

# **Sustainable Communities in New Brunswick**

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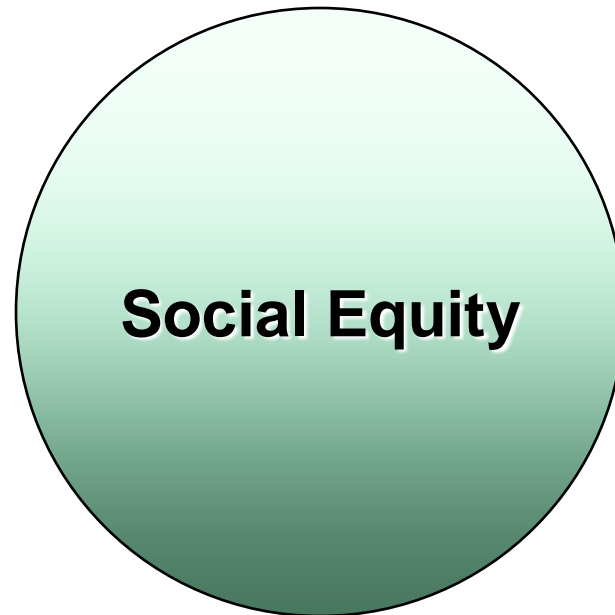
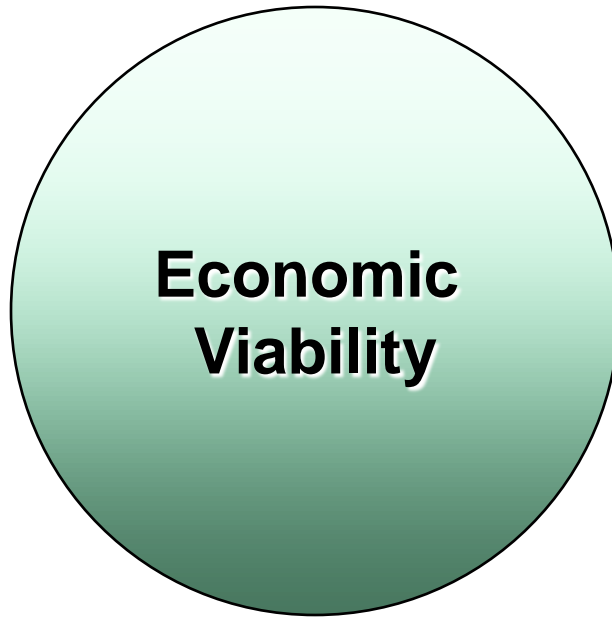
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# What is a “Sustainable” Community?

“ ...a community that meets its **present and future social, economic and environmental needs** .”

“...enough for everyone forever...”





# What are the Characteristics of a Sustainable Community?

- good quality of life (livable, healthy and safe)
- population within the carrying capacity of its environment
- able to supply basic needs for its citizens
- sense of belonging to the community
- participation and stewardship
- strong economy
- effective governance

# Some Challenges to the Sustainability of NB Communities

- guiding development to the right place
- water
- energy
- loss of productive farmland
- demographic change
- aging of municipal infrastructure
- adaptation to climate change



# Achieving a Sustainable Community

- plan together to set long-term priorities and goals that balance economic, social and environmental needs and interests
- form practical plans to achieve these goals
- work together to implement plans and solve problems



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# Green Plans/ Integrated Community Sustainability Plans Content of a typical plan

- Purpose/Goal
- History
- Vision
- Principles of Sustainability
- Issues
- Plan for Actions by Sector
- *Implementation* Plan and Tools

# How can DENV assist Communities to be more Sustainable?

- provide advice and information
- build capacity
- assist in developing partnerships between all levels of government, community organizations and citizens
- Provincial Planning Policy
- Sustainable Communities Program