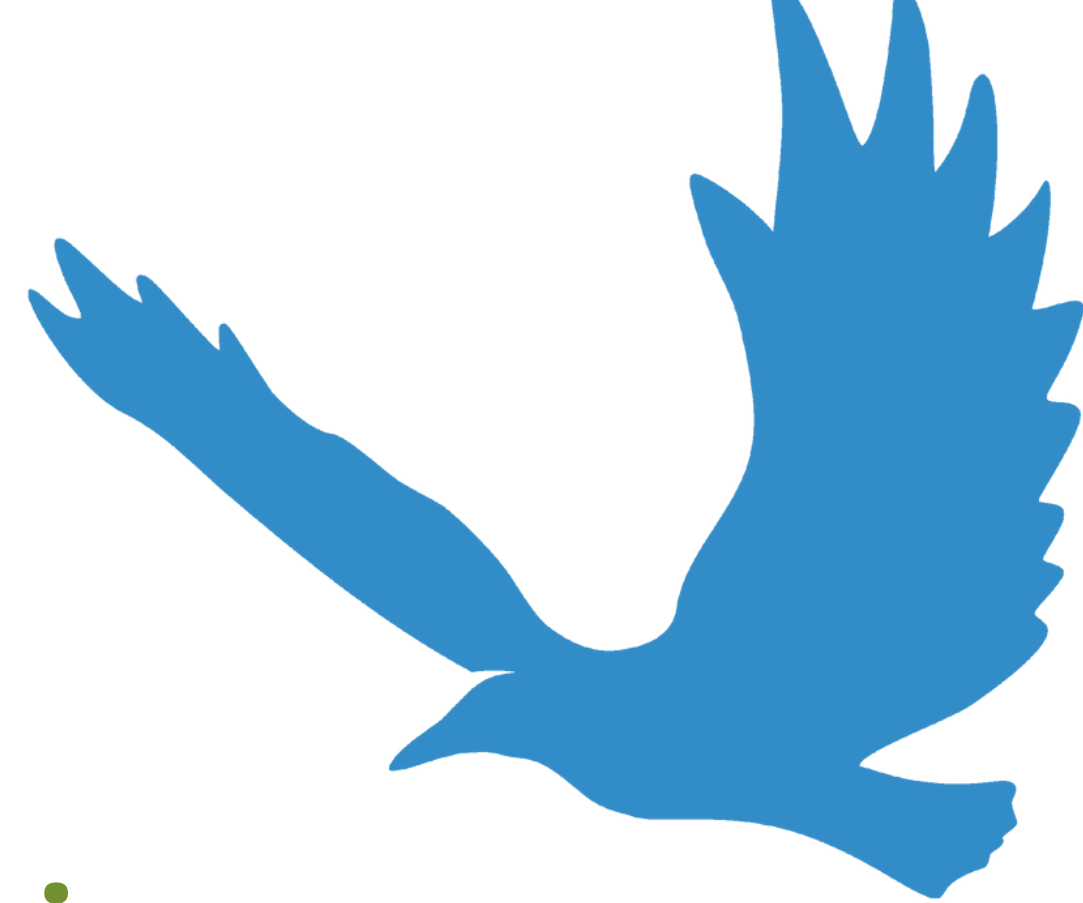


The Resilient Collaborative

Advancing the New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup

NROC Fellowship Presentation - May 2024



CAW's Five-Year Intentions

Retreat 1

Setting guiding principles to anchor future work

In the first retreat, participants used storytelling to generate a list of over 50 principles that are rooted in common experiences. These principles were organized and synthesized to communicate shared values and aid in future decision-making.

Retreat 2

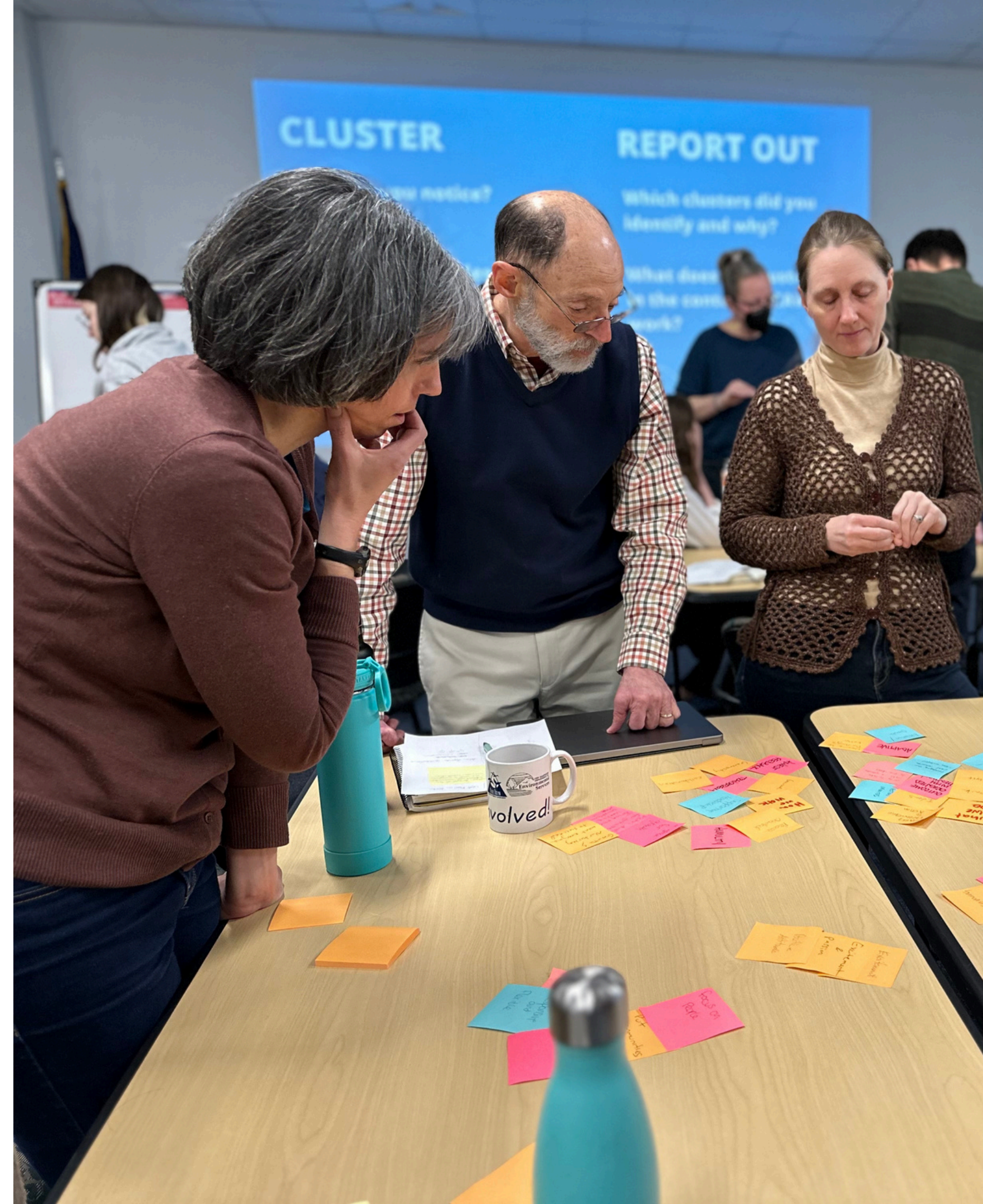
Generating realistic and ambitious goals

In the second retreat, CAW members developed goals which are rooted in CAW's strengths and opportunities with recognition of areas for growth or change.

Retreat 3

Developing strategies to help ideas come to life

In the final retreat, CAW moved from the conceptual to the practical. Participants identified specific activities, key partners, funding opportunities, and measures of success that would enable forward progress toward ambitious goals.



CAW's Five-Year Intentions

The following intentions will guide CAW's work over the next five years. They are intentionally broad, flexible, and directional. They are supported by specific activities in spaces where CAW is already a leader and in spaces where CAW hopes to grow.

Evolve Our Practice

Pause, learn, and grow in ways that expand and challenge our thinking individually and collectively so that we can affect meaningful and long-lasting change.

Advance Knowledge and the Field

Provide a forum for generative exchanges of information, resources, and accomplishments among local adaptation practitioners, community leaders, and local decision-makers.

Catalyze Principled Climate Adaptation

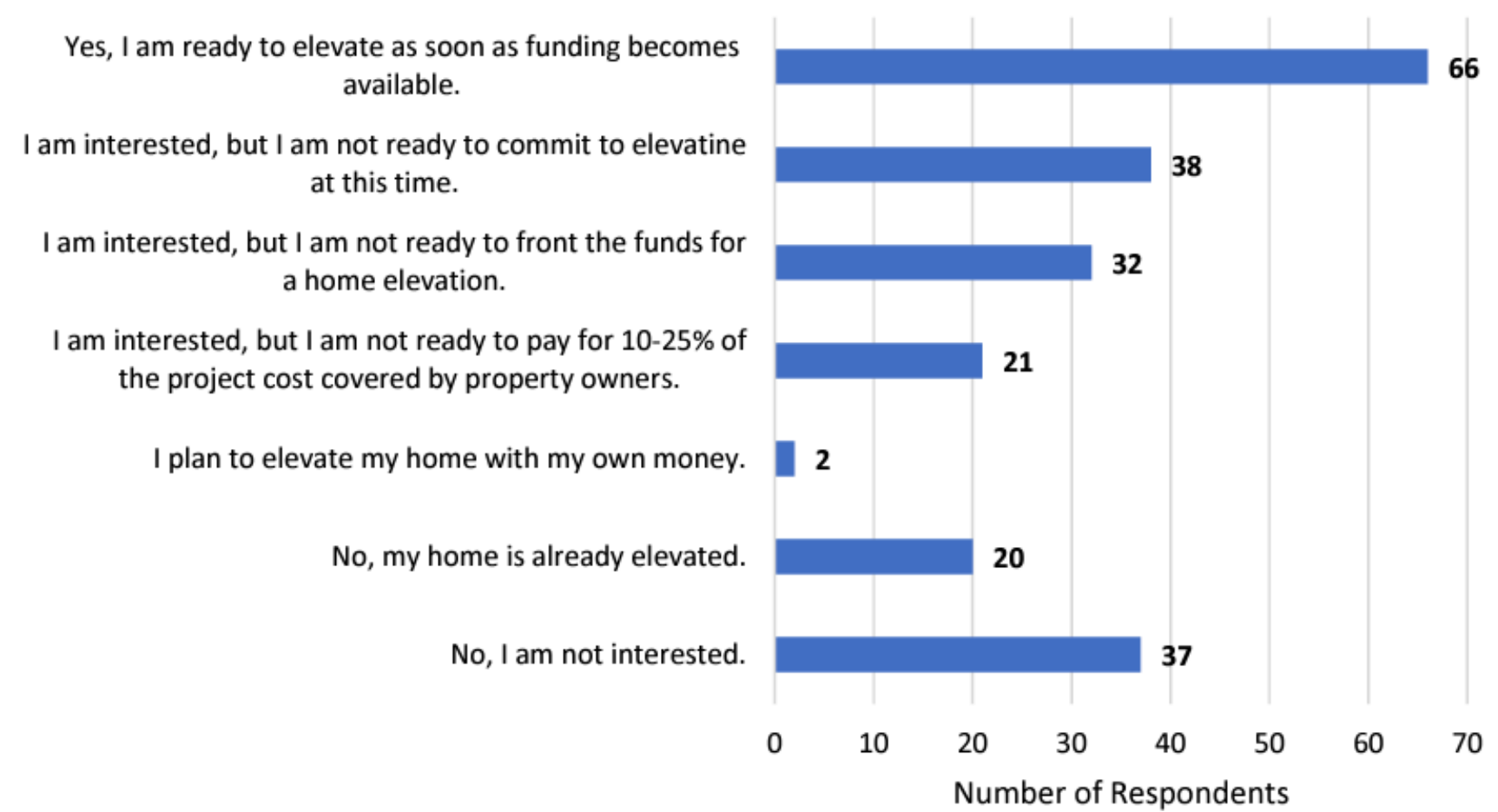
Bring together existing partners and nurture new partnerships for collaborative and emergent progress toward just, healthy, and vibrant communities and ecosystems.

Enable a Thriving Workgroup

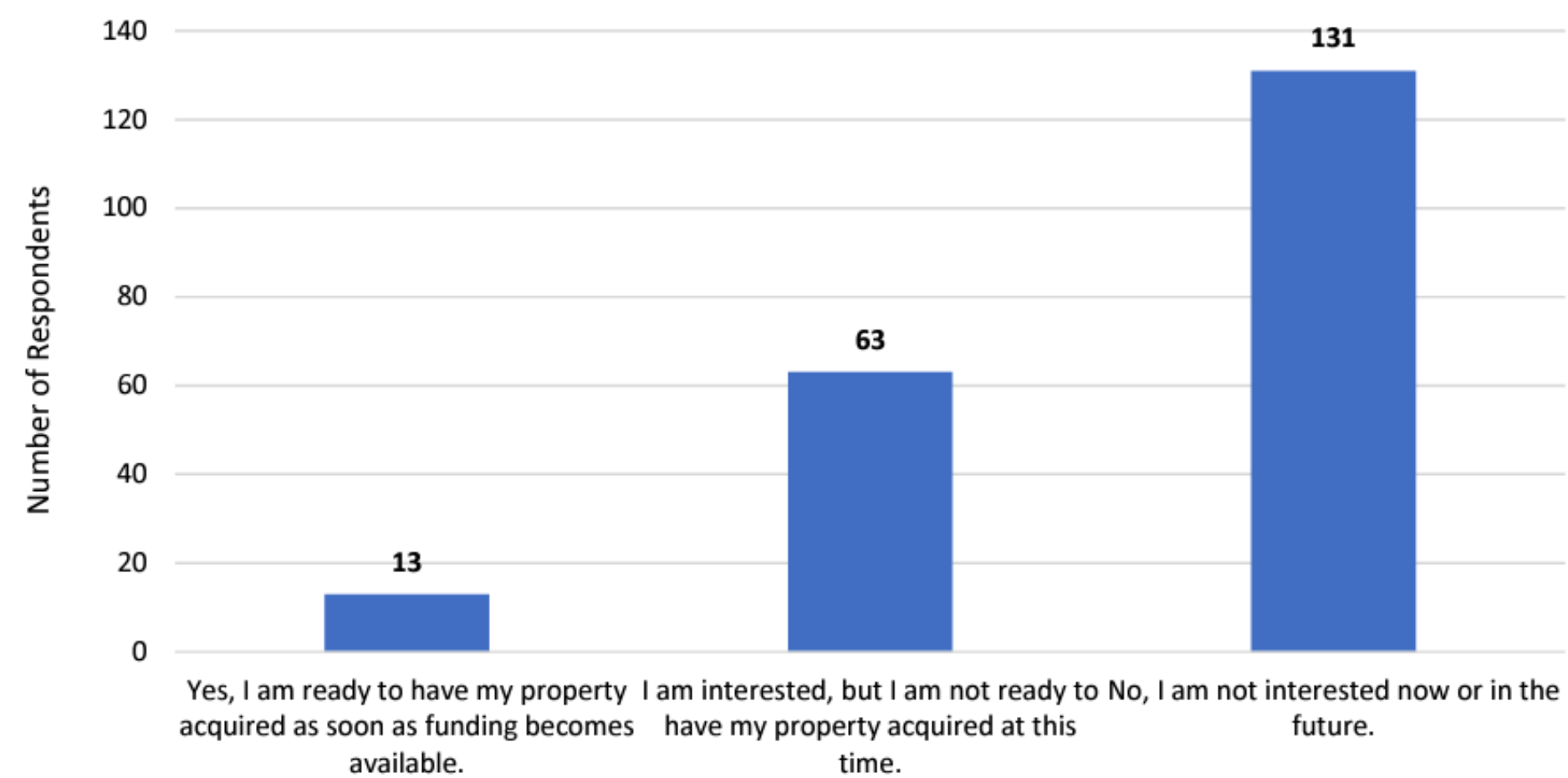
Enhance and sustain the connectivity, health, and impact of CAW so that we can continue to be a sustainable and collaborative community of leaders, learners, and practitioners.

Hampton Voluntary Elevation, Property Acquisition, and Relocation Program

Are you interested in elevating your home if funding becomes available?



Are you interested in participating in a voluntary acquisition if funding becomes available?



Program Framework

- Background
- Program Structure and Administration
 - Program Development and Management
 - Achieving Equitable Outcomes
 - Program Staffing
 - Community Engagement
 - Funding & Financing Mechanisms
 - Monitoring & Evaluation
- Project Selection, Application, and Implementation



Flood Ready Neighborhoods

Respect for local knowledge and humanity

We acknowledge that people should determine what their own neighborhoods and communities want, need, and are willing to do, and we respect their interests, needs, and willingness to participate (or not) in FRN. We believe that all people are knowledge holders, and all ways of knowing are valuable (cultural, experiential, western scientific, etc.). We believe that incorporating a diversity of thought is an asset to solution-building. We commit to enter into collaborations with respect and humility.

People have a right to their own story

Individuals and their neighborhoods have a right to their own story and with whom that story is shared. They know best what represents a benefit and what represents harm to their community and a story's power to do either. We seek to understand what these stories mean to them and/or their community so that we can honor this in our work. We will respect their preferences for how and where their stories are shared, regardless of potential cost to the research process or outside ideas of success. We will ensure that we check with them prior to spreading any of their stories beyond our immediate project team.

Environmental resources

We acknowledge that environmental resources are a common good, improving the resilience of all members of the community. As a result, nature-based approaches to improve flood resilience and the protection and restoration of environmental resources will be emphasized, where feasible.

Science and technical accessibility

Scientific and technical information will be made accessible to all audiences, ensuring that FRN participants do not feel excluded.

Equity

We recognize that we do not all start from the same place and must acknowledge and address structural imbalances in systems to achieve just outcomes. Successful efforts prioritize the most marginalized: those who experience the most vulnerability to climate change, disproportionate exposure to environmental injustice, and the biggest barriers to benefitting from climate solutions. We acknowledge that centering equity within FRN is an ongoing process, requiring us to continually identify and overcome intentional and unintentional barriers arising from bias or systemic structures, such as racism, economic inequality, ableism, and ageism. Focusing on equity allows us to better navigate the complex social, economic, and environmental challenges faced by FRN participants and their broader communities.

Honest, committed support

We strive to support the interests and needs of participants in FRN. We acknowledge that neighborhood priorities and needs may at times be inconsistent or even in conflict with FRN objectives. We will commit to be honest about the support FRN can and cannot offer and will strive to support neighborhood priorities that are consistent with FRN objectives, even if they will not lead to immediate achievement of objectives. We will be honest about the amount of time and funding available to provide neighborhood support. We commit to maintain contact with the neighborhoods over the long-term and continue to provide what support we are able, even if FRN is no longer a funded program.

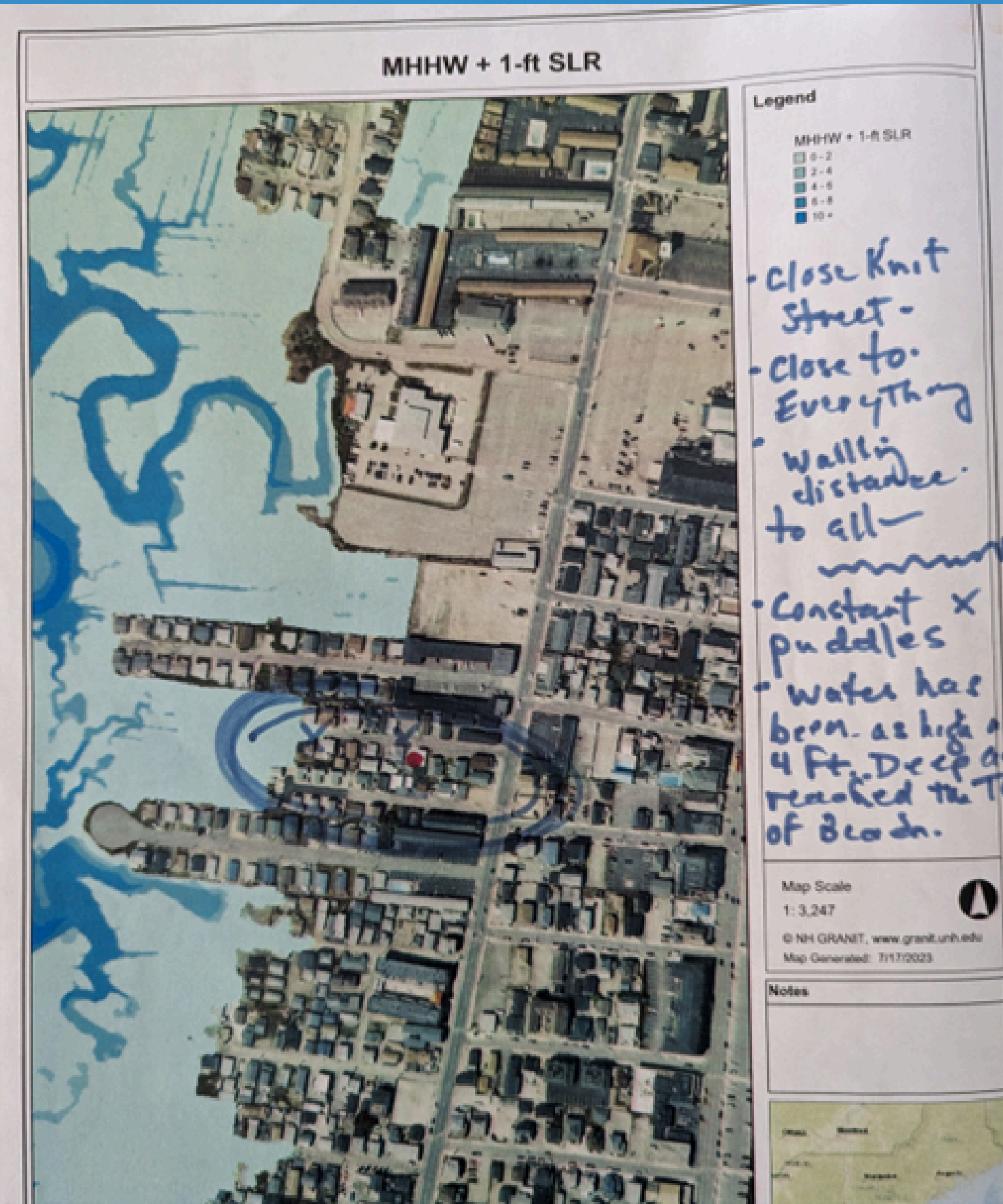
Collaboration

We will strive to build and strengthen new and existing relationships and to work together in partnership with neighborhoods rather than provide them with one-directional assistance or knowledge. We will also strive to encourage collaboration among neighborhood residents to strengthen neighborhood resilience against many stressors, including flooding, erosion, and the compounding impacts these can have on a wide variety of geophysical and socioeconomic hazards.

Time

We recognize that building connection and trust takes time, and we commit to allowing the time needed to develop community relationships, even if that means sacrificing efficiency.

Principled Support at the Neighborhood Scale



Thank You

Questions?

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