NORTHERN RESEARCH CENTER

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Capital is any type of resource capable of producing additional resources





Building a framework that demonstrates the connection between all parts of a community

Use community capitals to measure current resources and identify potential for improvements



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NATURAL CAPITAL

Consists of all the natural resources (ex. berries. algae, fish waste) available to a community. Not only adds to the beauty but affects the economy; such as agricultural development.

Example: Increase sales revenues and/or creates business opportunities



CULTURAL CAPITAL

This is what gives a community it's own distinctive character; consisting of common attitudes, symbols, events...etc. This is a shared identity that make us feel like a community.

Example: Using cultural capital for economic gain through tourism



HUMAN CAPITAL

Includes the qualities of an individual that helps them earn a living, strengthen the community, volunteerism...etc. Investments in people are important to develop communities.

Example: Training programs help an individual increase opportunities for a higher income



SOCIAL CAPITAL

The network of connections among individuals and organizations in a community and even between communities is the glue that holds our society together.

Example: People enjoy living where they feel connected and included



POLITICAL CAPITAL

This is created when access to power causes a change in resources and is strongly affected by social capital. Keep in mind that power in communities can take many forms and be found in many people.

Example: Lack of political capital can stop community projects, understanding is key to change.



BUILT CAPITAL

Infrastructures are the foundation of a community. These are the basic services and structures a community expects to have and need to be managed.

Example: Roads, internet, water/sewer, fish plants...etc



FINANCIAL CAPITAL

This is the money that is used for investment not for consumption. Communities depend on financial capital to invest in the growth of the community and to ensure sustainability for the future.

Example: Private investors, loans, community foundations...etc



