

**MOVING TOWARD
KNOWLEDGEABLE
FORESTRY COMMUNITIES**



COMMUNITY VISIONS ARE CRITICAL TO ACHIEVING RESILIENCY

- Most forest stewardship conflicts are due to lack of strategic community vision statements for the local/regional forests and wood manufacturing sector.
- Vision statements are critical to:
 - Clarifying community desires,
 - Providing guidance to industry and advocates for local forest stewardship,
 - Moving forward with community economic development, and
 - Building public confidence and social license.



COMMUNITY RESILIENCY VISION FACTORS

LONG-TERM FOREST STEWARDSHIP



DIVERSIFIED FOREST RESOURCES SECTOR



KNOWLEDGEABLE COMMUNITY



SUSTAINABLE FOREST RESOURCES SECTOR



RURAL COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

KNOWLEDGEABLE COMMUNITY VISION

A working community vision requires:

Forest dependent communities being knowledgeable about the basics of long-term forest stewardship and diversification of the wood manufacturing sector to effectively respond to proposed government and industry actions and activities in moving toward community resiliency.



LONG-TERM FOREST STEWARDSHIP VISION

Working vision suggestion for long-term forest stewardship:

- Managing forests to meet present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs;
- Providing stewardship of forests based on an ethic of respect for the land;
- Maintaining and restoring proper ecosystem function and promoting ecological resilience for influences such as climate change;
- Balancing economic, social, spiritual, ecological and recreational values of forests to meet the needs of people and communities, including First Nations; and
- Conserving biological diversity, soil, water, fish, wildlife, scenic diversity, and other forest resources.



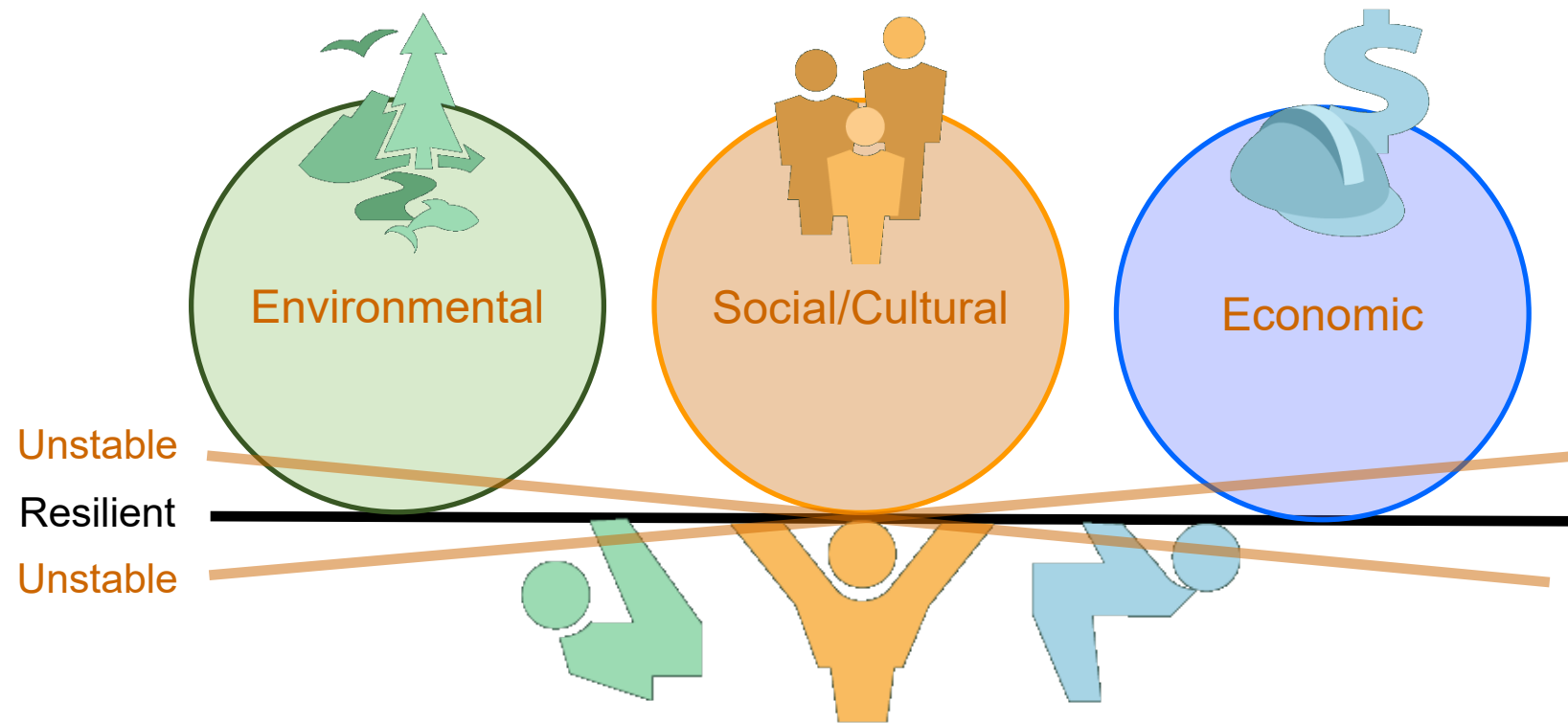
DIVERSIFIED WOOD MANUFACTURING VISION

Working vision suggestion for a wood manufacturing sector:

- Globally competitive, sustainable and innovative.
- Committed to building resilient communities.
- Operating within a regulatory infrastructure that:
 - Creates certainty, supports investment, supports sustainability, and has efficient and effective administrative processes, and
 - Encourages companies to produce products that move up the economic value ladder from commodity products.
- Diversified at the regional level in both size and product manufacturing businesses that fully utilize the available fibre supply in producing commodity, secondary wood, bioenergy, and biorefinery products.
- Operating within a tenure system that supports diversified and competitive regional wood manufacturing businesses.
- Focused on niche markets that capitalize on the types of fibre in BC.

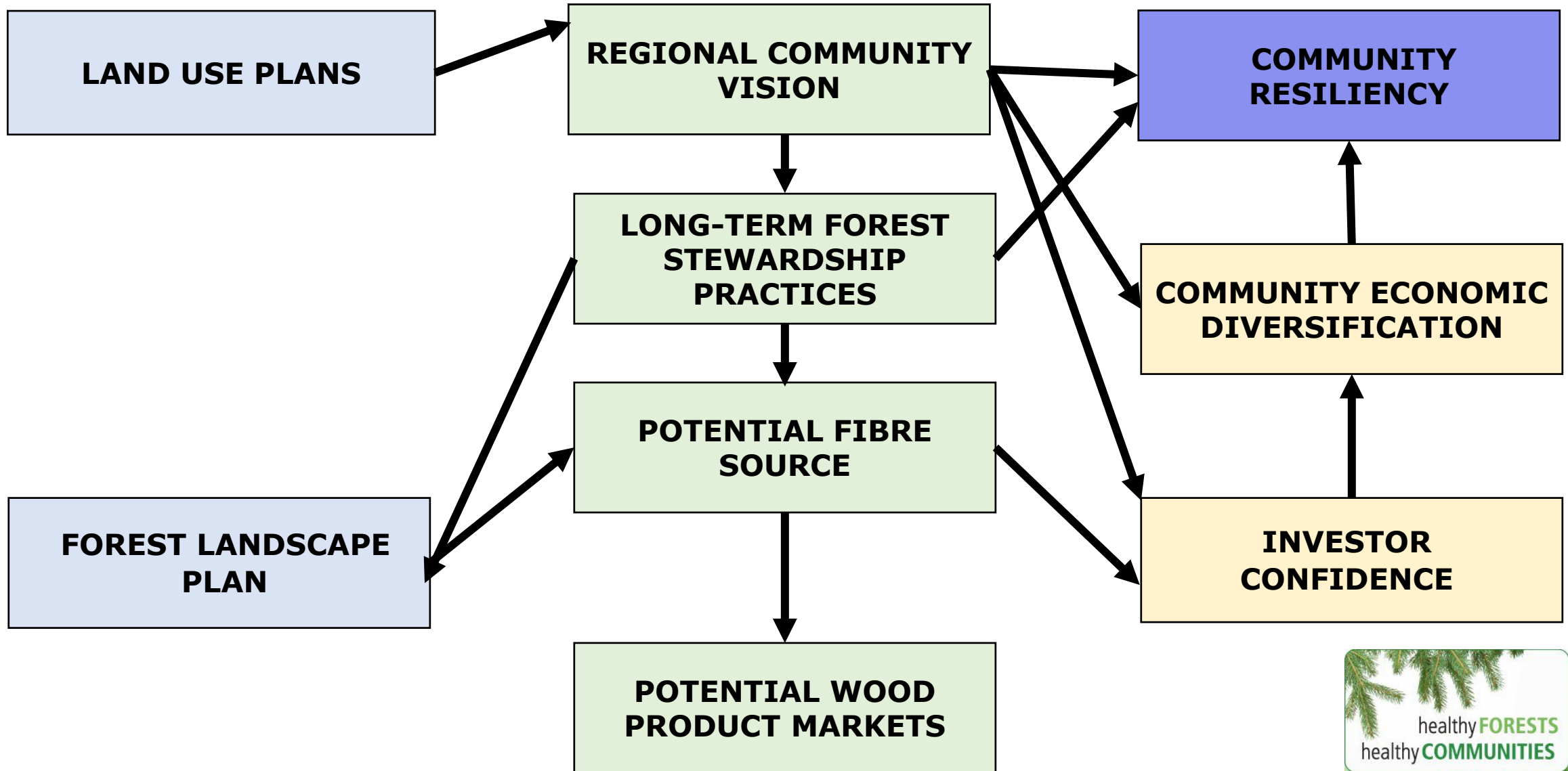


BALANCING VALUES – FUNDAMENTAL TO DECISION-MAKING



Balancing protection and utilization of forest resources values in community decision-making is essential to achieve resiliency. A basic community knowledge in key areas is critical to adequately responding to resiliency related decisions.

COMMUNITY BASIC KNOWLEDGE AREAS



COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE SOURCES

There are very limited basic, non-activist accessible knowledge sources for lay persons in communities. Current sources are:

- Ministry of Forests – examples of forest stewardship successes
- HFHC postings (<https://www.bcforestconversation.com/>)
- HFHC Forest 101 (<https://www.bcforestconversation.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Forest-sector-video-description-links.pdf>)
- COFI forestry education program <https://cofi.org/forest-education/>

MOF COULD PROVIDE A VALUABLE SERVICE IN BUILDING FOREST KNOWLEDGEABLE COMMUNITIES.



BUILDING A FOREST KNOWLEDGEABLE COMMUNITY

Although the MoF has a program to share forest stewardship successes with communities, a complementary program that builds basic community knowledge in key areas related to long-term forest stewardship and diversification of wood manufacturing is critical to achieve full, highest, and balanced utilization of the local/regional forest resources to assist communities in moving toward resiliency.



BUILDING A FOREST KNOWLEDGEABLE COMMUNITY

ACTION PLAN

- Leadership must come from the MoF as a corporate, committed initiative within the Chief Forester office.
- Delivery of the initiative should be through a structured collaborative involving:
 - MoF administration – preferably a senior person acting as a Chair
 - Forest related professionals consisting of representatives from:
 - Government - MoF, MoE & Climate Strategy, WLRS
 - Industry
 - Universities
 - Adult educators
 - Community representatives
 - First Nations representatives
- An annual action plan must be required, funded by government and focused on basic knowledge areas.
- Performance reporting must be required.

