

Facilitating Hazard Resilience Discussions Using the Vulnerability, Consequences, and Adaptation Planning Scenario (VCAPS) Process

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What VCAPS does

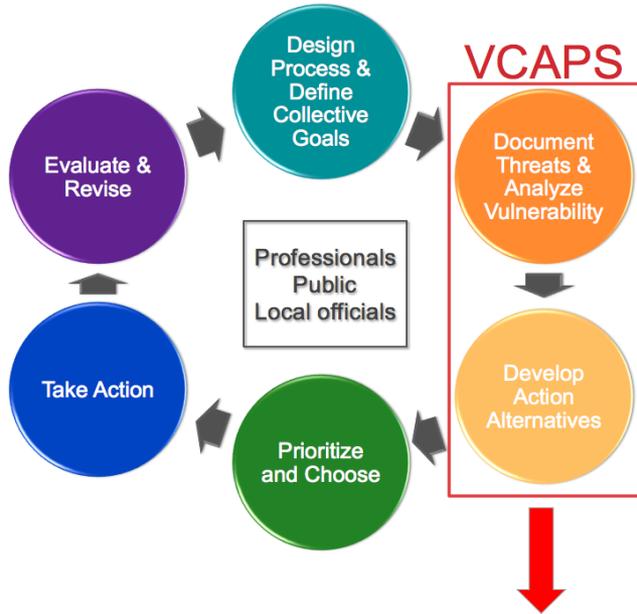
- Help people think about hazards...
 - Structure discussions using conceptual frameworks
 - Analytic-deliberative process
 - Causal structure of hazards
 - Vulnerability (sensitivity, adaptive capacity, resilience)
 - Utilize visualization techniques
 - AKA “influence diagrams” or “causal pathway diagrams”



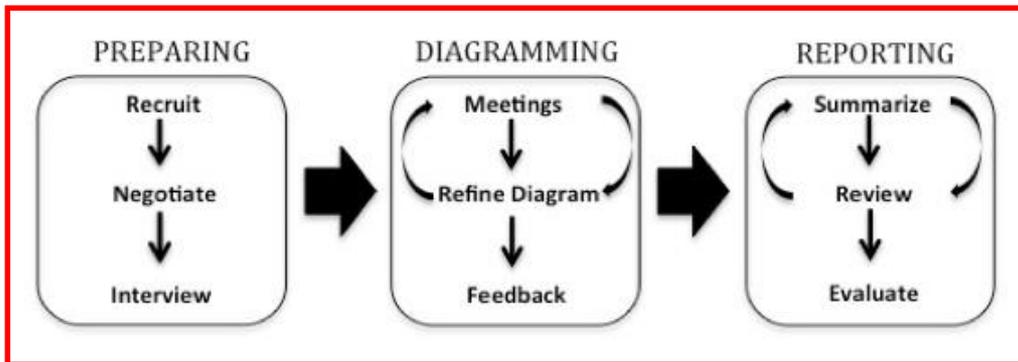
What VCAPS does

- Efficiently...
 - Reasonable (and flexible) demands on time and resources
- To produce “useable knowledge.”
 - Focus on what is relevant to participants and decisions
 - Co-construction of scenarios
 - Allow exploration of (local) complexities and uncertainties



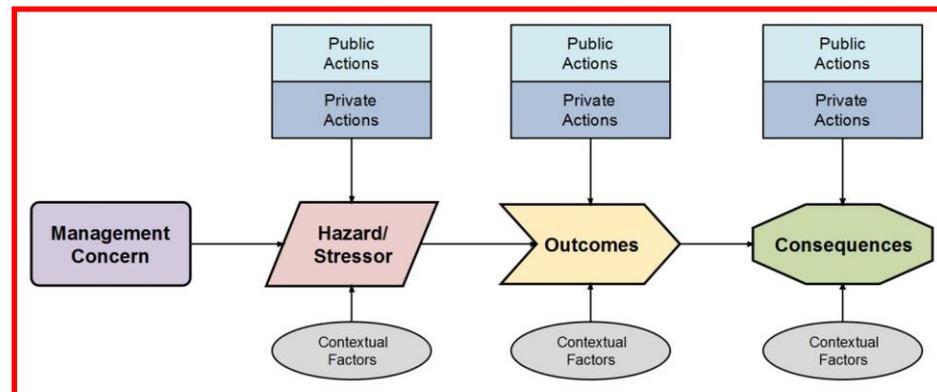


VCAPS supports initial phases of hazard and climate change planning and implementation...



...through group discussion and learning...

...supported by real-time diagramming.

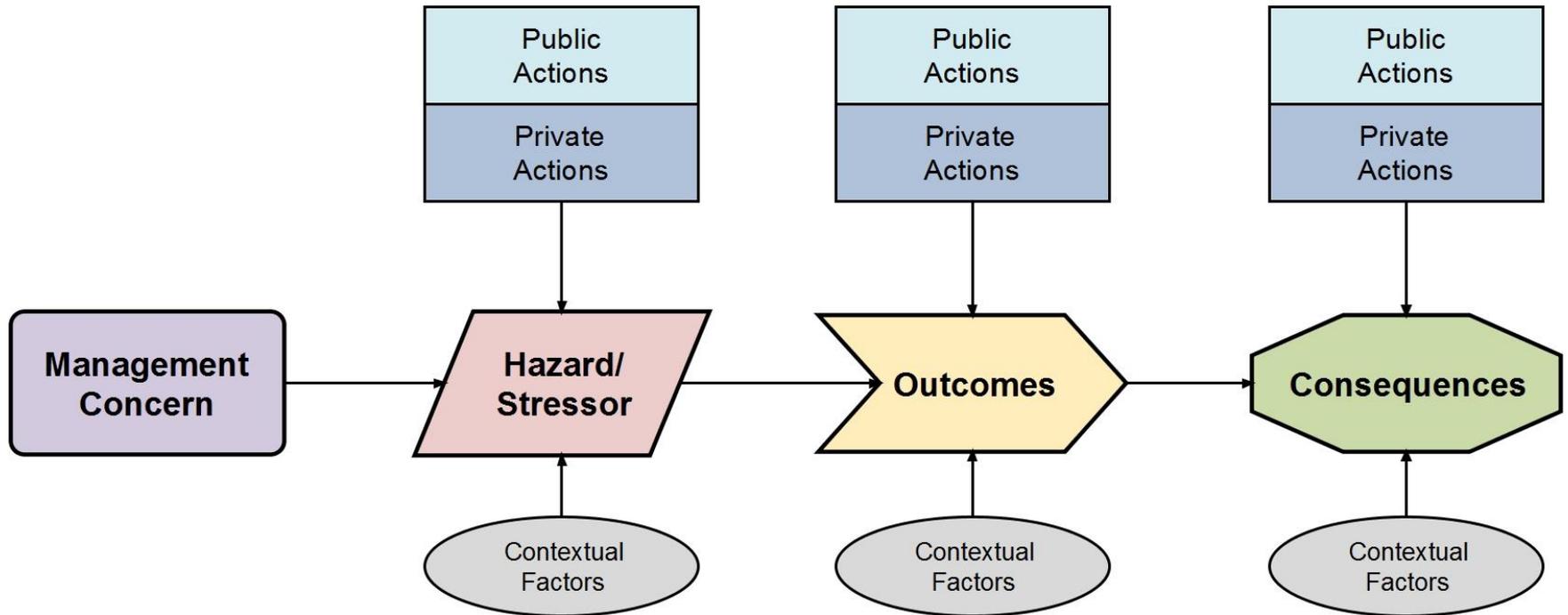


Probing questions, integrative discussion

- What impacts do hazards have in your community?
- Why do you care about the impacts? What is the result?
- What makes these impacts better, worse, larger, smaller?
- What can you do to prevent or mitigate this?



VCAPS diagrams: Building blocks



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