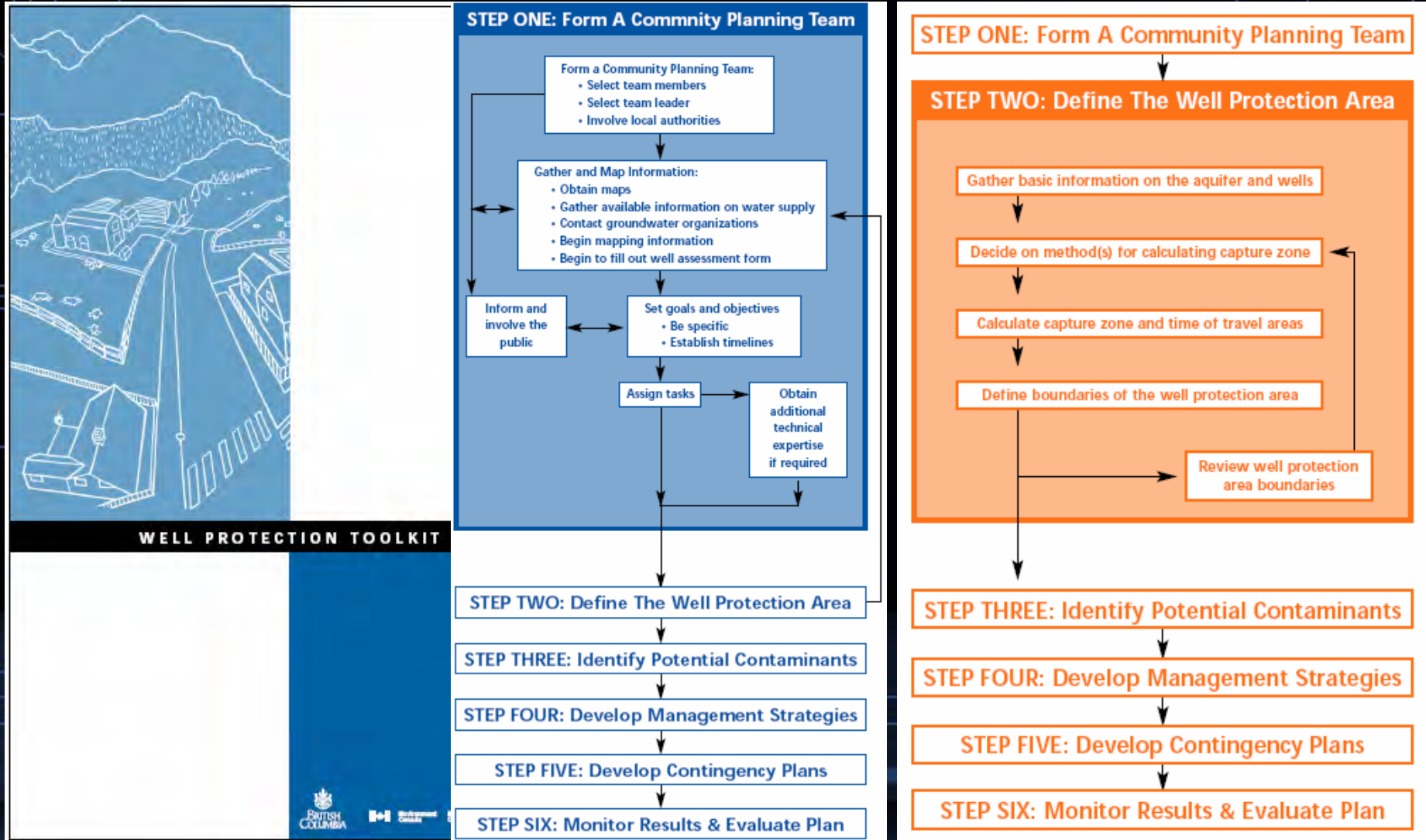
On a range of complex societal decisions:

- ❖ *Environmental Protection* (EPA;USACE;EU)
- ❖ *Climate Change* (UNEDP; EU; UN-APF)
- ❖ *Natural Hazards* (FEMA;NDMS;ISDR-HFA)

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BC Well Protection Toolkit; Tier 1- (deliberative; guidelines for quantitative input)





EU; Groundwater Protection Planning

Tiers 2/3 - (deliberative; quantitative; analytic)



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underground, under threat

The state of groundwater in England and Wales


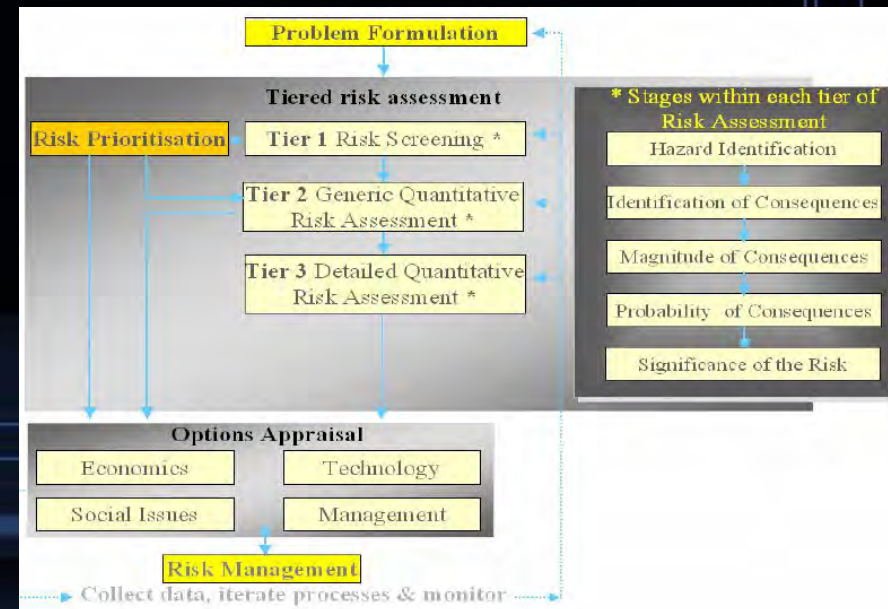
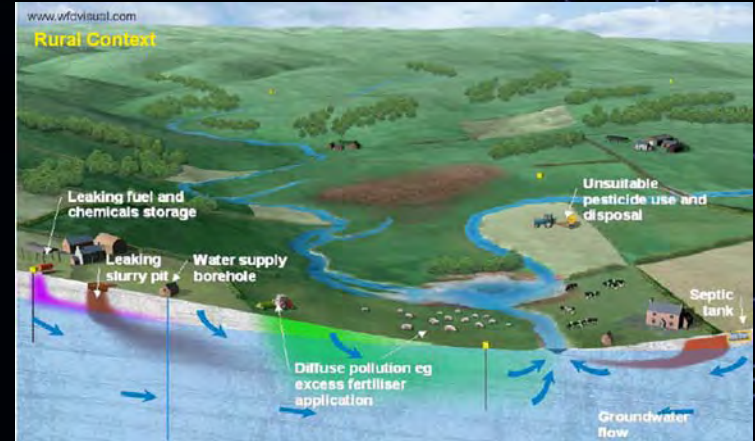


Figure 3-2 Map of CAMS areas



EPA Source Water Assessment Program; (deliberative; semi-quantitative)

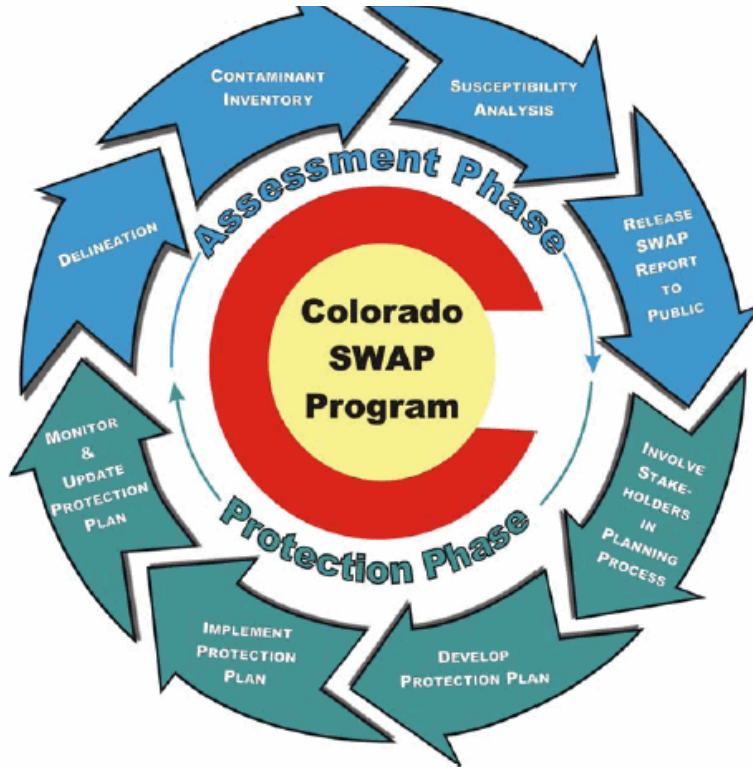
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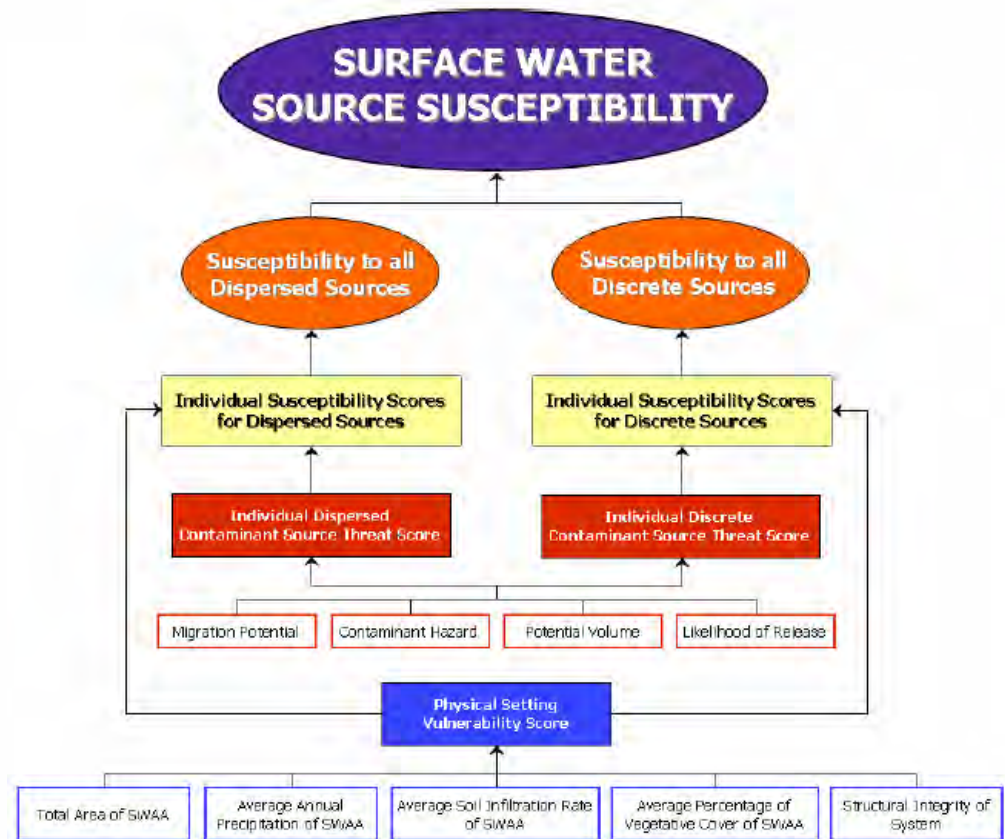
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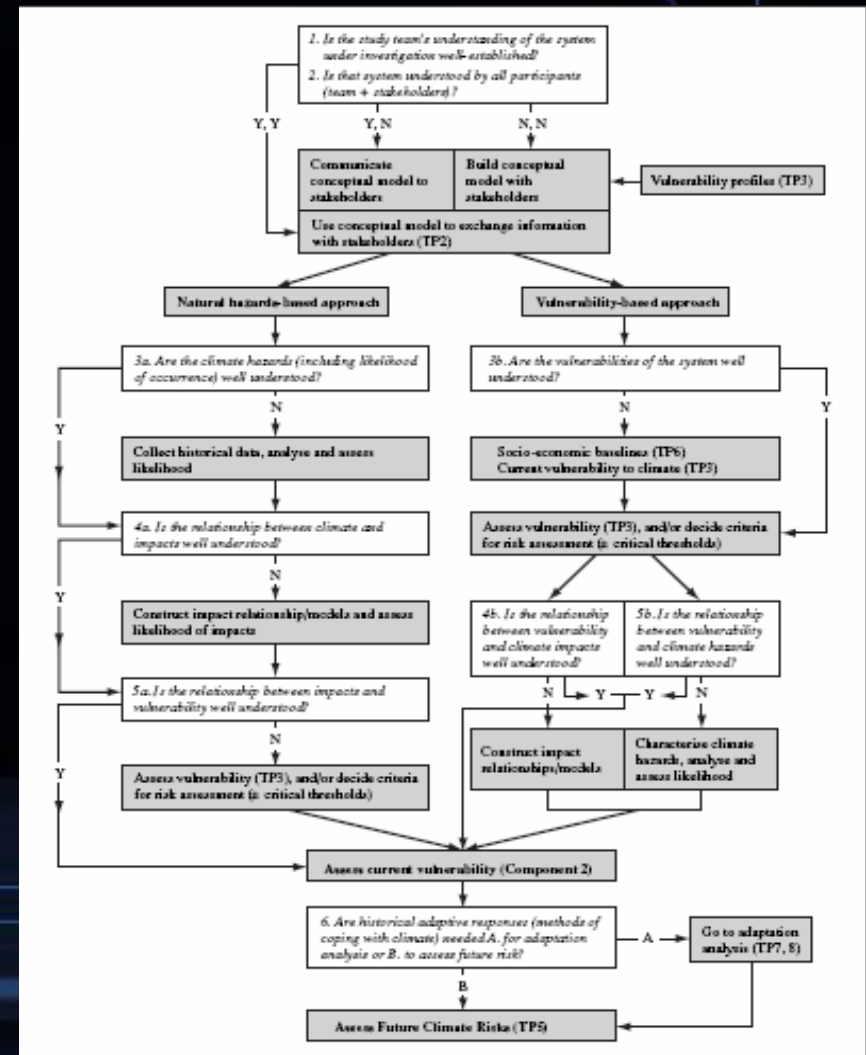
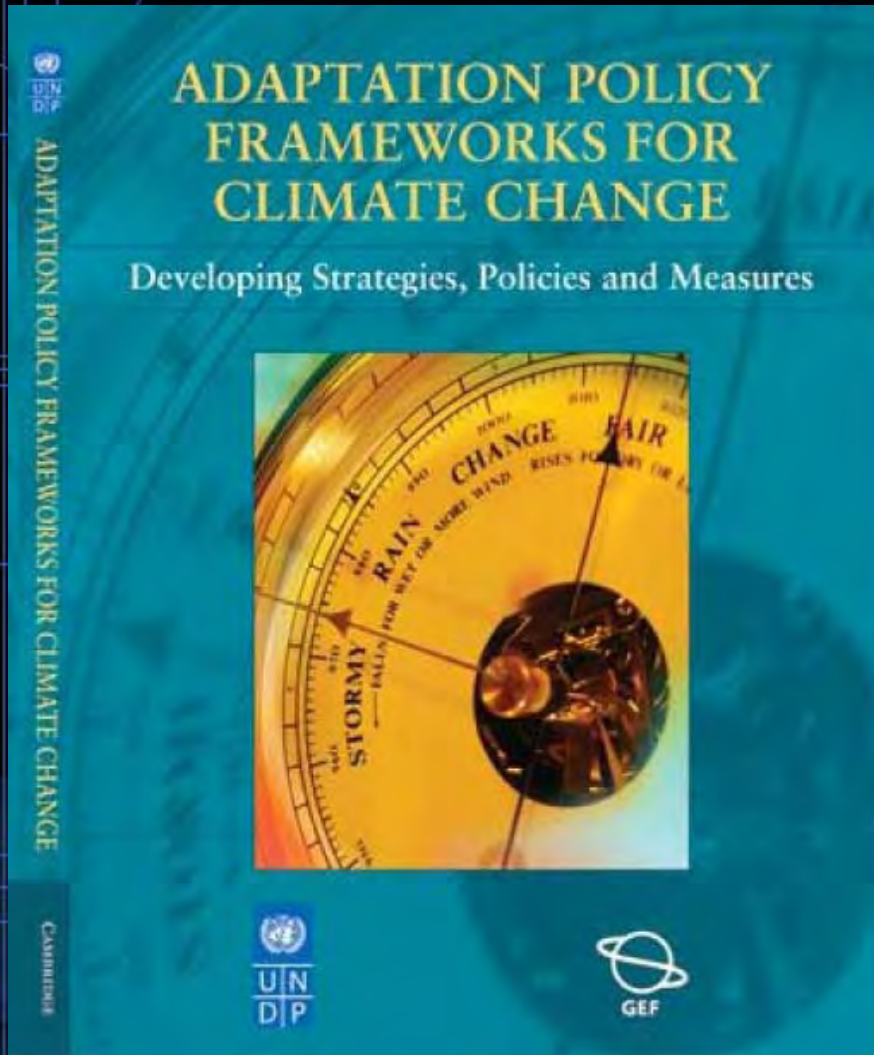
STATE SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT AND PROTECTION PROGRAMS



Tiers 1- 3 SWAP-



APF - Integrated Assessment Framework for Policy Analysis



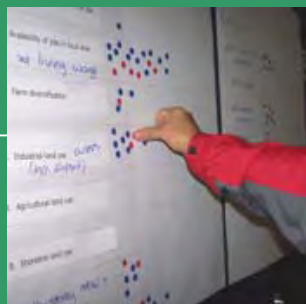
Analytic-Deliberative Framework for Groundwater Protection Planning



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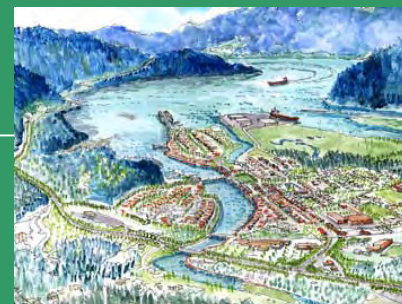
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Indicators

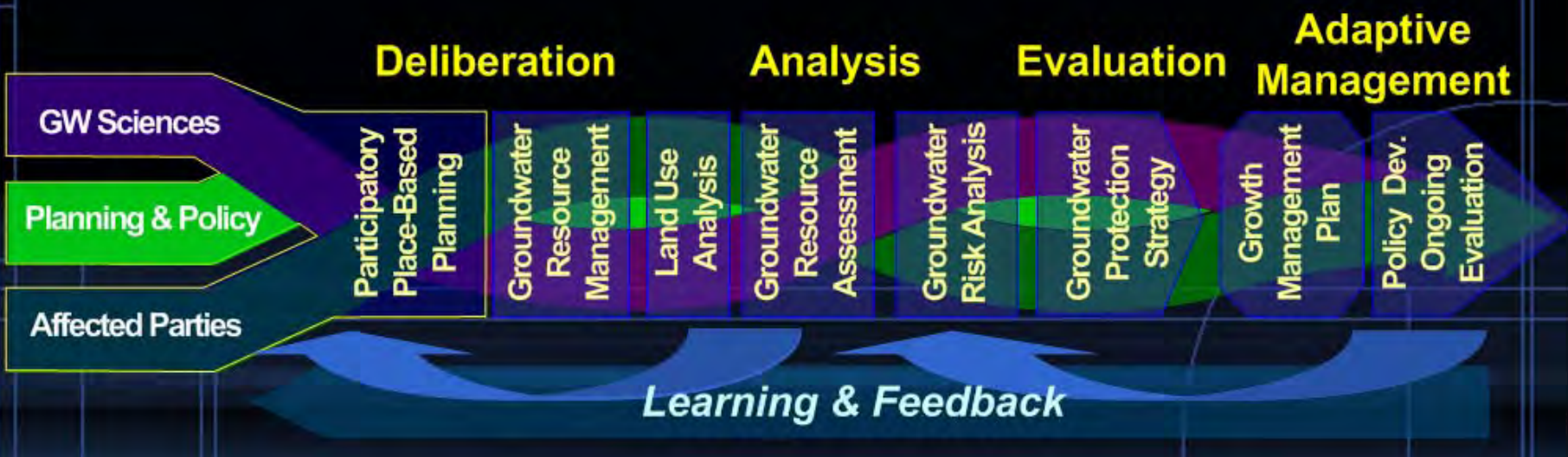


Targets



Concept Plan

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Groundwater Protection Planning

Land Use Analysis



Growth Potential

- ❖ Population Growth
- ❖ Commercial Growth
- ❖ Economic Growth

Build-out Capacity

- ❖ Regulatory Constraints
- ❖ Policy Constraints
- ❖ Existing Development
- ❖ Development Potential

Develop. Preferences

- ❖ Environmental Criteria
- ❖ Economic Criteria
- ❖ Socio-Cultural Criteria

Allocation Scenarios

- ❖ Environmental Criteria
- ❖ Economic Criteria
- ❖ Socio-Cultural Criteria

Deliberation

Analysis

Evaluation

Adaptive Management

GW Sciences

Planning & Policy

Affected Parties

Participatory
Place-Based
Planning

Groundwater
Resource
Management

Land Use
Analysis

Groundwater
Resource
Assessment

Groundwater
Risk Analysis

Groundwater
Protection
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Policy &
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Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis

flow

inputs

outputs

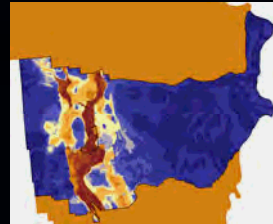
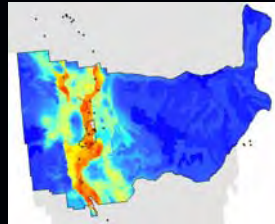
Base data

Derived data

Calibrated data

Simple average

Weighted average



$$\frac{C1W1 + C2W2 + C3W3}{W1 + W2 + W3}$$

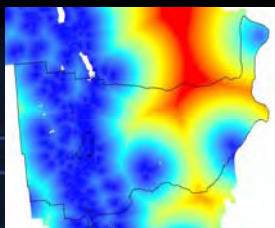
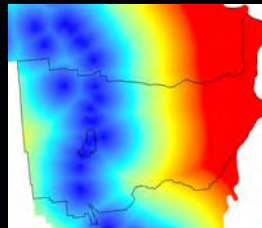
$$\frac{C_1 + C_2 + C_3}{N_c}$$

Weights are calculated using The Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP)

Threats & Vulnerability

Proximity to basic services

Proximity to water supply



Assumptions				
Graphical		Tabular		
Scenario	Active (Base Scenario)			
Aquifer Vulnerability vs Comm Water Source Access	Less	Equal	More	5
Aquifer Vulnerability vs Domestic Water Source	Less	Equal	More	5
Comm Water Source Access vs Domestic Water Source	Less	Equal	More	7

GIS mapping

Spatial analysis

Reclassify by table

Simple average

Interactive pair-wise comparison

method



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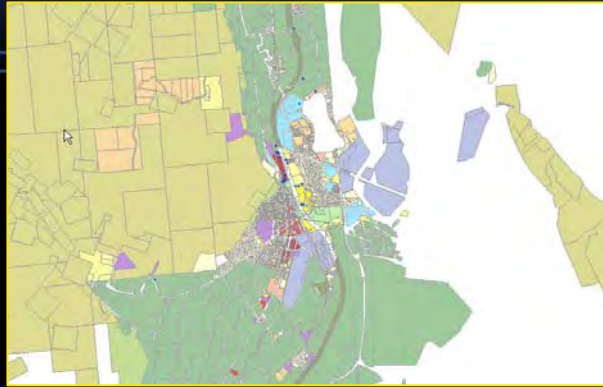
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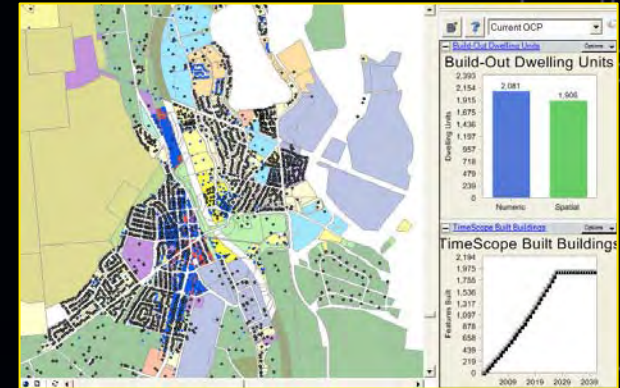


Land Use Analysis

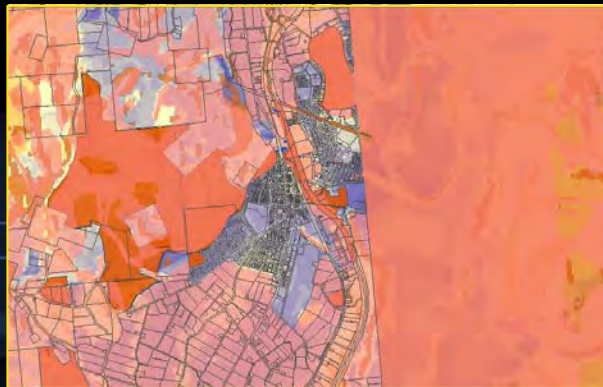
Supply
(build-out capacity)



Future population numbers for a selected year are allocated to areas with highest **development preference** rankings.



Development preference
(timing)



Allocation Scenario

Each spatial unit is filled to its **capacity** and then the next highest one is filled, and so on, until demand is met.



Existing Conditions

dwelling units = 2,753

SiteBuilder3D Viewer from CommunityViz

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OCP Buildout

Existing dwelling units = 2,753

Anticipated Demand = 5,186 – 7,627

OCP Buildout Capacity = 5,300

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Land Use Allocation Model

intended to assist Community and regional District planners in:

day-to-day operations

- DP review
- suitability analysis,
- regulatory & bylaw compliance,

longer-term strategic planning initiatives

- alternate growth strategy assessment
- greenways & ecosystem services plan
- Natural hazard mitigation
- water resource management
- OCP review & amendment process

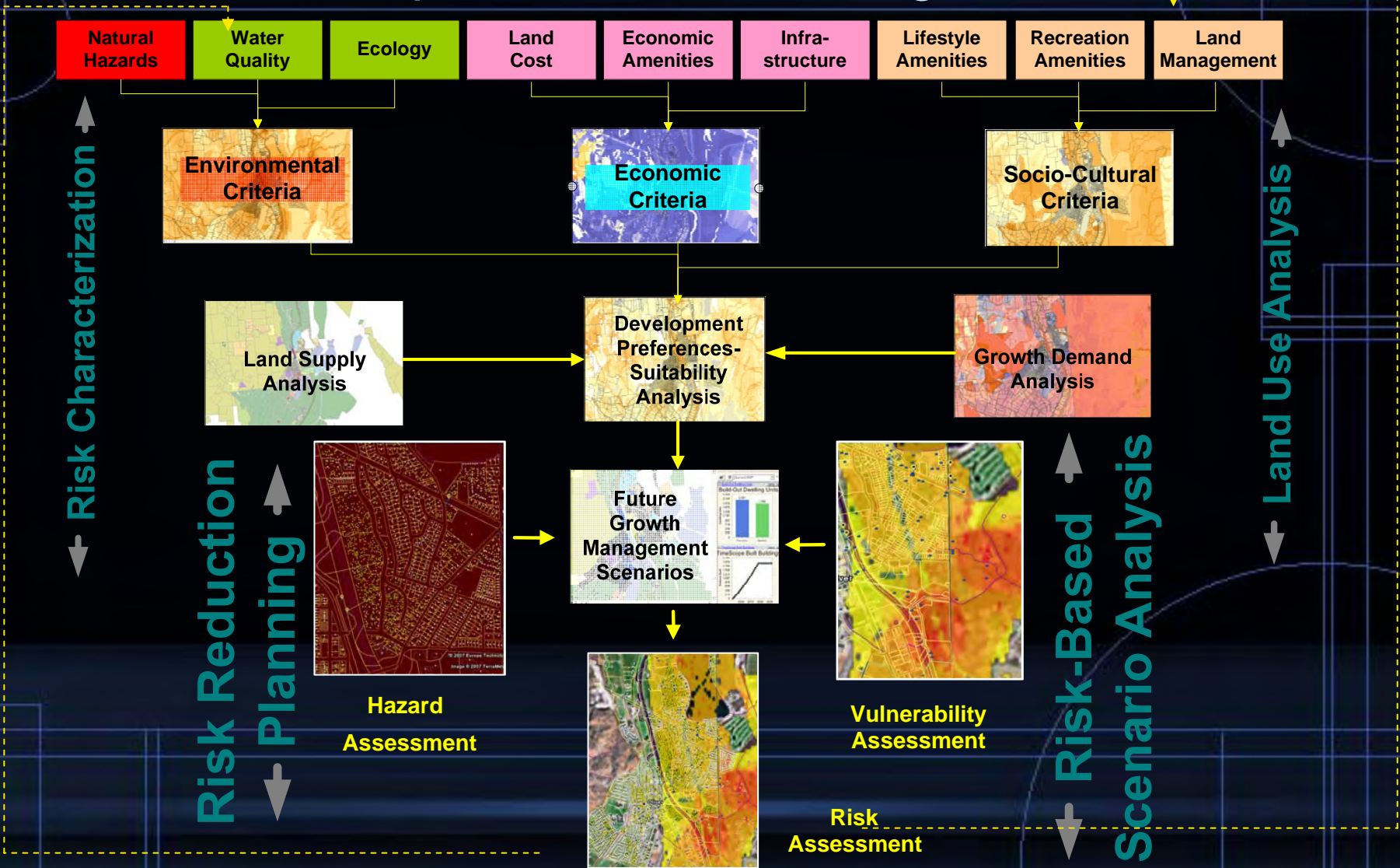


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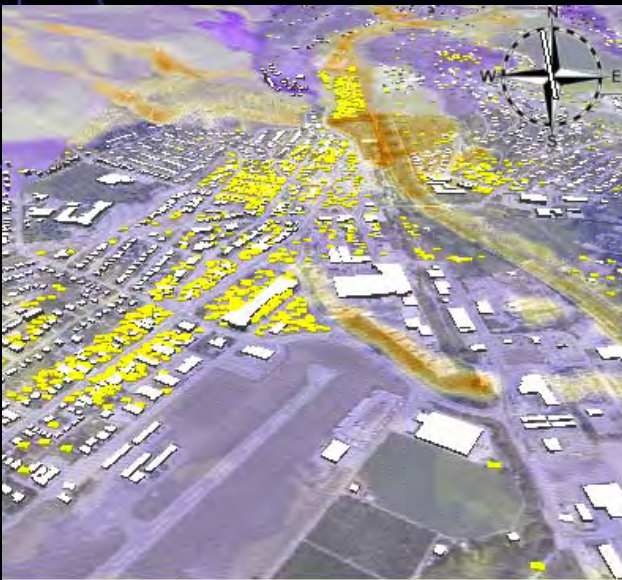
- Designed to support interactive exploration of **land use scenarios** and evaluation of growth management strategies/policies over time scopes of interest to a regional or local planning process
- Based on **backcast modeling** approach that emphasizes development of desirable future scenarios and policy options for achieving these outcomes
- Allocates growth (residential, commercial, etc.) to land area based on **criteria** that are developed, calibrated and weighted through a deliberative community planning process
- Model outputs include **preference maps** that reflect embedded knowledge and values of planning process, and **allocation scenarios** delineating incremental growth patterns over time.



Integration of Groundwater Protection Planning and Comprehensive Planning



Elements of Groundwater Vulnerability

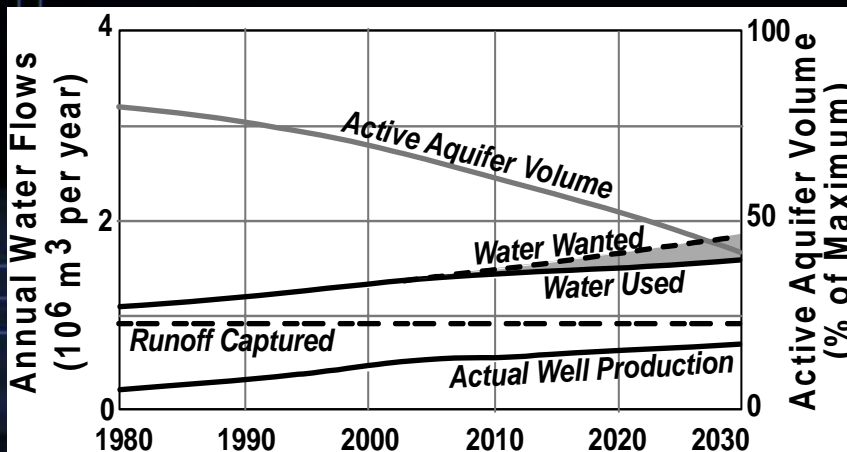


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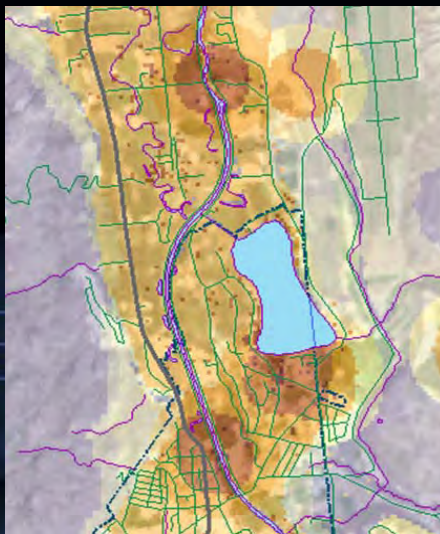
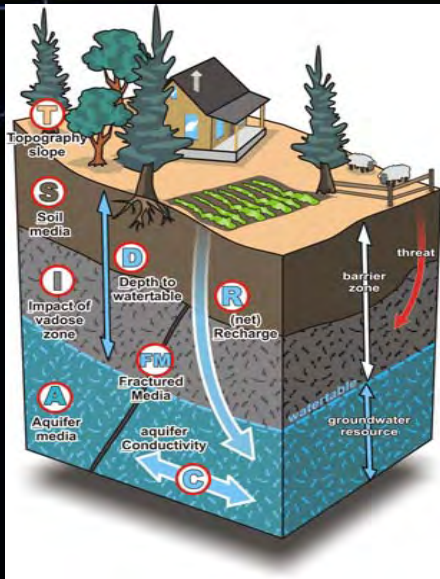
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Water Quantity

- ❖ **Sustainable Water Yield:** the capacity of surface and groundwater supplies to balance environmental and human needs over longer-term strategic planning horizons (10-40 years).



Intrinsic Groundwater Susceptibility



Groundwater vulnerability maps provide science-based guidelines and an operational framework for:

- land-use planning and the development of Best Management Practices and/or policy recommendations for groundwater protection.
- informing communities and decision-makers about groundwater protection and stewardship



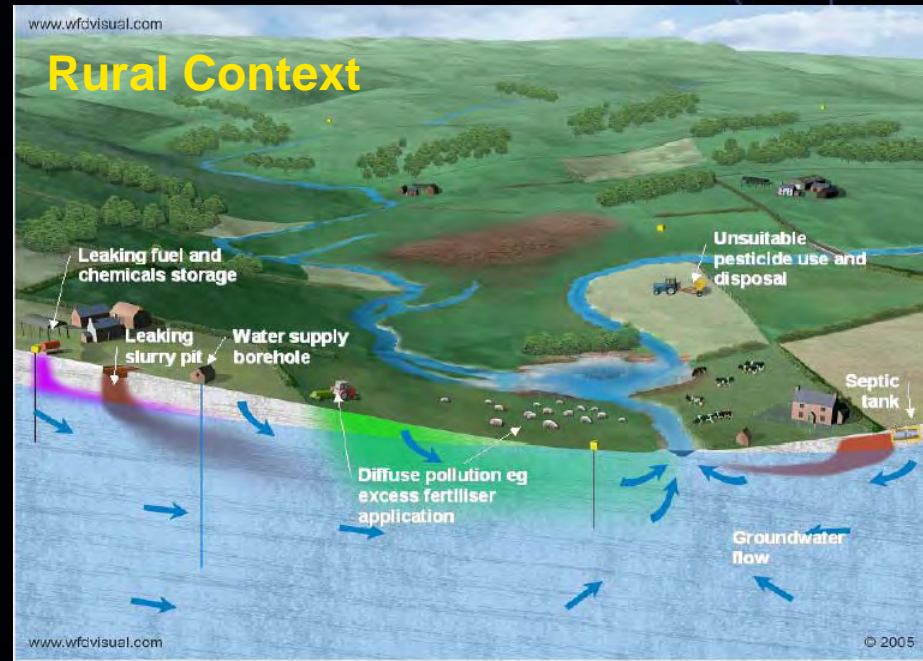
Groundwater Protection Planning

Groundwater Resource Assessment

Threat / Hazard Assessment:

$$(T) = \sum (E * M * L)$$

- ❖ **(E)** = Spatial Extent (point/dispersed)
- ❖ **(M)** = Magnitude (toxicity, fate, amount)
- ❖ **(L)** = Likelihood of Occurrence



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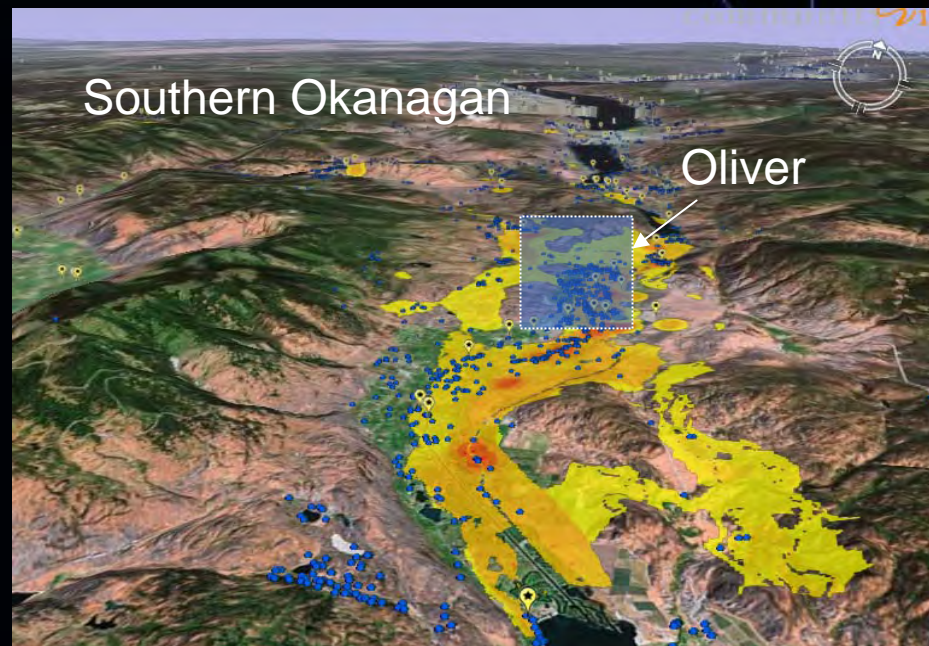
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Vulnerability Assessment:
= Susceptibility/Capacity

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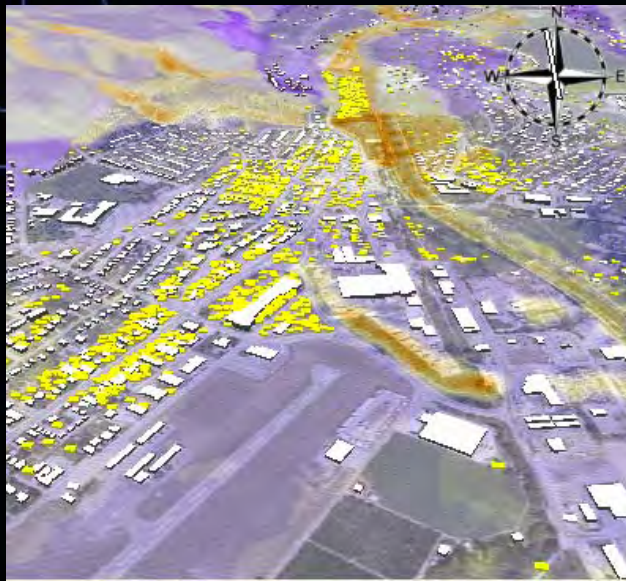
- ❖ (S_i) = Intrinsic Groundwater Susceptibility
- ❖ (S_a) = Anthropogenic Susceptibility
- ❖ (C_a) = Anthropogenic Capacity
- ❖ (S_{wy}) = Susceptibility - Available Water Yield
- ❖ (C_{wy}) = Capacity to mitigate Water Yield



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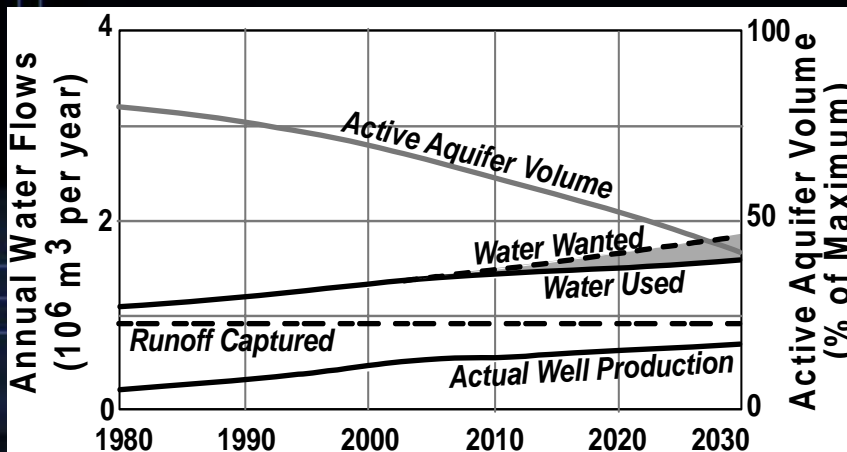


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Sustainable Water Yield

Island Water Sustainability Model *Gabriola Island, British Columbia*

Programmed by Craig Forster, Univ. of Utah, College of Architecture+Planning

Last Revised: July 18, 2006



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INTRODUCTION

This model provides an opportunity for island residents and planners to learn more about the interaction between people and water systems on marine islands - particularly in the way that the island water systems might respond to different population growth and climate futures. Although this model is tuned to the specifics of Gabriola Island, the principal features of the system are similar to many marine islands around the world. Explore the model interface by clicking on each of the buttons below: "Background", "Inspect Model", and "Explore System".

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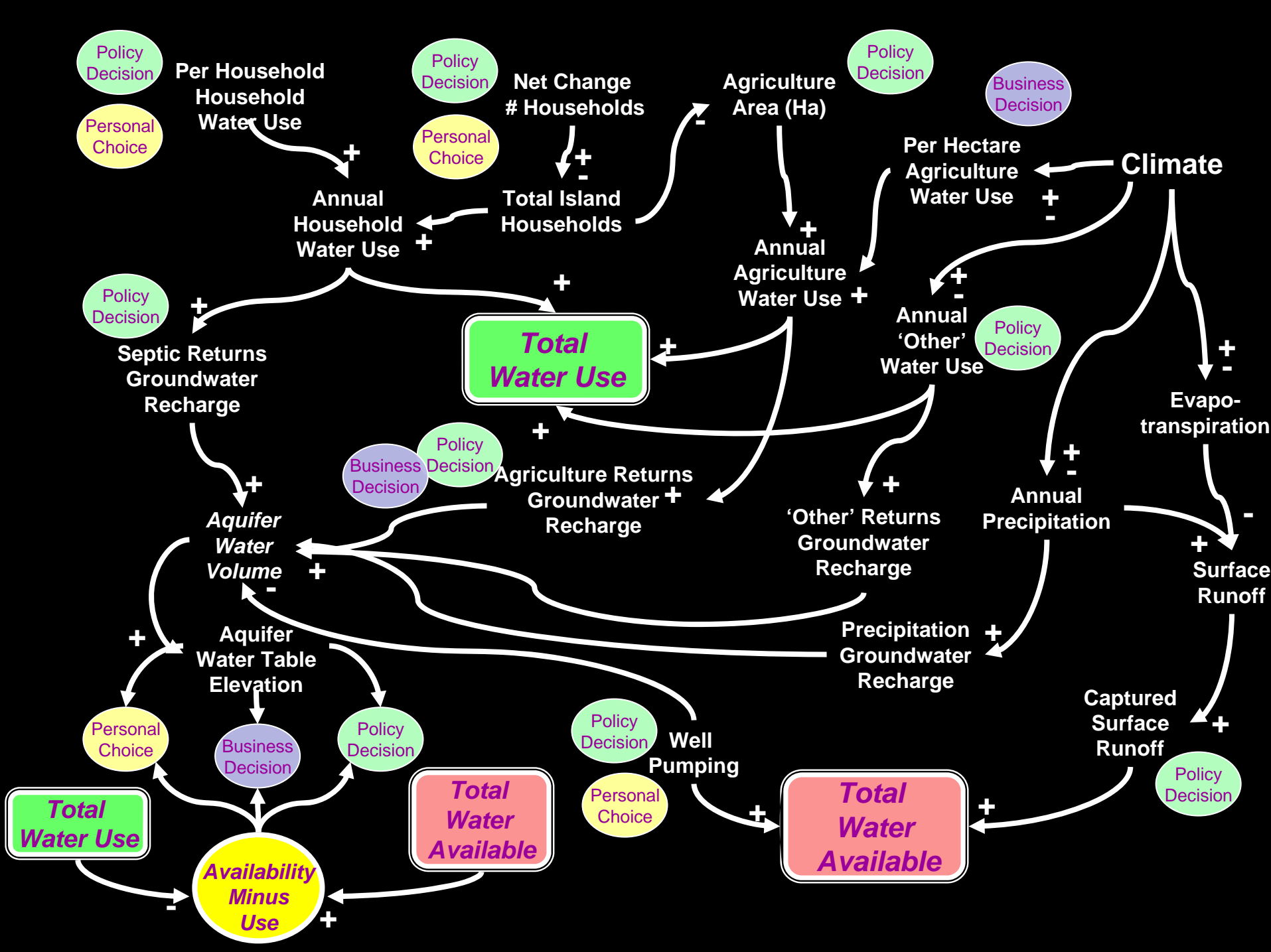
Inspect Model

Explore System

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Map





Sustainable Water Yield

Looking to the Future 1990 through 2029

Reset
Switch

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1. How might future policies affect the system?

Future Policies

2. How might future climate change affect the system?

Future Climate

Explore System

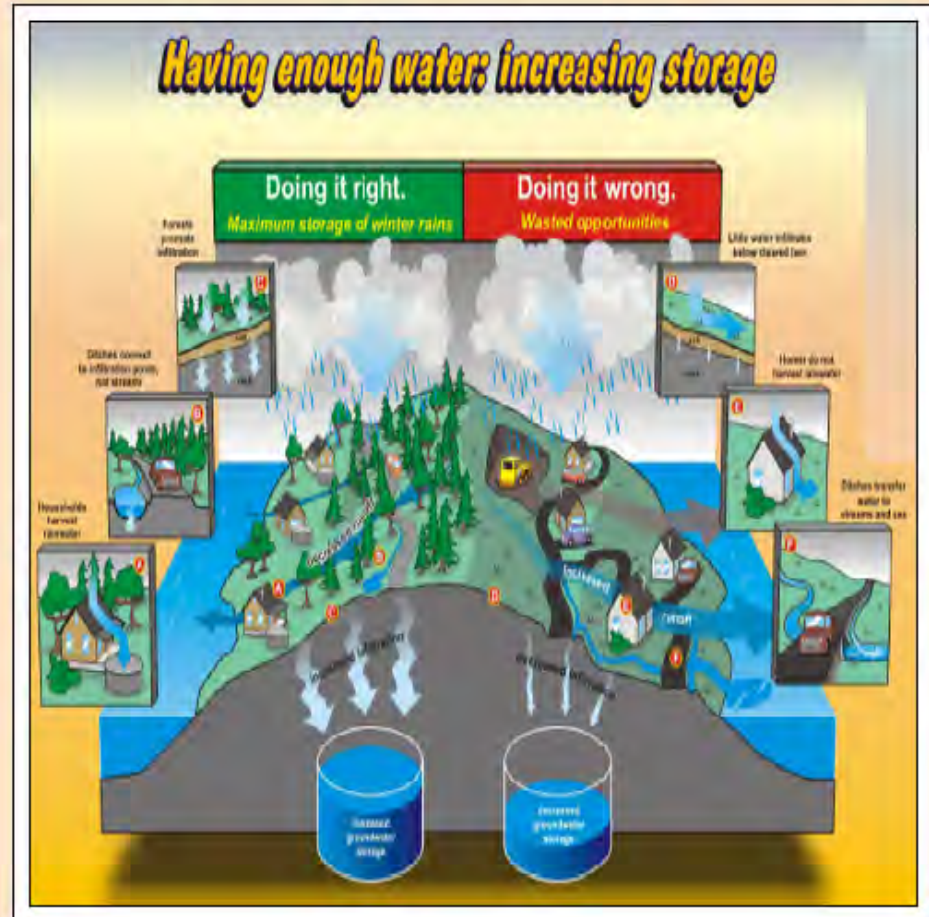
Graphs of Future



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Map

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Sustainable Water Yield

Looking to Future Water Demand Policies

Adjust future water demand policies here then go to 'Policies' to see change in water demand features OR go to 'Future' to see impacts on hydrologic system.

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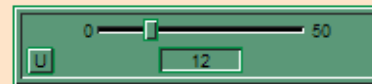
Agricultural water wanted can be reduced after 2005 through loss of agricultural land at a specified annual % loss. Loss may be result of fallowing or due to conversion to urban land.

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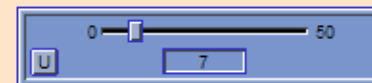
Commercial/Industrial (non-hospitality) water use can be adjusted to consider different future conditions.

Policy Action

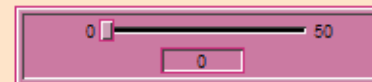
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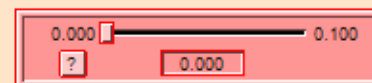
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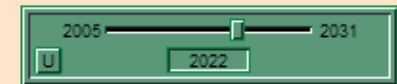


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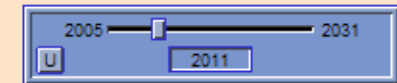


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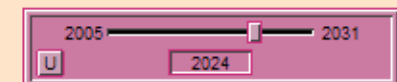
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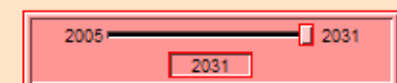
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Future

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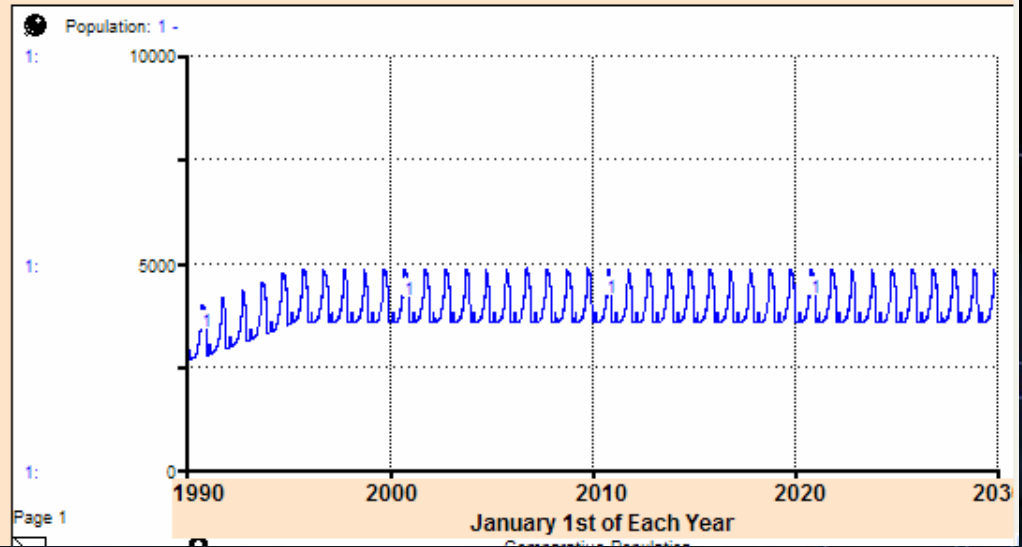
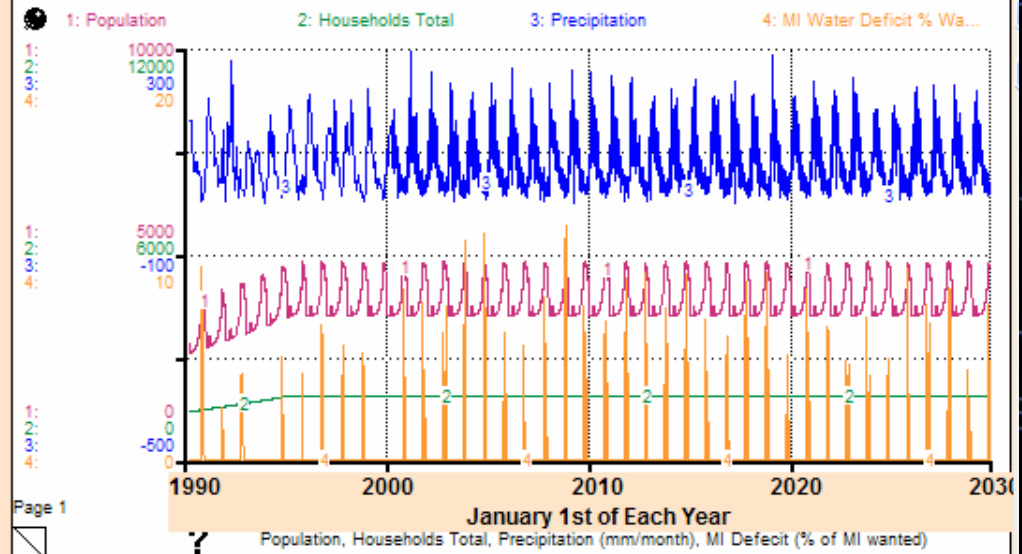
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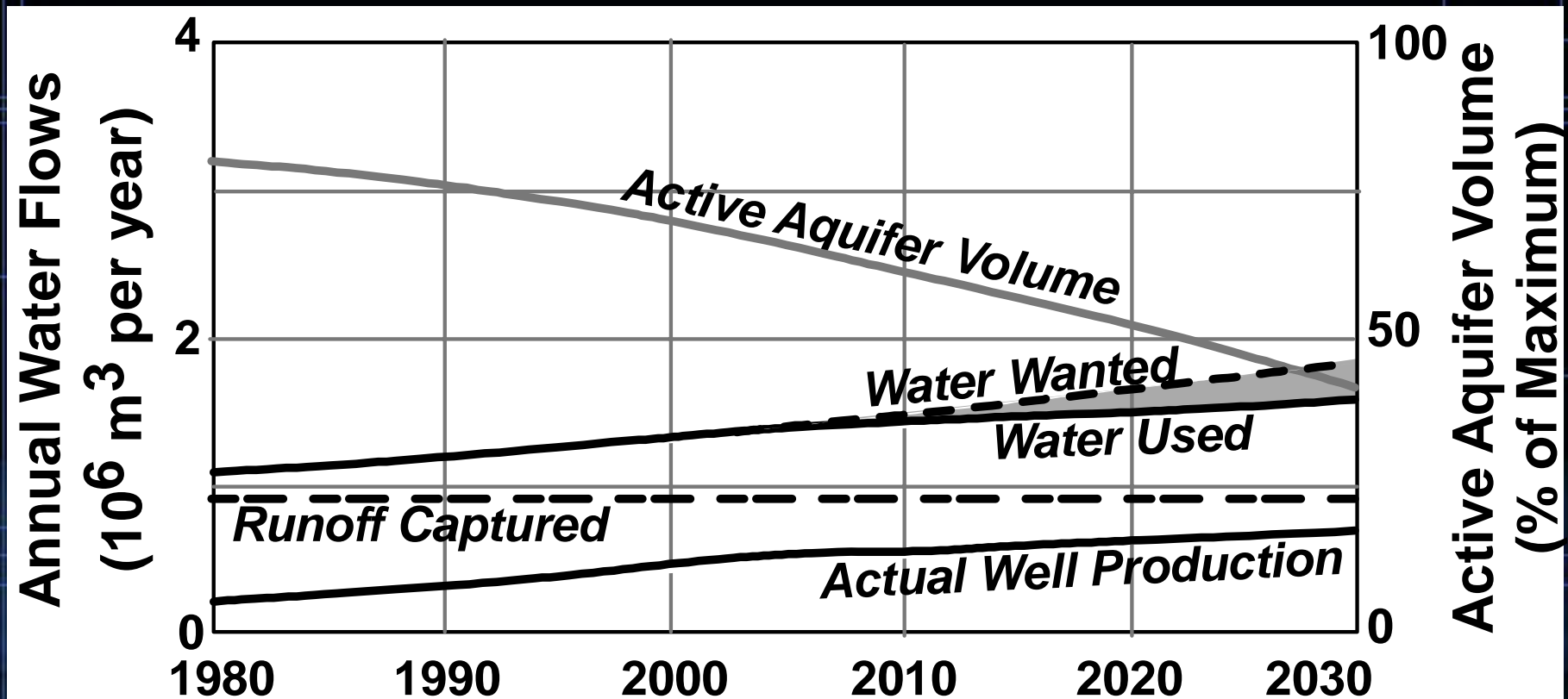
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Sustainable Water Yield

Vulnerability (Water Budget) $V_{wy} = (S_{wy}/C_{wy})$

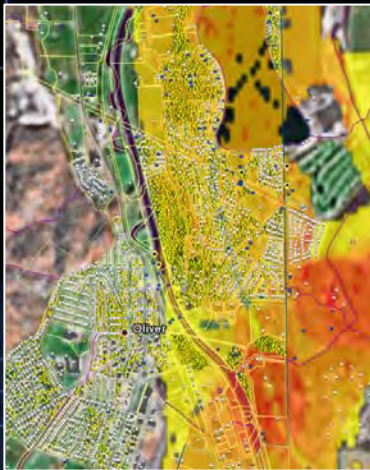


Groundwater Resource Risk Index

$$\text{Risk (R)} = \text{Hazard-Threat (T)} \times \text{Vulnerability (V)}$$

$$\text{Hazard-Threat (T)} = ([E] \times [M] \times [L])$$

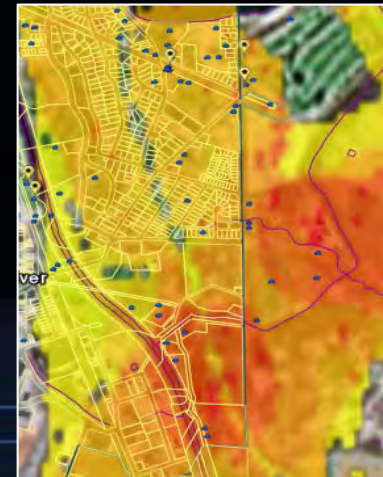
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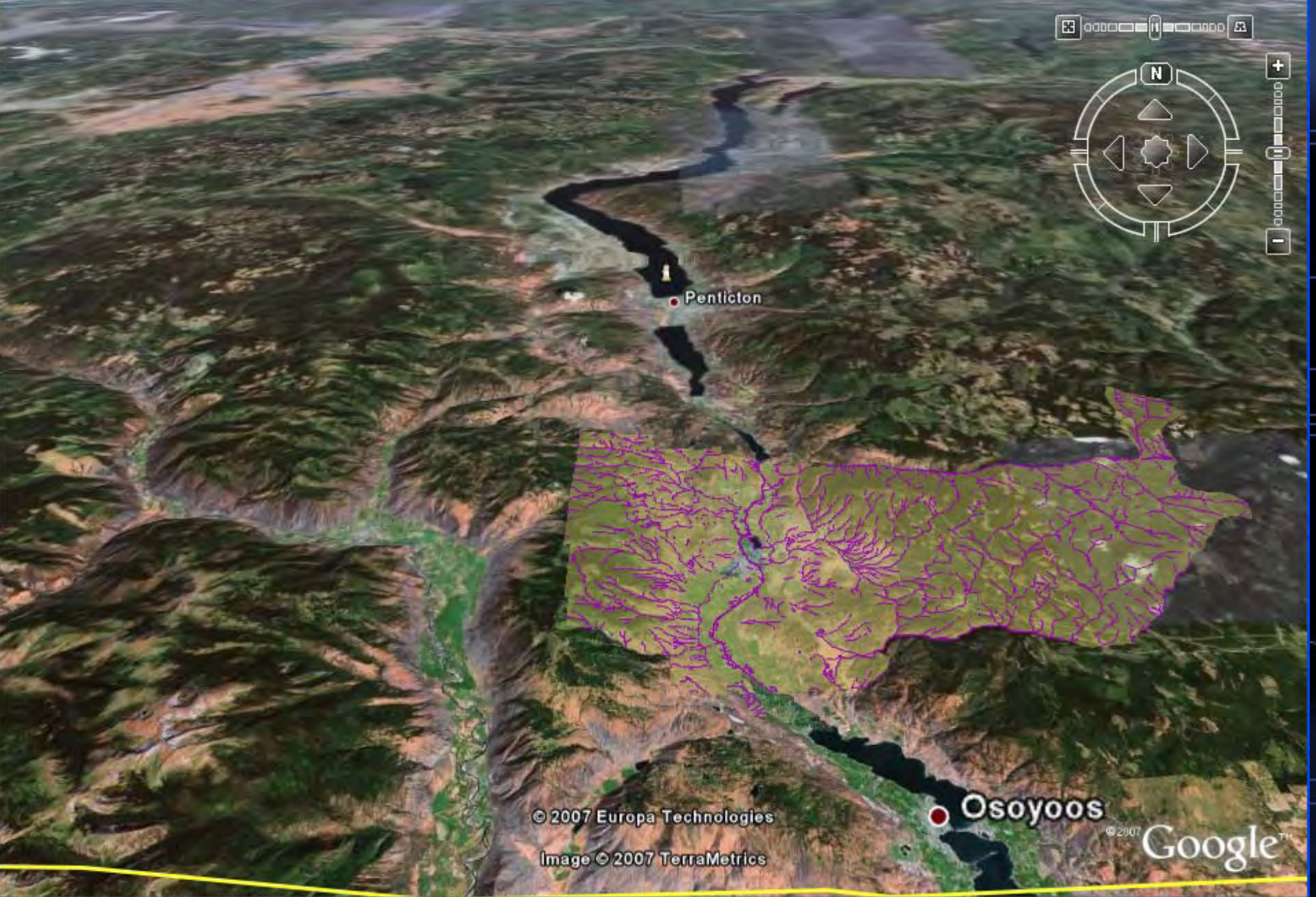


Risk Assessment

Hazard-Threat Assessment

Vulnerability Assessment





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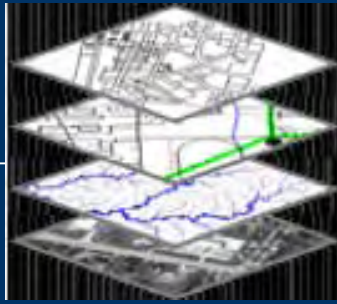
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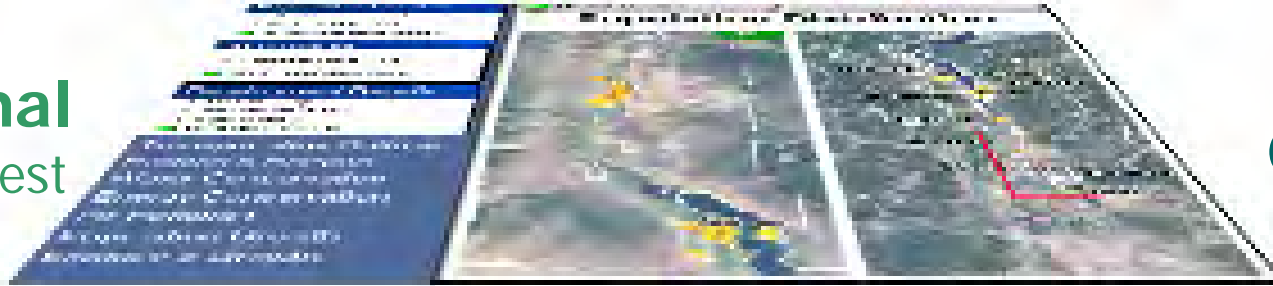
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Protect A/R lands
Multi-nodal development
Job Location
Continue current trend *
Multi-nodal development
Development Density
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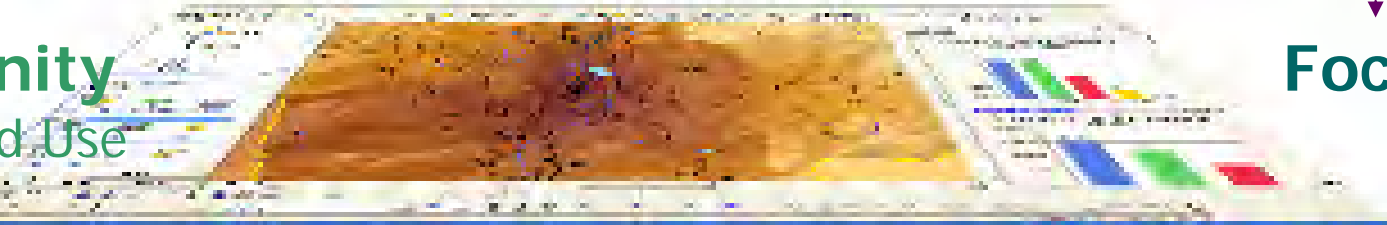
Population Distribution

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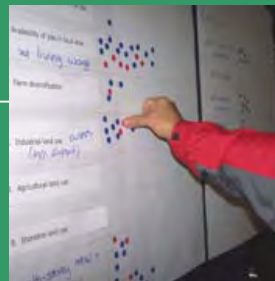
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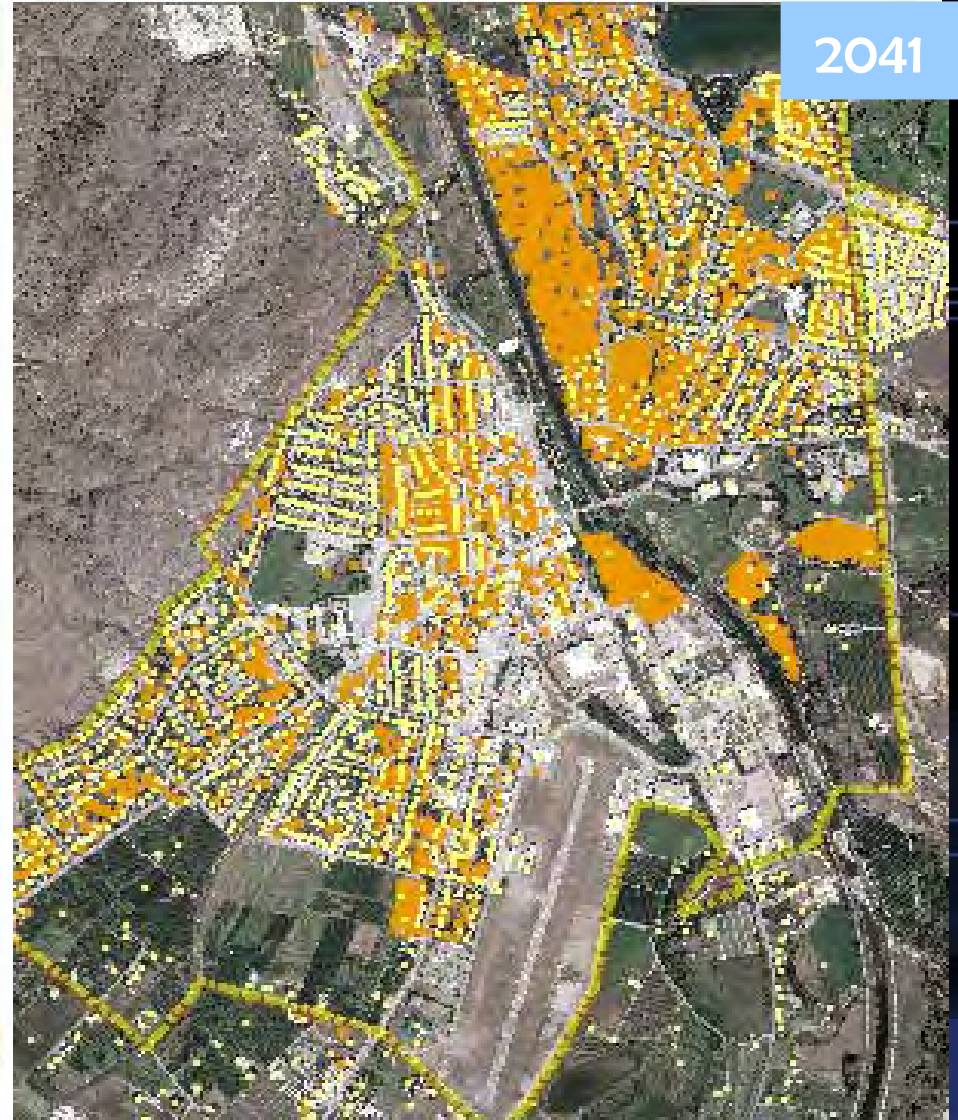
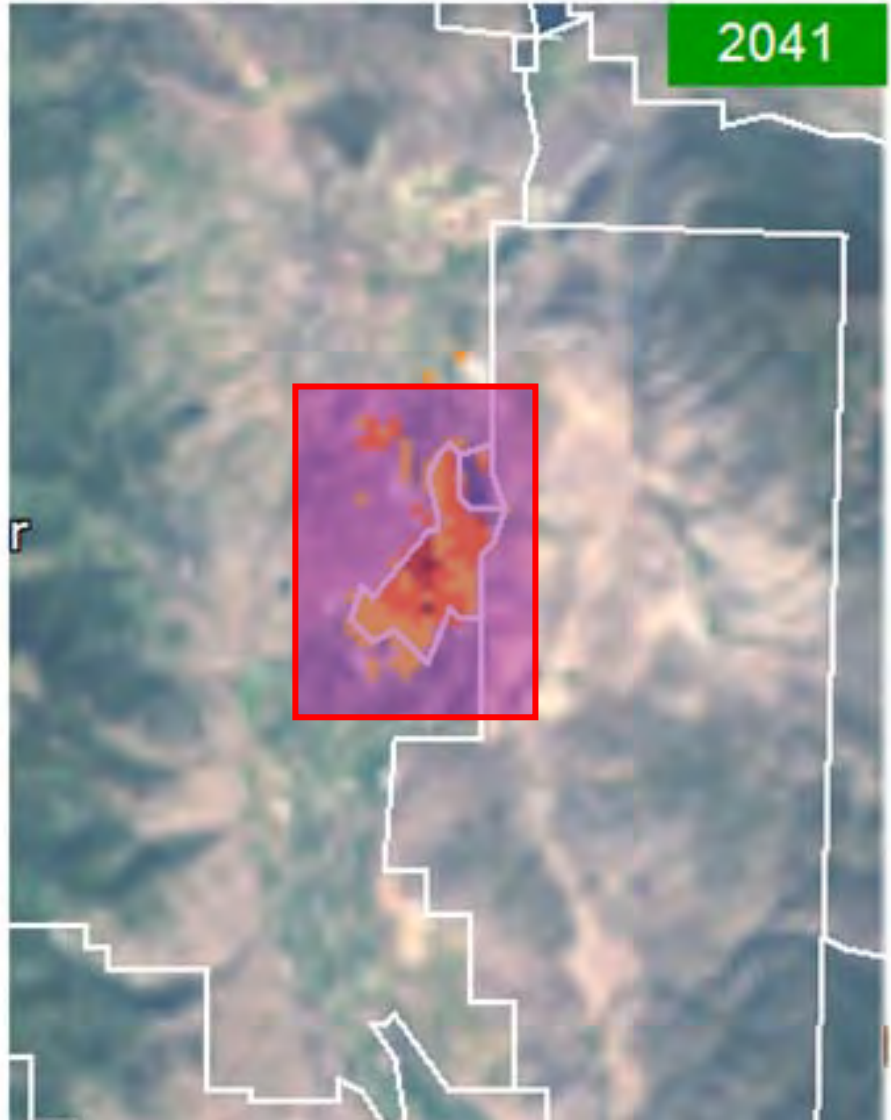


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NRCan- Land Use Model

Population Distribution

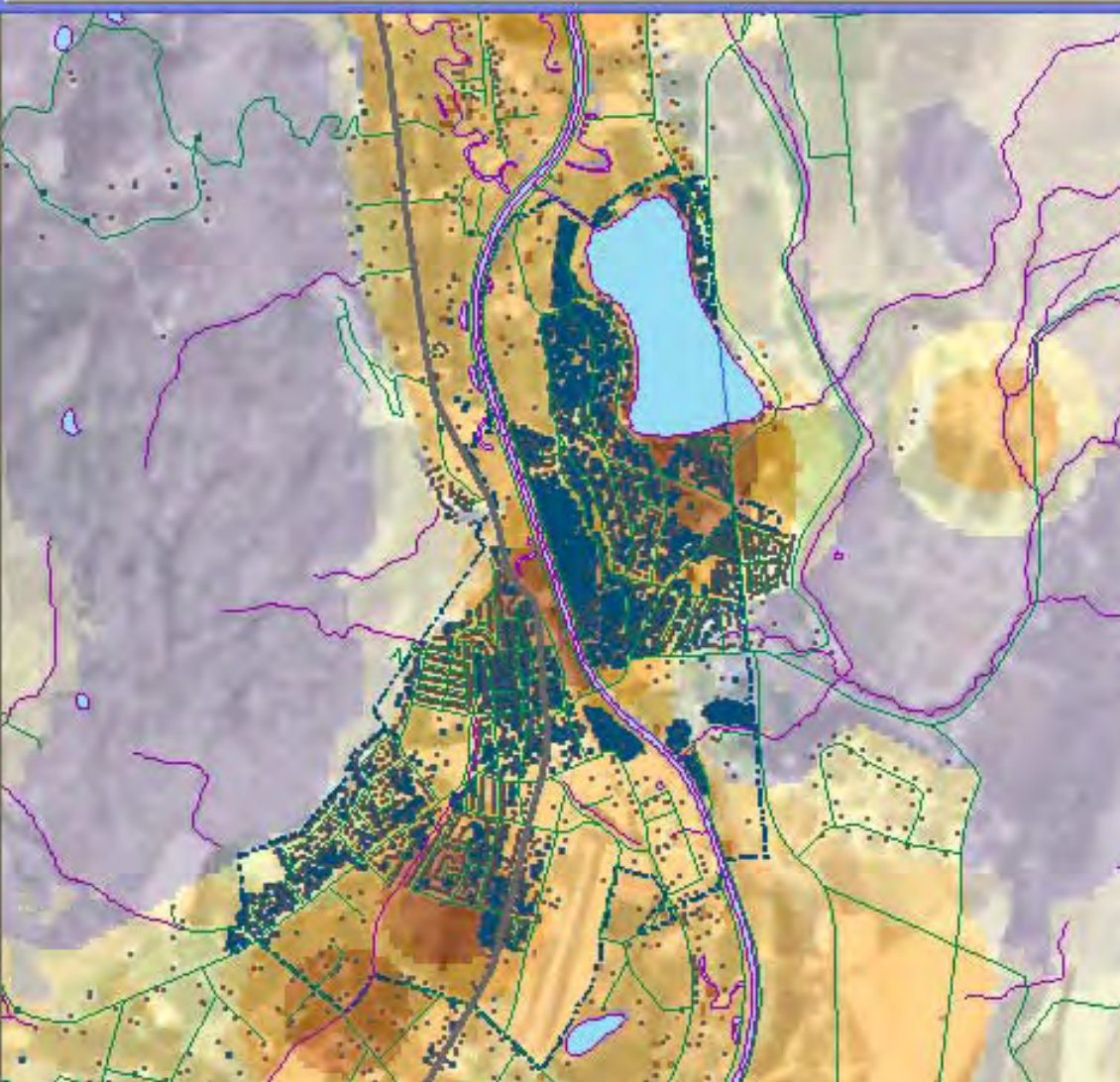


360 Assumptions

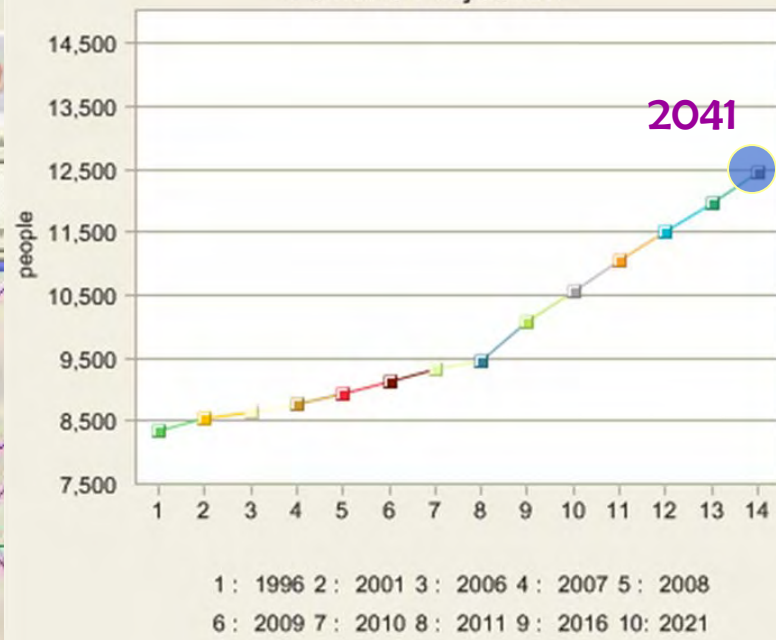
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Scenario: Active (Scenario 1- OCP)

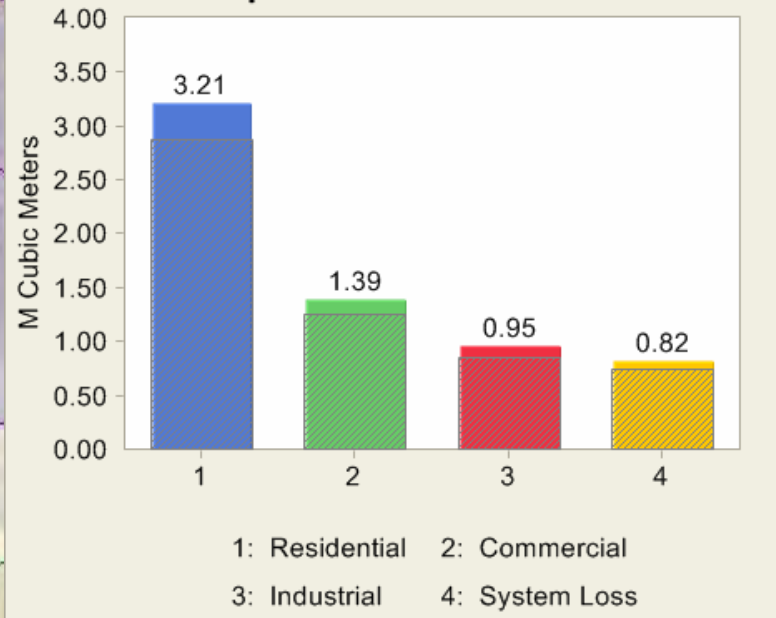
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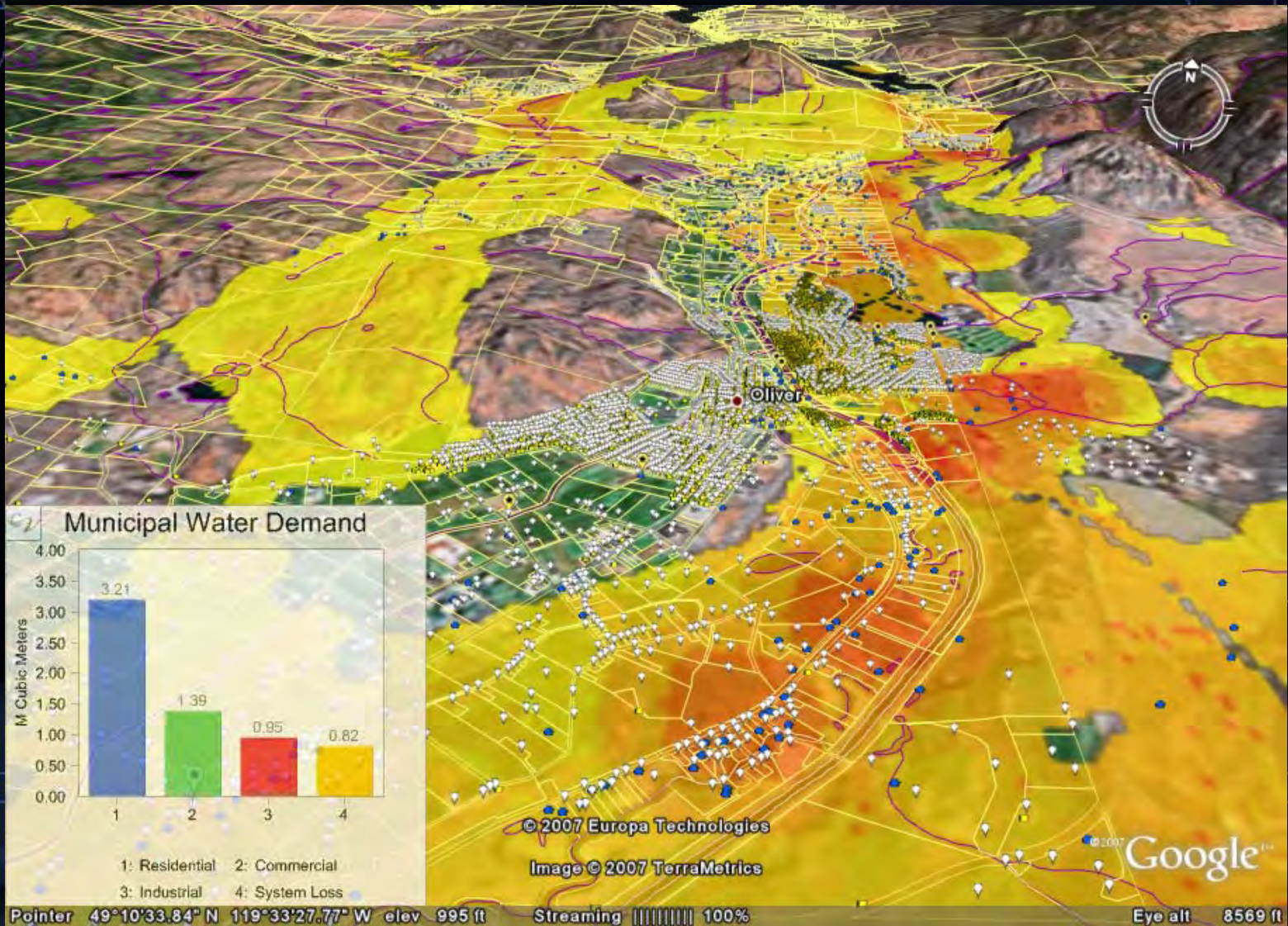
Population Growth Collier's Projection



Municipal Water Demand



Groundwater Resource Vulnerability



Implications of our approach



- **Complements and extends existing methodologies** already in place (e.g. BC well-head protection)



- Potential **bridge to** ongoing **comprehensive land use planning** initiatives at Provincial scale (Regional Growth Strategy/Official Community Plans).



- Continued **collaboration** with provincial, regional and academic partners, both in terms of ongoing methodology development and evaluation/refinement.

