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CSD (1991): 1309038

Site Name: Néguaac, New Brunswick

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Field Log: We did not put the distances from the centroid in the spreadsheets because there seemed to be disagreement among NRE researchers about the relevance of the centroid, as per our previous e-mails, and also in the case of Blissfield, nothing is in Blissfield, and the centroid has no meaning.

Position of Centroid: The centroid of the Néguaac site is located where Otho Road intersects Main Street (Route 11). The Otho-Robichaud historic site is located at this point, with an interpretation site next door. There are various local businesses located at this corner as well, including an accounting office and a service station.

What boundaries are meaningful for residents? The marked CSD boundary for the village of Néguaac does corresponds with the appearance of the local community. This would extend along Main Street from the Co-Op grocery store at one end to the store Dépanneur Annette a store at the other end. The village of Néguaac will be the result of the amalgamation of two communities, Upper and Lower Néguaac, in the fall of 1998.

The surrounding communities to Néguaac, Tabusintac and Burnt Church, feed off and survive because of the services available in Néguaac. The one exception to this would be the use of Tabusintac, a nearby village, by members of the Néguaac community. Tabusintac houses an outdoor skating rink as well as the food bank and various other services similar to those of the Salvation Army.

The citizens of Néguaac tend to stay within the boundary of the community unless an emergency or work school takes them away.

Distribution of population within CSD boundary: The population of the village of Néguaac is linear as well as multi-centred. Main Street incorporates both residential and commercial land uses and is linear. The roads leading to the Baie Néguaac consist of some residential housing but more businesses. On the opposite side of Main Street, roads lead off in to various subdivisions. Some are quite developed and others are in the first stages of development. Those with a greater number of houses have been around longer, and in some instances are, or at one time were, populated by a specific family. One such case is what is known as the Robichaud Settlement on and surrounding Robichaud Street.

Meaning of CSD boundaries to local contacts: The CSD boundary does have meaning to the citizens of Néguaac as previously discussed in section 3.3.1.

Relevance of CSD boundary - for the community:

Relevance of CSD boundary - for daily activities:

Relevance of CSD boundary - where people live:

Relevance of CSD boundary - where people work:

Relevance of CSD boundary - other:

4.1 - SITE HISTORY

- Major events & stories: The Population

The population of Néguaac in 1991 was 1,745 and more recently counted at 1,735 in the 1996 census, with a variation of -0.6%. A period of growth was first marked in the early 1970s and since this time, the population has remained relatively stable. There was a decrease in the number of persons per household over this time as well, along with an increase in the number of private homes.

The population of the village is, for the most part, bilingual at a high level and this level is continually increasing. Figures show that in 1991, 70 people could only speak English, 510 could only speak French, and 1145 could speak both languages. For 1996, the data has changed to 150 people can only speak English, 225 can only speak French, and 1350 can speak both languages.

Roman Catholic is the dominant religious group in Néguaac. The only religious institution in the village is the Roman Catholic the church of St. Bernard.

Geographic Framework

Néguaac is located in Northumberland County, within the Civile d'Alnwick Parish and covers approximately 26.3 square kilometres. It is situated about 50 kilometres north of Miramichi City which acts as Néguaac's urban centre. Néguaac is considered to be both historically and geographically the entrance to the Acadian Peninsula for those in the South-West of the province.

The terrain of the municipality generally is flat and the elevation varies from 0 to 30 metres above water. There are streams that travel through the village, as well as rivers such as Rivières des Caches and McKnight's River. The peninsula consists of marine sand and clay, glacier tills, sand and gravel pits. Néguaac soils, according to the Canadian Soil Inventory Categories, are in classes 3, 4, and 5 (moderately to very bad soils for agriculture).

Economic Geography and History

The soil is primarily used for residential development. Many homes are one-family and isolated but there are also cottages, mobile homes, and multi-family residences. There has recently been a diminishment in the number of new residences and this has been noted mostly since 1993. On the other hand, there has been an increase in renovations over this same period, perhaps due to the declinning economic fortunes of the 1990s.

The agricultural presence is small to non-existent and is limited to blueberries and market gardening. Forestry is very important especially in the northern part of the territory. There are both forestry and Christmas tree lots in place because of high exploitation rates of the resource. There is also a gravel pit and sand pit located in the North-West of Main Street. Some are still in operation while others have closed.

The fishery is the most important industry to Néguaac and to the area. Most of the revenue from the industry is provided by other species (clams, muscles, oysters, and periwinkles). Even though they are mainly interested in coastal fishing (lobster, herring, and mackerel).

Commercial use is found primarily along the Main Street that travels the length of the village. There are also businesses found along Fair Isle Road, which is the second busiest road in the village.

There exists a very small industrial function in the village. There is presence of a fish processing plant, a lobster trap fabrication plant, and a concrete fabrication plant.

Time Line

1621 Birth of François Savoie in France

1642 François Savoie arrives in Acadia under the administration of Charles de Menou d'Aunay

1671 François Savoie marries Catherine Lejeune

1742 Otho Robichaud is born in Port Royal, Nova Scotia

1755 The Great Deportation. Otho Robichaud is deported to the Boston region

1756 The sieur de Boisbert brings the Savoie refugees that had escaped from Fort Lawrence to the Miramichi region

1781 Otho Robichaud settles in Néguaç

1794 Otho Robichaud becomes Justice of the Peace

1799 Otho Robichaud becomes Militia Captain

Early 1800s Missionary, Louis-Joseph Desjardins, transports old paintings. He gave the churches Master Paintings, which were stripped from the churches of France during the revolution

1824 Death of Otho Robichaud

1855 Vital Savoie builds his house on the original Savoies land

1910 Original construction of St. Bernard Church

1945 St. Bernard Church is gutted by fire

1948 St. Bernard Church is rebuilt

1967 August 23 the Village of Néguaç is founded Acadian Historical Village buys the Savoie house and moves it

1988 The municipality of Néguaç petitioned and received from the Village Council the designation of Néguaç as the capital of the Savoie

1990s The Old Canada Post building is closed and converted into the tourist information centre. New post office built further down Main Street.

1992 The Old School closes its doors, and is converted into a community centre. Néguaç consists of only one school for all grades.

1994 November 9, Otho-Robichaud house is proclaimed a Provincial Historic Site

Sept. 1998 The communities of Upper and Lower Néguaç amalgamate to become the Néguaç community

1998 The Emergency 911 system and new addresses come into effect

5.2.1 - SERVICES

WATER

- **municipal water to everyone:** Municipal water service is not available. The majority of water is from individual wells. Concern for protecting the quality of ground water in the interior of the municipality is quite high. The village does have a garbage collection system but there are no open dumps or sanitary landfill sites. Sidewalks are found only along the south side of Main Street in the centre of the village. In the rest of the village the pedestrians walk on the shoulder of the roads. Cable TV is accessible to all the residents of the village. Internet access is available through the community centre, and at the local school. The village does not have a local daily, weekly, or monthly newspaper. They do have a newsletter that is inserted into the Caraquet newspaper. The residents can also have the Globe and Mail delivered to them through the mail.

- **municipal water to some:**

- **sewage collection and disposal:**

GARBAGE COLLECTION

- **open garbage dump:**

- **sanitary landfill:**

SIDEWALKS

- **sidewalks throughout village/town:**

- **sidewalks in center of community only:**

- **cable TV:**

INTERNET ACCESS

- **to everyone willing to pay:**

- **free through community centre:**

- **specific institutions/individuals:**

LOCAL NEWSPAPER

- **daily:**

- **weekly:**

- monthly:
 - newsletter (no regional or area news):
 - national newspaper:
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **paid, full time professionals:** The Village of Néguaac does have a volunteer fire department, an RCMP office, 911 and ambulance service. There are no landing strips in the village but the Miramichi airport is within 50 kilometres to serve Néguaac.

- volunteers:
 - approximate response time to centroid:
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POLICE

- RCMP:
 - provincial:
 - municipal:
 - number of personnel:
 - approximate response time to centroid:
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EMERGENCY SERVICES

- 911:
 - road ambulance service:
 - approximate response time to centroid:
 - air ambulance service:
 - approximate response time to centroid:
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ROADS

(type and condition): The roads within Néguaac are all in good condition. Main Street, Route 11, is the highest traffic road in the village; it is paved with painted lines, none to few potholes, gravel shoulders, and snow clearance and sanding in the winter months. There are also three local highways that run through the village - Routes 445, 450, and 455 - which are paved with faded painted lines, no shoulders, and snow clearance and some sanding in the winter.

6.1 - SOCIAL SERVICES / EDUCATION

Elementary school

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: The School is located at the centre of the town, at the corner of rue Principale and rue d'Eglise. All grade levels are present in the school, and it recently, 1993, was constructed.

High school

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: The community theatre was added onto the school in 1993.

Technical school

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: n/a

University

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: Located in Fredericton, UNB

Extension courses

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: no

Other institutions

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: Located in Miramichi City - The Community College. They come up and teach courses at the community centre 2-3 times a year, courses lasting about 16 weeks. Based in computer applications/literacy.

6.2 - SOCIAL SERVICES / HEALTH

Hospital

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments: Located in Newcastle or Fredericton.
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Blood/urine testing facility

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments: Yes. Located in the village at the Health centre
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X-ray facility

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments: Yes. Located in the village at the Health centre
-

Baby delivery facility

- distance from centroid (km):

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Located in Miramichi City.
-

CT scan facility

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**yes
 - **comments:** Located in Fredericton.
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Nursing home

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** yes
 - **comments:** Yes. There are two nursing homes. One is publicly owned and then other is private.
-

Doctor(s)

- **distance from centroid (km):**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:** yes
- **comments:** yes

Nurse(s)

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs: yes
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments: yes
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Dentist(s)

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments: yes
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Dental Surgeon(s)

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: Located in Bathurst.
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Optometrist(s)

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Located in Tracadie.
-

Home care / visits

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Yes. Through the extramural hospital in the area.
-

VON

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Yes. There is a chapter in the area.
-

Social worker(s)

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Yes. Through HRDC and Village network.
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Other (specify)

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** The Department of Health is also set up in Neguac. Provide vaccinations, etc..

6.3 - SOCIAL SERVICES / LEGAL

Lawyer

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** Yes. There are three law firms. They may not be based in Neguac but do have offices that operate 2-3 days a week. They serve the area.

Notary

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** Yes. Two of the three firms have notary service.

Citizenship court

- distance from centroid (km):

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** yes
 - **comments:** Yes. Located at the Village of Neguac Offices.
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6.4 - SOCIAL SERVICES / FINANCIAL

Bank

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Yes. Scotiabank on rue Principale.
-

Credit Union

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Yes. Located on rue Principale
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ATM

- **distance from centroid (km):**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**

- wheelchair access:

- comments: yes

Micro-financing group

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Insurance office

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: yes

6.5 - SOCIAL SERVICES / CARE

Daycare

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** Yes. There are two daycares. One is the standard daycare and the other is for children at risk.

Seniors / retirement home

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: yes
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6.6 - SOCIAL SERVICES / GOVERNMENT

E.I. office

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs: yes
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments: Yes. Located at the HRDC office on rue Principale
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Revenue Canada office

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: Located in Miramichi City.
-

Auto insurance office

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments:
-

Welfare office

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments: Yes. Located in the HRDC Office on rue Principale
-

Town hall

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs: yes
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments: Yes. Village of Neguac Office building on rue Principale
-

Band council

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
- special transportation needs:
- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** Band Council: Located just outside of Neguac in Burnt Church. Post Office: The old post office was converted into the tourist information centre across from the village of Neguac office and a new post office was constructed further down rue Principale.

6.7 - SOCIAL SERVICES / LOCAL

Food bank

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** Located in neighbouring Tabusintac. Also has services similar to the Salvation Army.

Clothing exchange / depot

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** yes

Secondhand stores

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** yes

Drop-in centre

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: no
-

Halfway house

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: Located in Miramichi City.
-

Counseling services

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: Yes. Provided through Social Services that has an office in Neguac.
-

Family distress

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Yes. Provided through Social Services that has an office in Neguac.
-

Women's shelter

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Yes. Provided through Social Services that has an office in Neguac.
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Alcohol / drug abuse

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Yes. Provided through Social Services that has an office in Neguac.
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6.8 - SOCIAL SERVICES / PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus

- **distance from centroid (km):**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** No. Nearest located in Miramichi City/Douglastown. There is a private line (someone's van) that is a parcel/passenger service to the SMT station in Douglastown.

Freight train

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: no**
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Passenger train

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: no**
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Scheduled air service

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: Located in Miramichi City and Bathurst. Air Canada and Air Nova serve.**
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Small plane

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Located in Miramichi City and Bathurst. Air Canada and Air Nova serve.
-

Connecting flights

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Located in Miramichi City and Bathurst. Air Canada and Air Nova serve.
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Helicopter

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** No. Located in Miramichi City.
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Boat

- **distance from centroid (km):**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:**
- **comments:** n/a

Regular ferry / taxi

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
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On demand

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
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Car taxi

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: no
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Other (specify)

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

6.9 - SOCIAL SERVICES / FACILITIES

Curling

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: yes

Municipal indoor pool

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: no

Municipal outdoor pool

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** no

Municipal indoor skating rink

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** yes - Located in the Sportsplex and there is also an outdoor rink in neighbouring community.

Municipal outdoor skating rink

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** yes - Located in the Sportsplex and there is also an outdoor rink in neighbouring community.

Community playing field

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** yes

Community gym

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Yes. The School gym acts as a community gym.
-

Community centre

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** Yes. Put in place in 1997.
 - **comments:** Yes. The community centre was originally the local school house but when construction of the new school began it was converted into the centre.
-

YM/YWCA

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** no
-

Municipal athletic club

- **distance from centroid (km):**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** Yes. The local Sportsplex provides various athletic clubs.

Private athletic club

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

Commercial athletic club

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

Theatre

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** Yes. Located in the school. Was an add on to the school in 1993.

Cinema

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: Yes. There is a drive-in located on rue Allain. There are no indoor cinemas.**
-

Museum

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: no**
-

Library

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: Yes. There is a library in the school, but it is NOT a public library.**
-

Parks

- **distance from centroid (km):**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:**
- **comments: Yes. Located at various points throughout the village. Originally there were no parks planned for the village but they have begun to appear more recently with planning.**

Other (specify)

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - **comments:** Bowling centre and Club located along rue Principale.
-

Community organized teams (juniors / children)

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - **comments:** Yes. There are various teams/clubs available to the citizens of Neguac. Ranging from Scouts or Girl Guides to Soccer and Hockey, and even the Knights of Columbus, etc.
-

Community organized teams (adults)

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - **comments:** Yes. They are available through the school and perhaps privately.
-

Municipal art programmes

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
-

Private art programmes

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
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6.10 - SOCIAL SERVICES / VOLUNTEER & SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Religious groups

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - **comments:** Yes. Catholic is the dominant and the only church. There has been a request recently for the construction of a new church in Neguac. It will probably serve as Pentecostal.
-

Rotary club

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: Yes and No Although there is a similar organization that is the French equivalent.

Historical society

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: Yes. Presently working on the reconstruction of the Otho Robichaud house and a translation site. Published numerous books. Joint with Heritage Canada.

Other 1

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Other 2

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Other 3

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
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Other 4

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
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Other 5

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
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Services named by citizens as unavailable:

Publicly funded programmes specific to community:

Accessibility Codes:

7.0 - ECONOMIC FORTUNES

List of businesses w/ number of employees: (A) Industry and Related Number of Workers

In 1996, there were 83 employers within the Village of Néguaac, in the following sectors:

Agriculture and Related Industry 20
Fishing Industry 115
Forest Industry 25
Mining Industry 10
Manufacturing Industry 95
Construction Industry 50
Transport and Storage Industry 10
Communications and
Public Service Industry 20
Commercial Trade of Primary Goods 30
Commercial Trade of
Value-Added Products 110
Finance and Insurance Industry 0
Insurance and Realty Industry 0
Service for Enterprise Industry 10
Government Service Industry 60
Educational Service Industry 65
Health and Social Services Industry 85
Restoration and Building Industry 55
Other Services for Enterprise Industry 25
Total of Persons Employed in 1996 795

(B) List of Local Business

A & L Consultants inc
A.M. Breau Assurance Inc.
A.M. Superette Ltd.
ABC Surgical Supplies (1987) Ltd.
Administration Portuaire Quai de Bas-Néguaac
Administration Portuaire Quai de Néguaac
Allain Petro Canada Service
Allain Vending Inc.
Alvida Robichaud Lumber Ltd.
Armoires Arpin
Assurance Cooperators
Aurele J. Allain - Dentureologist
Banque Nationale du Canada
Berthe Godin Ceramique
Bertrand Robichaud
Boutique du Decor
Brookside Restaurant
C. Girouard Plomberie et Chauffage Ltee.
Cages Aquamesh Traps Ltee (1994)
Caisse Populaire de Néguaac Ltee
Caissie Bonbon

Camping Les Champs Oliviers
Cine Parc Néguaac (1994) Ltee
Club Dynamo Néguaac
Club Horizon
David Robichaud Co. Ltd.
Delphis Breau Electric Contractor
Dépanneur Dolilda
Dixie Lee Entreprise P.& D. Allain Ltee.
Doiron Lavoie/Maitre Euclide LeBouthillier
Emery J. Savoie et Fils Ltee.
Enterprises Gernat
Foyer St-Bernard Ltee.
Friendly Auto Body & Salvage
G. Breau Slashing
G.M. Comeau Plomberie Ltee.
Jean-Guy Savoies
Jeanne LeBouthillier - Berbiere
Jules J. Breau Surveys Ltd.
L. Breau & Son Ltd.
Laminatec
Lazare Breau Service Centre Ltee.
Le Centre du Pecheur
LeGresley Lingerie Ltee.
Les Freres G.& G. Ltee.
Les Recettes de Grand-Maman
M. Everard Robichaud/Vina Brau, Boulangerie
Madame Carmel Breau
Maison Funeraire Robichaud Ltee.
Maison de la Couture Claudette
Monsieur & Madame Robert Breau
Monsieur Gerald Comeau - Sunlife Insurance
Monsieur Roger Allain
Néguaac Construction Ltd.
Néguaac Home Hardware
Néguaac Irving Convenience
Néguaac Ready Mix Ltee.
Néguaac Seafood
Néguaac Station-Service
Pharmacie Néguaac Ltee.
RYG Cormier Electric Ltee.
Rejean Levesque Plomberie
Restaurant Chez Raymond et Motel Beausejour
Restaurant JGR
Restaurant Rice King
Salon Brigitte
Salon Chez Velma
Salon Gaetanne
Salon Mimi
Salon d'Esthetique Moderne
Salon de Barbier Irene
Salon de Beaute Imagination

Salon de Beaute Irene
Salon de Bronzage Quatre Saisons
Savoie Belliveau
Smith's Repair Shop
Sportplex Inc.
Studio de Beaute Heatwave
T. R. T. Sales
Time Line Travel
V & S Department Store
Vautour Excavating Ltd.
Village Variete Proprio Shell
Yvon Godin Ltd.

List of home-based businesses w/ activity: Information not available.

List of businesses that ship goods out of area: Information not available.

Major suppliers and locations for each business: Information not available.

Information from Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber of Commerce in Néguaac was quite active 30 years ago. Now, there are many different associations and organizations that the chamber has been replaced.

Degree of Optimism Perceived: The village is growing, physically, all the time, even though there are no major companies or industries coming in. On the other hand, economic activity is declining. Forestry and fishing are important but can only support so many people. Néguaac is in need of something that will bring employment to the area for both men and women. They need a factory or an industry; there has been some talk of a business in the textile industry coming to the village. Many promotions for Néguaac are based around tourism and the economy needs something that is not related to tourism; something that will supply jobs year round, rather than for just three months. All businesses related to tourism shut down for three seasons of the year.

8.0 - RESOURCE BASE & AMENITIES

Special environmental and/or resource features: "The implementation of the sanitation sewers on one part of the village permit better control of the water reserves in the environment. Many residential streets are not yet connected. It is priority to authorise the municipality to insure that preservation of ground water for the municipality will be erected. The municipality possesses many metres of river. The coastal zone is the most fragile, and must, once developed, become the object of protective measures to insure survival of the precious ecosystem." (Lanteigne, Denys et al., 1998)

The fishing industry and its related sectors are principally interested in coastal fishing. Such as lobster, herring, and mackerel. The revenue of the industry is provided by species such as clams, mussels, rock crabs, oysters, periwinkles, and shells. The fishing industry is dominant in the village of Néguaac and employs a great number of people. The Blue Cove Group, for example, is

the most dominant employer in the region. It employs greater than 400 people and accounts for 60% of employment in the area.

Forestry is also important, more so in the northern part of the territory. Along the southern part of the land, the forests are used more for residential, commercial, and other development. Because of resource exploitation facing many forests today, the forests are monitored by the Department of Natural Resources of New Brunswick. There are also Christmas tree lots that are good for the local economy but again, can only support so many people.

Blueberries are very important to the agriculture industry of Néguaac. During the month of August it is not uncommon to see numerous people picking berries in the fields surrounding the village. "A person can make a yearly salary on berries if they have a large enough field." (Caissie, Louisa)

The Village of Néguaac has a unique characteristic. It has been attached to Île-Aux-Foins (Island), which is a provincial park. The park includes a beach, hiking trails, boardwalks crossing the marsh and a bird sanctuary for ornithologists. "The island is of great importance to the region (tourism industry)." (Robichaud, Jean-Claude, 1991)

Negative features: There are very few undesirable characteristics for the Village of Néguaac. However, there is a lack of employment for the residents. "A lot of people on the community and the area, are on welfare and survive on stamps." (Caissie, Louisa)

Local strategies or projects engaged or planned: The most recent project suggested by a group of residents in Néguaac is the building of another church, which will most likely serve the Pentecostal residents. Presently there is just one church, Saint-Bernard Roman Catholic Church. Saint-Bernard services 90% of the residents of Néguaac. The remaining 10% commute to surrounding communities, mainly to Miramichi City.

There is an Historical Society based in the village that has published numerous books and maintains a site in Néguaac. One project with Heritage Canada involves the renovations of Otho-Robichaud House as well as setting up the interpretation site.

9.0 - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Current population: In 1991, population count was at 1745. In 1996, the population was at 1735.
*A variation of -0.6%

Net migration (in/out/net): There is a strong dominance of Francophone constituents, they represent 96% of the population:

1991

French Origin Only 1420
British Origin Only 50
Immigrant Population 10
Total 1480

For 1996, the results are more detailed. Thus, the total population according to ethnic origin is structured as follows,

1996

Canadian Origin Only 310

French Origin Only 675

English Origin Only 20

Scottish Origin Only 15

Irish Origin Only 20

North American

Indian Origin Only 20

Vietnamese Origin Only 20

Acadian Origin Only 45

Total 1,025

Current Number of Households: The number of private households within the village of Néguaac rose from 560 in 1991 to 600 in 1996. These totals break down with the following characteristics,

1991 / 1996

Owned - 460 / 465

Leased - 100 / 135

Individual House (No Tenants) 465 / 505

Twin Houses - 5 / 20

Apartments & Duplexes - 35 / 0

Apartment Buildings - 40 / 50

Other Individual Housing With Tenants - 5 / 0

Mobile Homes - 10 / 15

Average family Size: 1991 / 1996

1 Person - 90 / 95

2 Persons - 160 / 185

3 Persons - 90 / 135

4-5 Persons - 185 / 160

6 Persons or more - 30 / 25

Non-Family Housing - 105 / 55

There are also 70 single-parent families noted in both 1991 and 1996. In both years, 55 were headed by females and 15 by males.

Age Structure: The ratio of men to women in the village is relatively equal at a ratio of 875:870 for 1991 and 875:865 for 1996. In 1991, there is one discrepancy and that was in the age group 75+ where women almost doubled the number of men. For 1996, the difference is smaller. Despite this, the population is following the trends across Canada, as the population is getting older.

Age Group (Yrs) = Men - Women

1991 / 1996 - 1991 / 1996

0-4 = 55 / 55 - 45 / 35
 5-9 = 50 / 55 - 55 / 45
 10-14 = 65 / 45 - 70 / 60
 15-19 = 95 / 70 - 90 / 65
 20-24 = 65 / 85 - 60 / 60
 25-29 = 65 / 60 - 60 / 60
 30-34 = 75 / 60 - 80 / 60
 35-39 = 75 / 65 - 70 / 75
 40-44 = 75 / 75 - 60 / 70
 45-49 = 50 / 60 - 50 / 55
 50-54 = 40 / 55 - 45 / 55
 55-59 = 40 / 35 - 45 / 40
 60-64 = 40 / 40 - 40 / 40
 65-74 = 60 / 60 - 60 / 70
 75+ = 25 / 40 - 45 / 55
 Total = 875 / 875 - 870 / 865

Language: 1991 / 1996
 English Only - 70 / 150
 French Only - 510 / 225
 English and French - 1145 / 1350

For the most part, the population is bilingual at a very high level. This level of bilingualism is continuing to increase.

Religion: Within Néguaç, the religions practised by the citizens based on information from 1991 are:

Catholic 1705
 Protestant 15

No other religions were defined.

Literacy levels: There is great diversity in the level of education achieved by the population in the village. It breaks down as follows,

1991 / 1996
 Not Reached Grade 9 - 365 / 385
 Grade 9-13 w/ Certificate - 85 / 535
 College Certificate - 40 / 55
 Other Non-University Studies - 175 / 170
 University Diploma - 120 / 140

The distribution of men and women that have achieved a post-secondary education is shown below:

1991 / 1996
 Men - 185 / 185
 Women - 200 / 220

Social changes (population, characteristics, problems): The residents of the Village of Néguaç have

noticed an increase in the number of people leaving the village to further education or in search of employment. The statistics do now show this figure but when looking at the local economy, if a person wants to have a career in a field other than education or the fishery, they have to leave the village.

A recent addition to the education system in Néguaac is the availability of courses offered by the Miramichi Community College. The college educates the residents of Néguaac in the community centre. Annually, there are up to 3 different program sessions that last for 16 weeks. The courses usually cover topics related to computer literacy.

EXTRA INFORMATION (when available)

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