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THE NEW RURAL ECONOMY



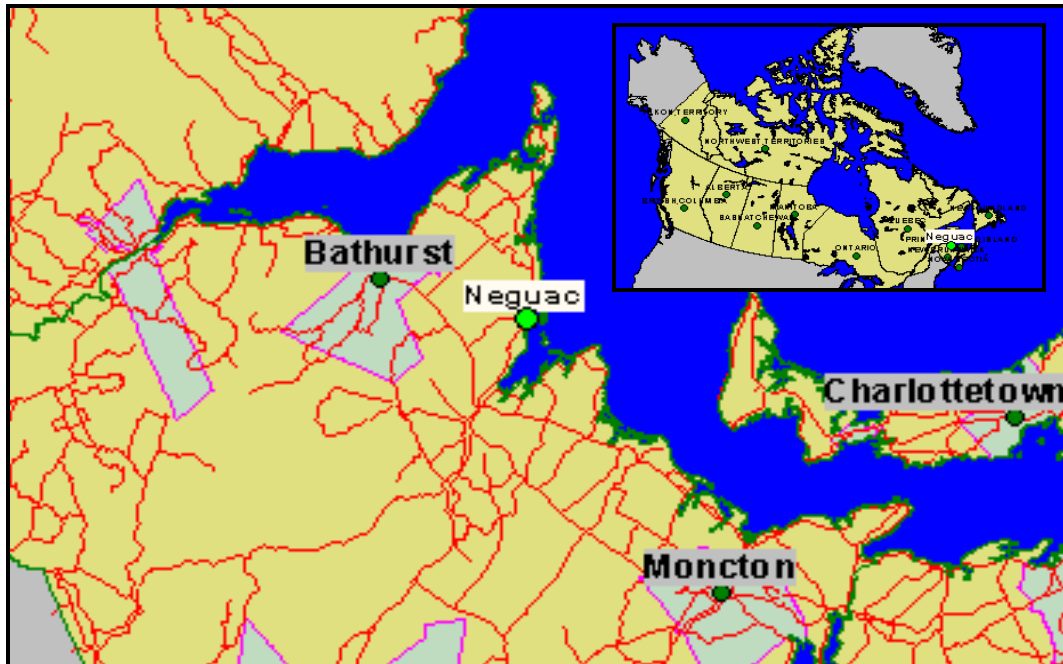
Site 7: Néguaac, New Brunswick

Néguaac is located at the southern end of the Acadian Peninsula. The population is 1,735. Main Street incorporates both residential and commercial land uses. On the opposite side of Main Street, roads lead off to various subdivisions. The population of the village is, for the most part, bilingual at a high level and this level is continually increasing. The fishery is the most important industry to Néguaac and to the area. Most of the revenue from the industry is provided by clams, mussels, oysters, and periwinkles, given the decline in lobster, herring, and mackerel. 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 exists a very small industrial function in the village, including a fish processing plant, a lobster trap fabrication plant, and a

concrete fabrication plant. There are 83 businesses employing 795 people.

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 businesses are based on tourism but the economy needs something that is not related to tourism; something that will supply jobs year-round.

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 an interpretation site.



Maps courtesy of Statistics Canada, Geography Division, 1998

Characteristics in 1996	Néguaac	New Brunswick	Canada
Population	1735	738 133	28 846 760
1991 to 1996 population change (%)	-0.6	2.0	5.7
% of population ages 15 and over	82.4	80.4	79.5
Unemployment rate	24.6	15.5	10.1
Participation rate	57.8	62.2	65.5
% Primary industry	21.4	7.4	5.6
% Secondary industry	18.2	19.8	20
% Tertiary industry	61	72.9	74.4
Average number of persons in married or common-law families	3.1	3.1	3.1
Average number of persons in lone-parent families	2.6	2.5	2.6

Source: Statistics Canada

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