




CRRF and the NRE Project: Progress and Potential

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•Acknowledgements:

NRE Objectives

- Grounded, comparative, comprehensive **analysis** of the new rural economy in Canada
- Establish collaborative research and education **network** to build capacity
- Develop insightful, documented **recommendations** for communities and policy
- Establish long-term research and education **infrastructure**

NRE Objectives

- Provide grounded, comparative, and comprehensive analysis of the new rural economy in Canada
- Establish a collaborative research and education network that will build capacity to improve the quality of life for all rural Canadians
- To develop insightful, documented recommendations for long run rural business performance, inclusive development, and public policy
- To establish a long-term research and education infrastructure to serve the above objectives

NRE (potential) Goals for 2002-2003

Analysis (Academic and Policy)

- Book: The New Rural Economy in Canada
- Book: Comparative Studies in Rural Development (C-J)
- Book: Social Cohesion in Rural Canada
- Handbook: Measuring Capacity
- Academic articles

NRE (potential) Goals for 2002-2003

Analysis (Public and Policy)

- Handbook: Voluntary Organizations – an Education Strategy
- Flyers: In Sites and Options
- The Rural University

NRE (potential) Goals for 2002-2003

Networks

- The Rural Observatory
- CRRF
 - Conferences and workshops
 - International collaboration
- CURA, NCE collaborations
- Recruitment

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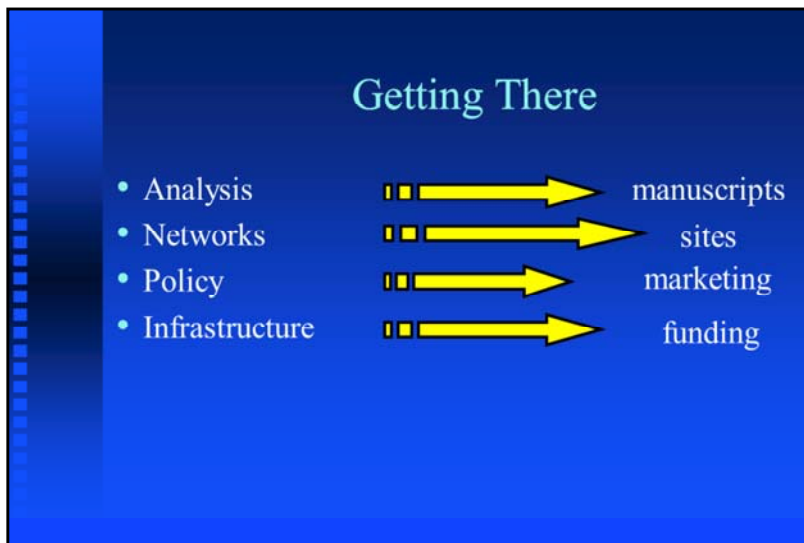
Policy Recommendations

- Reports: Access to Services, 3rd Sector, IWG (Leading/Lagging, SMEs, Coops, Institutions), OECD, CARCI, Health Canada
- Popular Media materials
- The Rural Observatory as Rural Dialogue

NRE (potential) Goals for 2002-2003

Infrastructure

- The Rural Observatory
- The Rural Canada Database
- Web Sites
- Endowment



NRE Objectives

- Provide grounded, comparative, and comprehensive analysis of the new rural economy in Canada
 - Considerable analysis to date, but
 - need more information, analysis of results and writing
- Establish a collaborative research and education network that will build capacity to improve the quality of life for all rural Canadians
 - Strong network established, considerable linkages with other researchers, policy, and community people
 - Need build on the community (site) networks
 - Recruitment of new researchers
- To develop insightful, documented recommendations for long run rural business performance, inclusive development, and public policy
 - Many reports produced, but must adapt them to popular media (flyers, video, web)
 - Need – marketing expertise
- To establish a long-term research and education infrastructure to serve the above objectives
 - Built an extensive infrastructure – national and international
 - Need: core funding

Analysis

- Summer survey: 3rd level of information (macro, meso, micro)
- 3Cs (Capital, Cohesion, Capacity)
- Increase publishing capacity
- How (re)vitalize rural Canada?

This Workshop

- Focus, clarify, imagine theoretical frameworks
- Finalize survey and other projects
- Establish editorial board(s)
- Establish priorities
- Distribute tasks and responsibilities

Analysis

- Summer survey
 - Will add the 3rd level of information to our analysis (macro, meso, micro)
- 3 Cs (Capital, Cohesion, Capacity)
 - Will discuss at greater length Saturday afternoon
 - Has emerged as a central focus for our work
- Increase publishing capacity
- Continue our investigation of ways to revitalize rural Canada

This Workshop

- Focus, clarify theoretical frameworks
 - Advance our work on the 3 Cs
 - Imagine new insights
- Finalize survey and other projects
 - Begin the field work as soon as possible
- Establish editorial board(s)
- Establish priorities
 - E.g. which products – books, articles?
 - timing
- Identify tasks and goals
 - Divide up our labour with specific objectives
 - Note handout(s)

Networks

- Strengthen collaboration with sites
- Integrate national and international networks
- Recruit and train new talent

This Workshop

- Plan site visits and exchanges
- Identify opportunities with partners
- Distribute tasks and responsibilities

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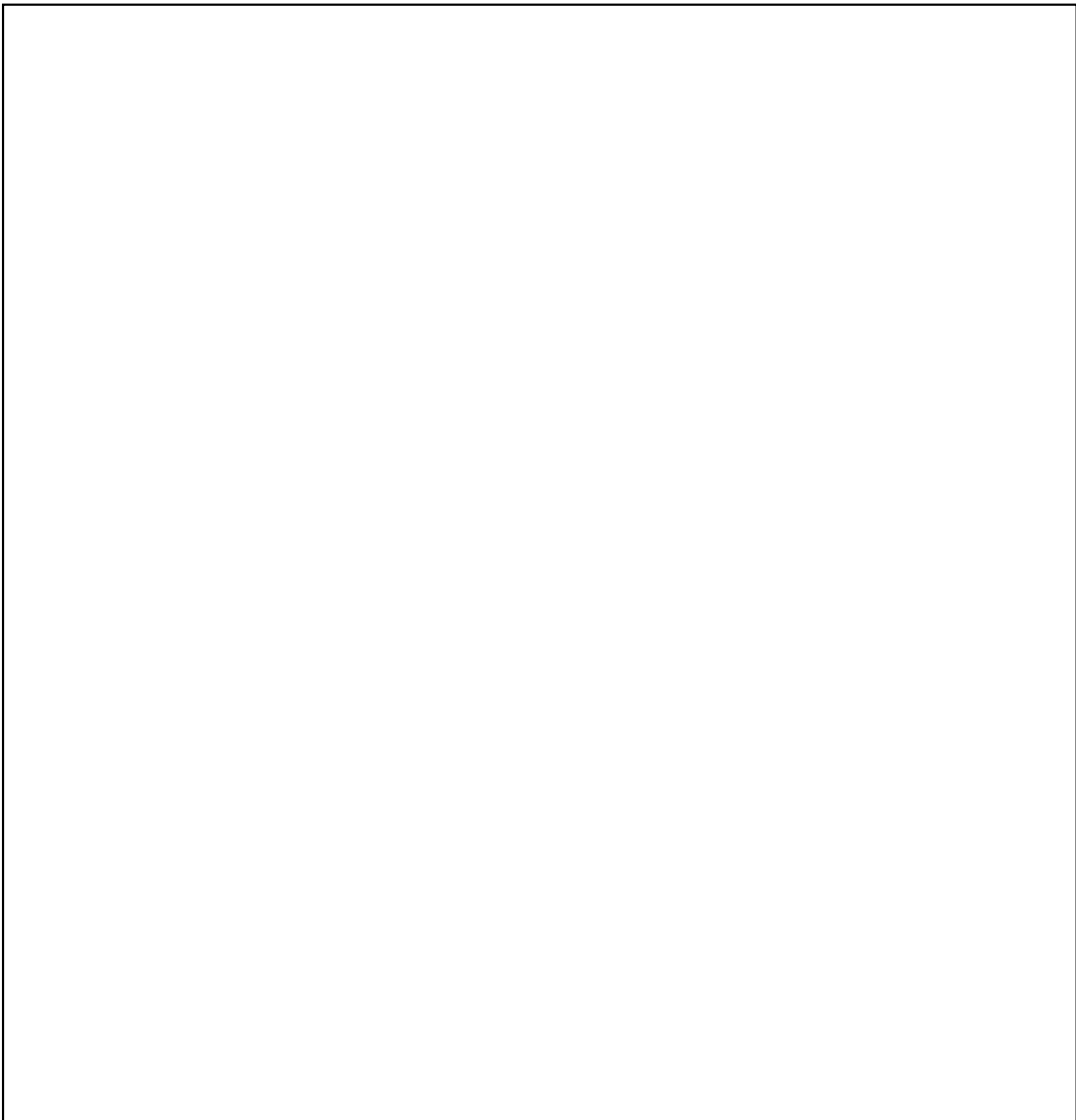
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- Distribute tasks

Policy Recommendations

- Develop media relations and strategies
- Nurture partnership relations
- Prepare user-friendly materials

This Workshop

- Identify strategies for site booklets and materials
- Establish priorities
- Distribute tasks and responsibilities

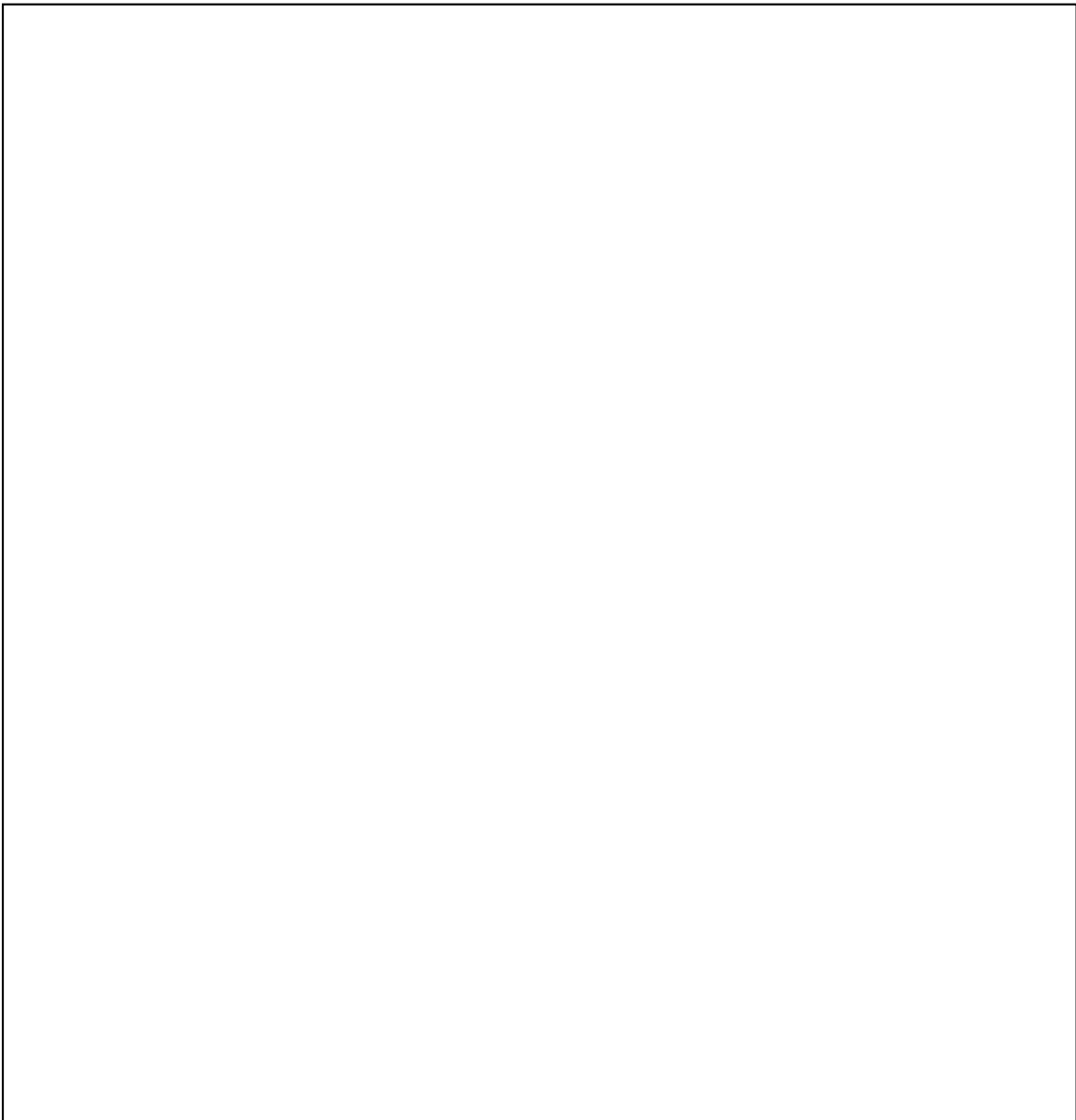


Infrastructure

- Maintain and build resources for 'end game'
- Prepare strategy for post-NRE

This Workshop

- Identify necessary resources for 'end game'
- Initiate discussion of post-NRE visions
- Identify strategic options for post-NRE
- Distribute tasks and responsibilities



Post-NRE Options

- Continue with same model (SSHRC funding)
- Reduce academic, increase community agenda-setting
- Distribute resources and infrastructure to emerging centres and networks
- Maintain minimal infrastructure as public service

Do we know how to revitalize rural Canada yet?

Post-NRE Options

- Continue with same model (SSHRC funding)
 - Core funding from major grant and/or
 - Coordinated funding with many independent researcher grants
- Shift the organization and control to community groups (sites? NGOs? Private organizations?)
- Distribute resources and infrastructure to emerging centres and networks
 - CURA, Centres of Excellence, Research Chairs
- Maintain minimal infrastructure as public service

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