# Integrated Response to Flood Resilience Planning based on Ecosystem Services and an Eco-decisional Network.

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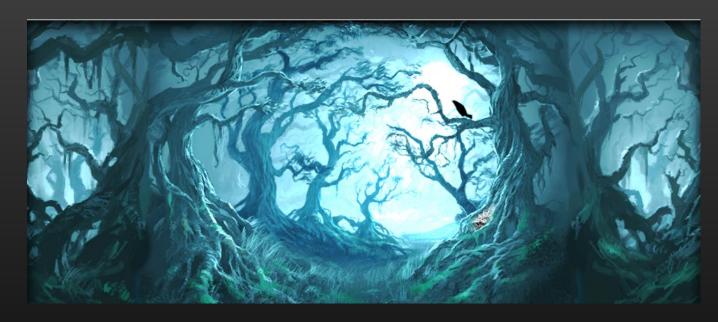
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### Can't see the Forest for the Trees...

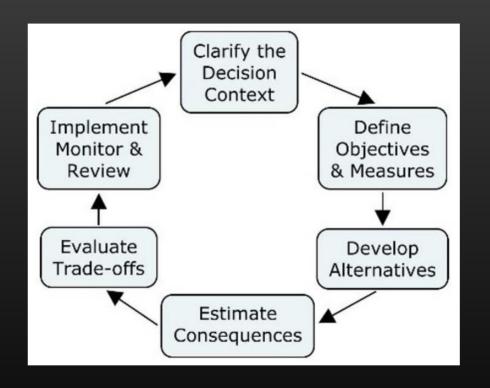


**Community flood resilience** 

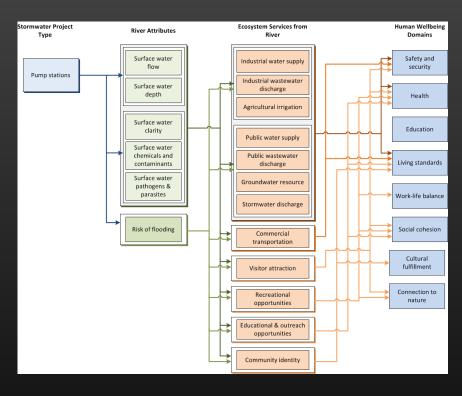


Flood protection

### Integrated tools needed



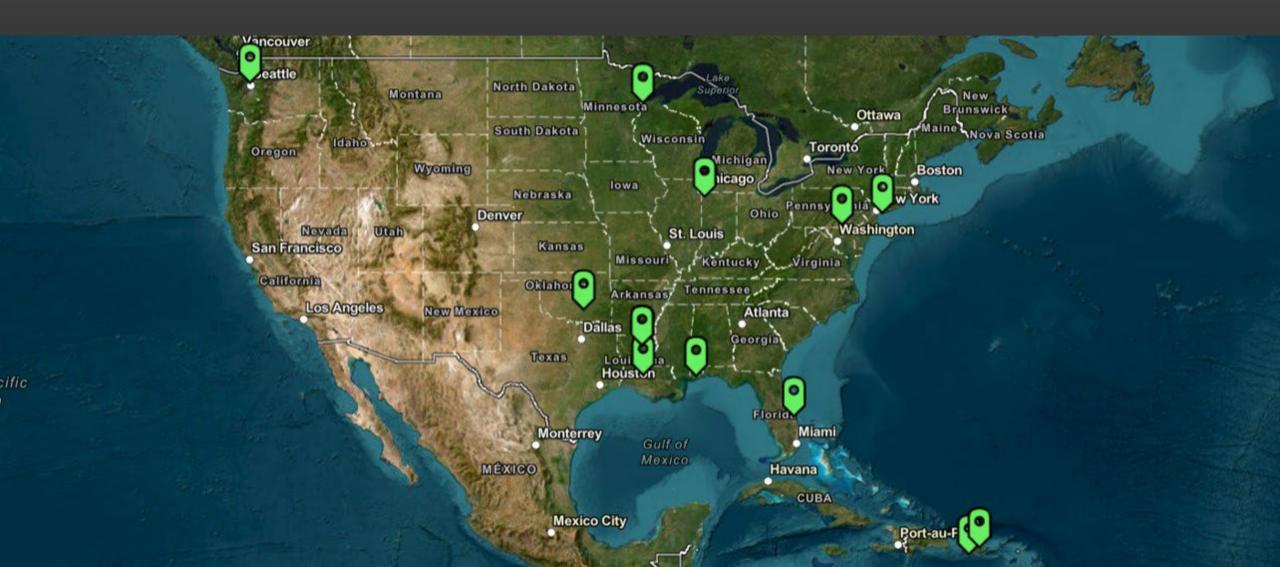




Stakeholder engagement

**Structured analysis of options** 

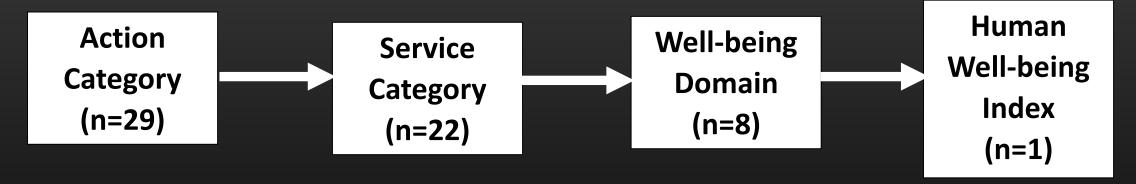
# National Community Case Study



# Eco-decisional network for community resilience

Fulford and Paulukonis 2024 Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution





- -Access Natural Resources
- -Flood protection
- -Preserve sense of pace
- -Econ development

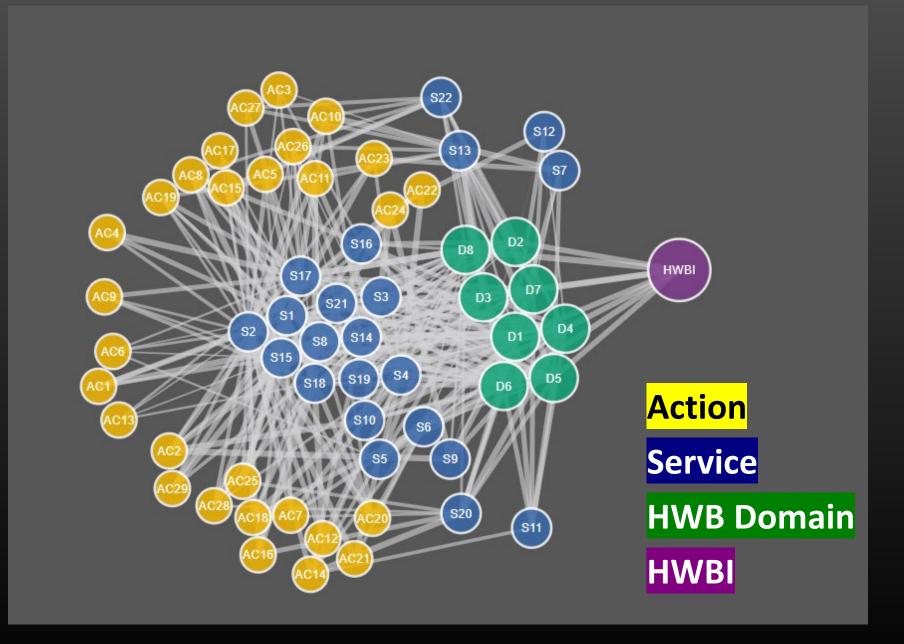
- -Employment
- -Greenspace
- -Consumption
- -Housing

- -Health
- -Living standards
- -Connection to Nature

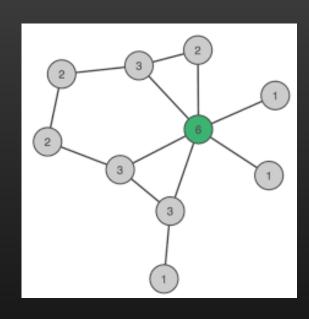
#### Eco-decisional Network

Nodes - 60 Links - 832 Link weights

Network indices
Connectivity
Ascendancy
Realized Roles



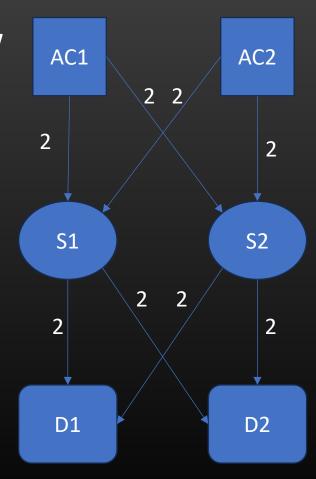
## Network theory as an analytical tool

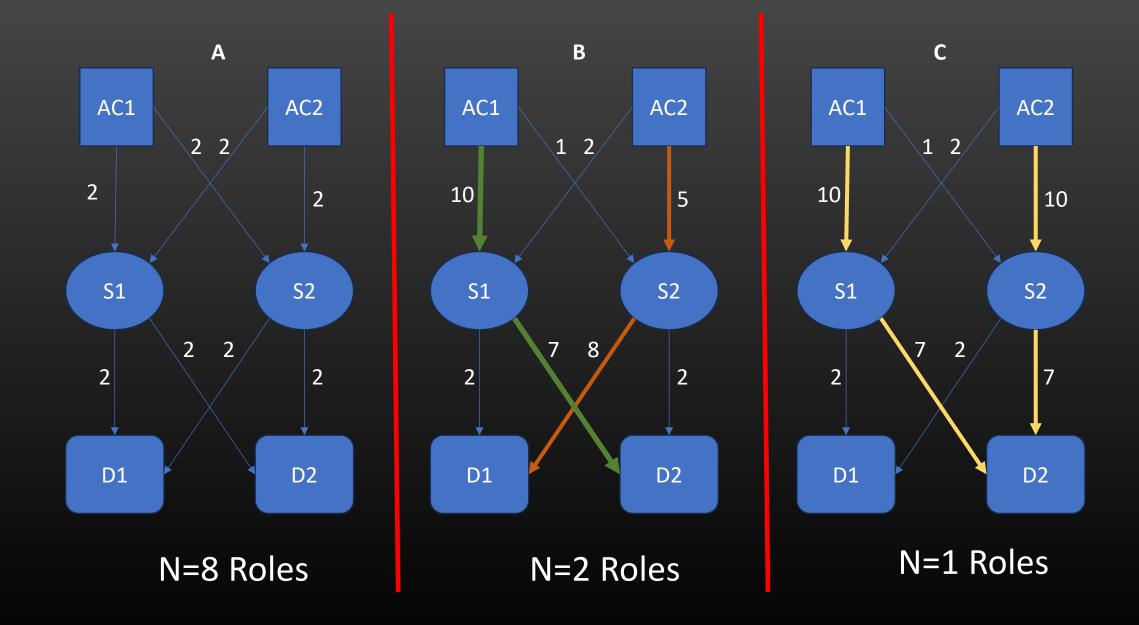


**Traditional Decisional Network** 

Weighted Flow Network

- Directionality
- Influence
- Pathways
- Realized Roles





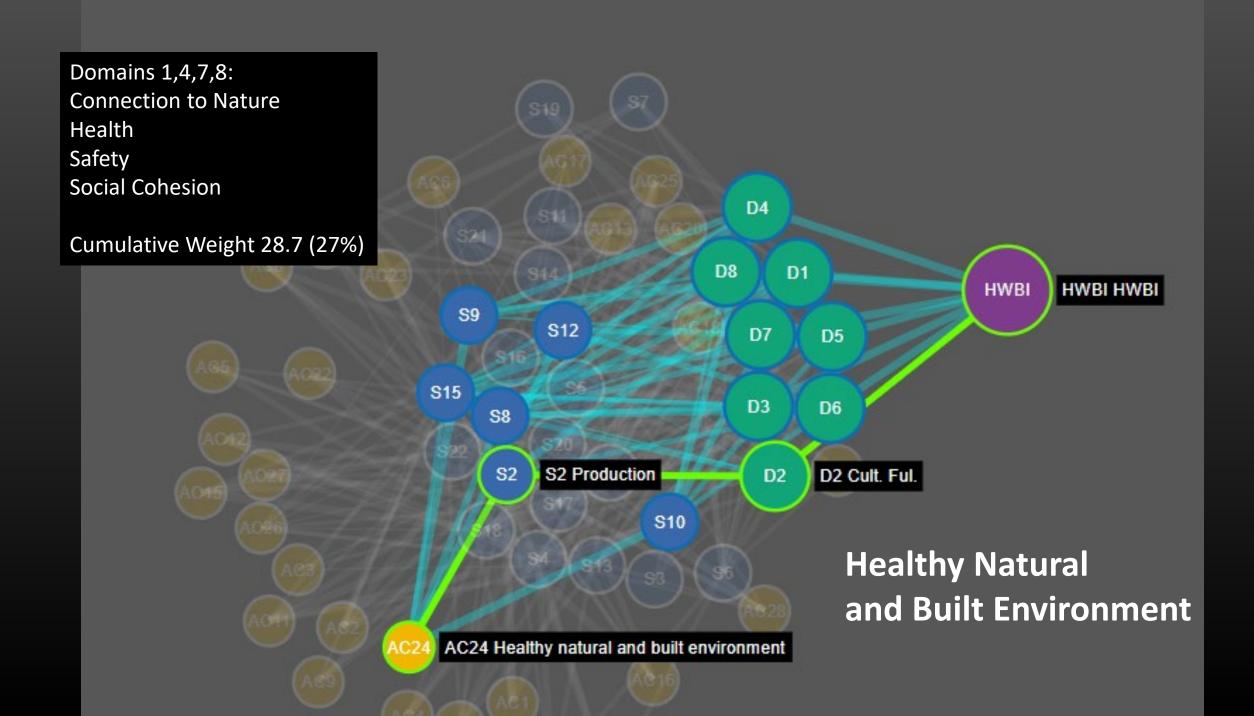
### Louisiana flood resilience roadmap

- Multiple repetitive floods lead to a call for an integrated response
- Community engagement combined with national network tool

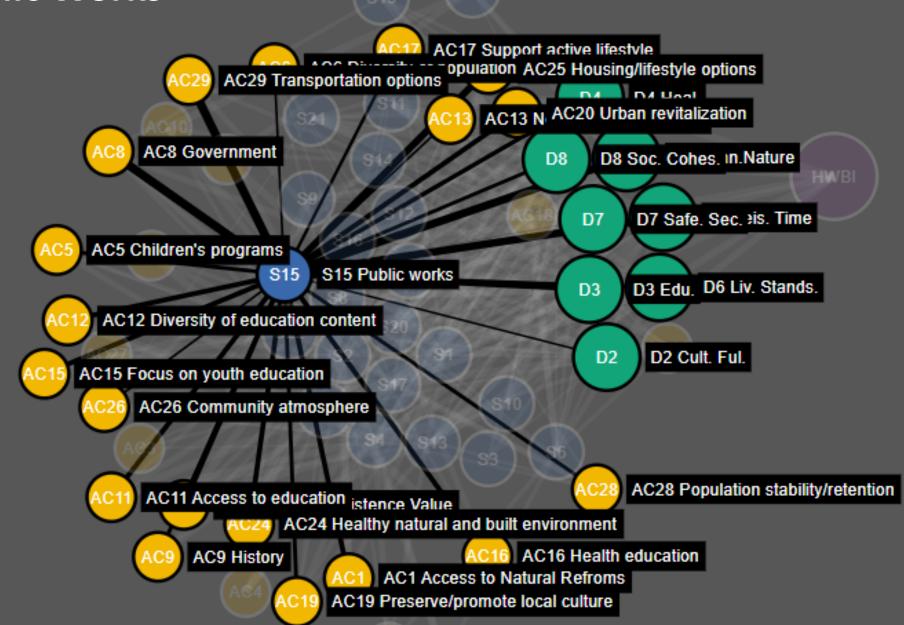


focus of parish stakeholder discussions:

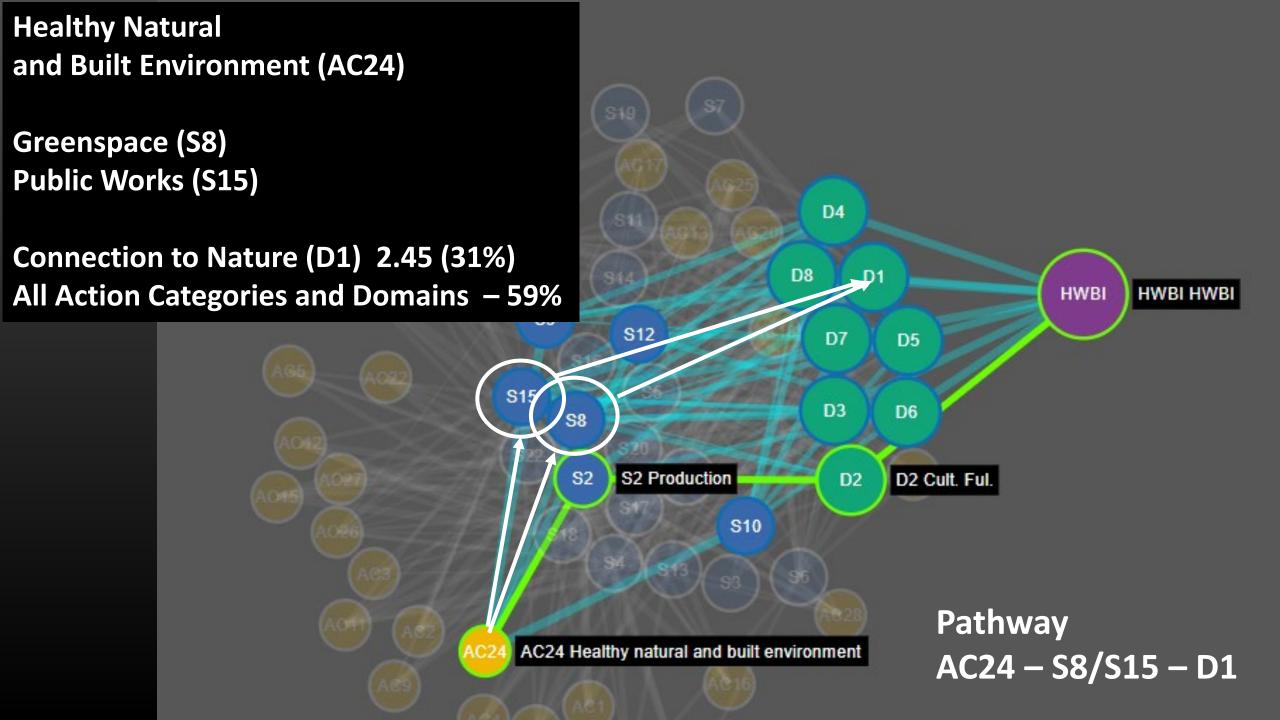
- 1) Maintain Habitat quality/Water Quality
- 2) Minimize waterborne pathogens and safe water supply
- 3) Reduce commute time
- 4) Flood safe housing.
- 5) Coordinating across parish governments/consistency



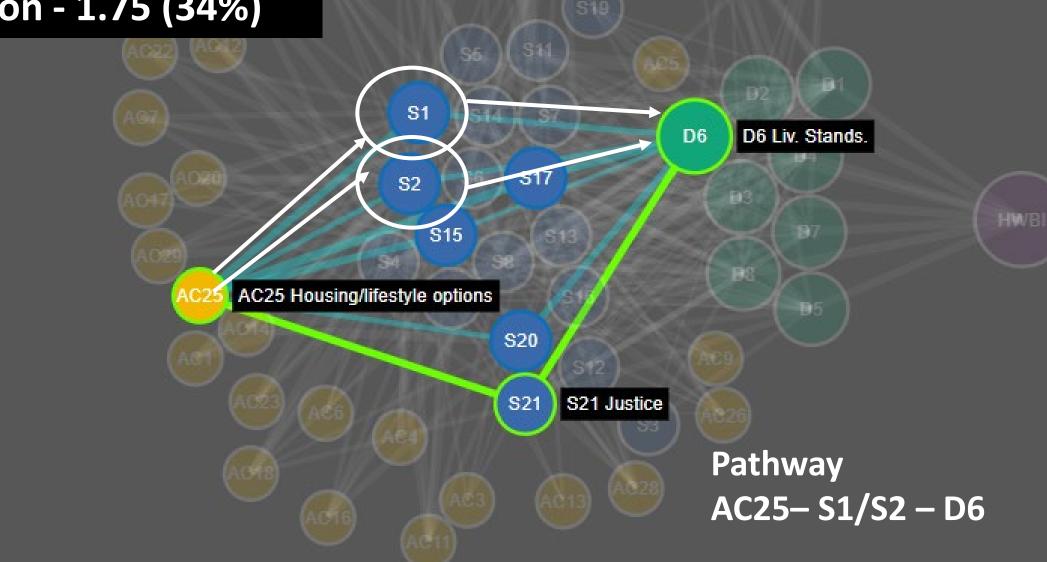
#### **Public Works**



#### Greenspace AC17 Support active lifestyle D3 Edu. D7 Safe. Sec. AC26 Community atmosphere D4 Heal. AC1 Ac AC24 Healthy natural and built environment D8 D8 Soc. Cohes. D1 Conn.Nature D5 Leis. Time D5 D2 D2 Cult. Ful. S8 Greenspace D6 Liv. Stands. D6 AC19 Preserve/promote local culture AC15 Focus on youth education AC2 Preserve Existence AC20 Urban revitalization AC16 Health education AC28 Population stability/retention AC11 Access to education



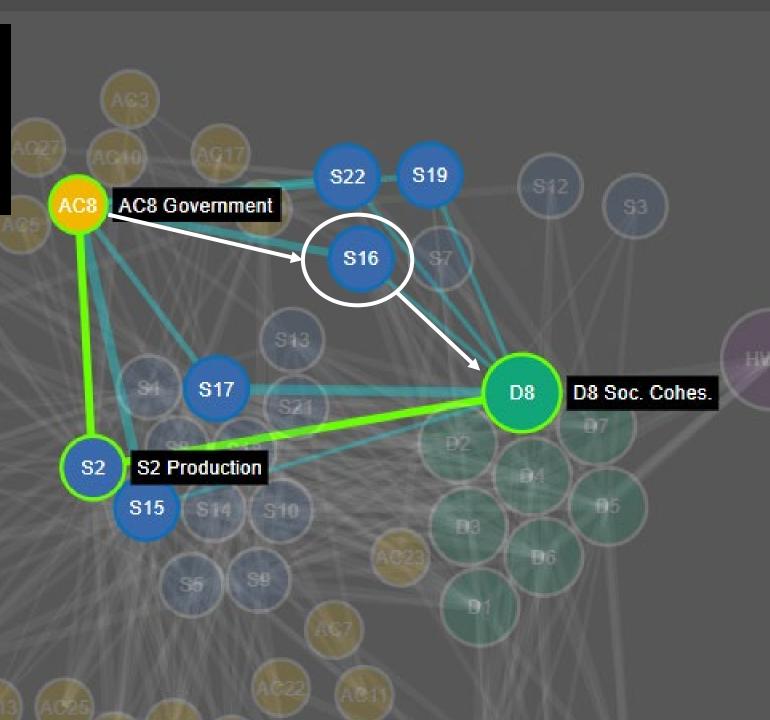
Flood safe housing equity and Transportation - 1.75 (34%)



Government –communication – Social cohesion

0.889 (10%)

Pathway AC8- S16 - D8



# Realized Roles for flood resilience (four most heavily weighted relevant Roles)

- Public vs Private pathways most influential
- Emphasis on Greenspace for flood capacity
- Flood safe Housing options as a tool for promoting Production and Cap invest. (travel time)
- Government invest in communication and information sharing

**Well-being domains** – Social cohesion, Living standards, Connection to Nature

#### Louisiana Resilience Roadmap

#### Community Resilience Story Maps



