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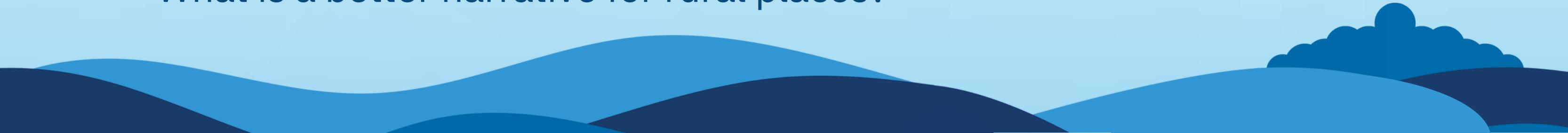
Peer Learning

Practitioner Voice in Systems Change

Resources for the Field



Opportunities for Rural

- Affordability is now a common concern
 - Better measurements of “success” needed
 - Health & Education intersections and alignment with rural development
 - Climate Change/Disaster/Energy
 - Outdoor Rec Economy: link environment & local asset building - equity
 - Rural Development Hubs: focus for capacity investments
 - Thrive Rural/WealthWorks: what does building wealth locally & systems change in rural look like?
 - What is a better narrative for rural places?
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Interdependence & Interconnectedness

Doing Rural Development Differently

Interconnected & Interdependent



Manufacturing

Education & Training



Shopping & Commerce

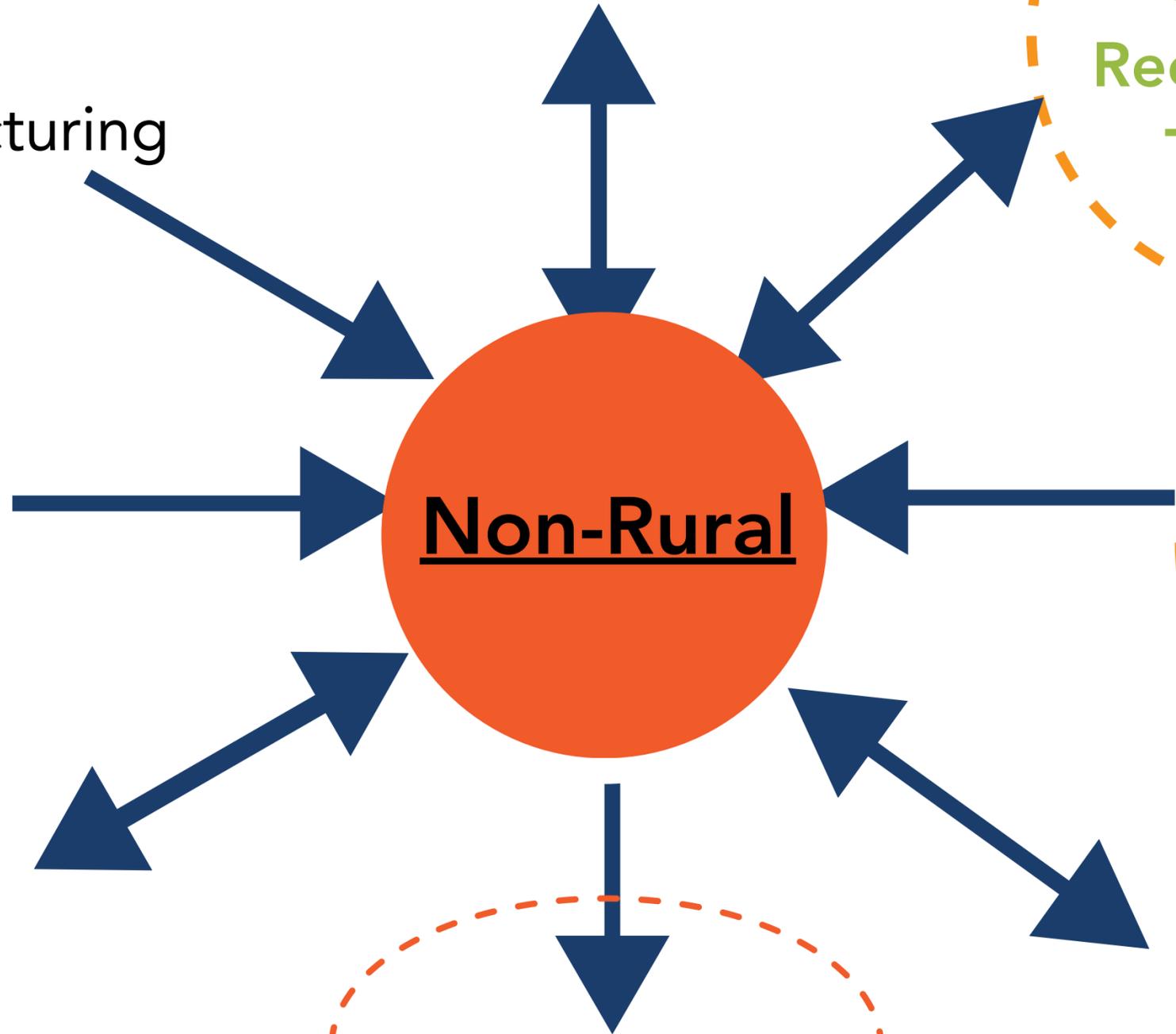


Food, Water, Energy & Other Natural Resources

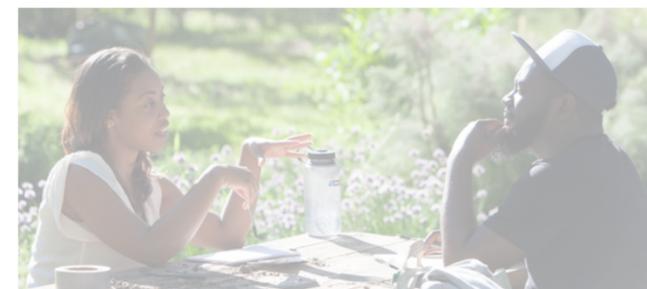
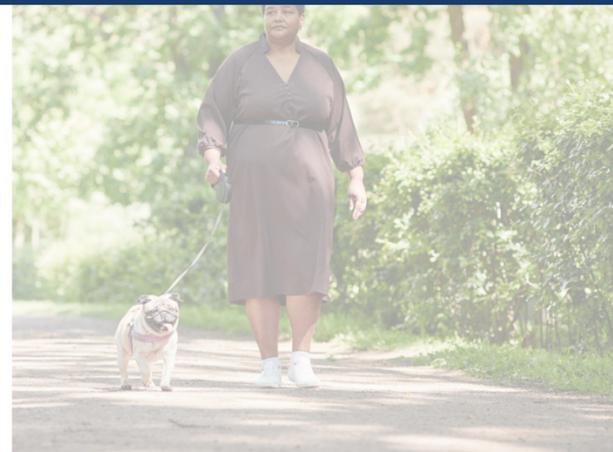
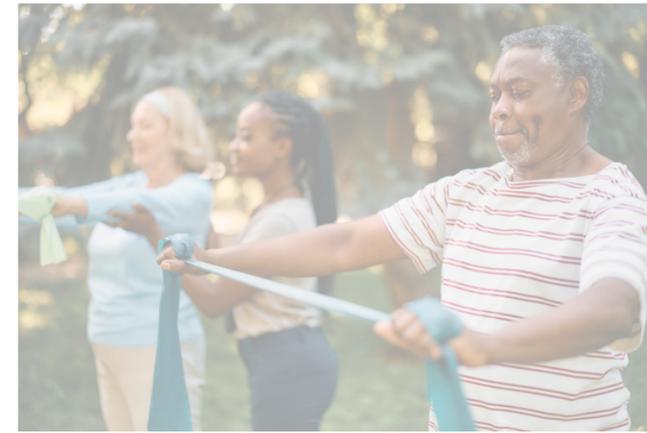
Cultural Activities



Migration & Commuting







THE THRIVE RURAL FRAMEWORK ULTIMATE OUTCOME

Communities and Native nations across the rural United States are healthy places where each and every person belongs, lives with dignity, and thrives.



Rural Voice and Power



Welcome All
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Advance
Personal
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Strengthen
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Equitable Aims and Design



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Aligned Rural Fields and Actors

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Balanced Development Outcomes

Cohesive Rural Policy Lens

Valued Rural Stewardship

Rural Stakeholder Equity

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Ready Rural Capital Access and Flow

Rural Data for Analysis and Change

Regional Analysis and Action

THRIVE RURAL FRAMEWORK

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Local-Level Building Blocks



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Advance Personal Well-Being



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Organize an Action Infrastructure



Act as a Region



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Rural Stakeholder Equity



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Regional Analysis and Action



The Foundational Element requires identifying and dismantling historical and ongoing discriminatory practices that disadvantage rural people and places based on place, race, & class.

THRIVE RURAL FRAMEWORK



Social Determinants of Health



Qualities of Hubs

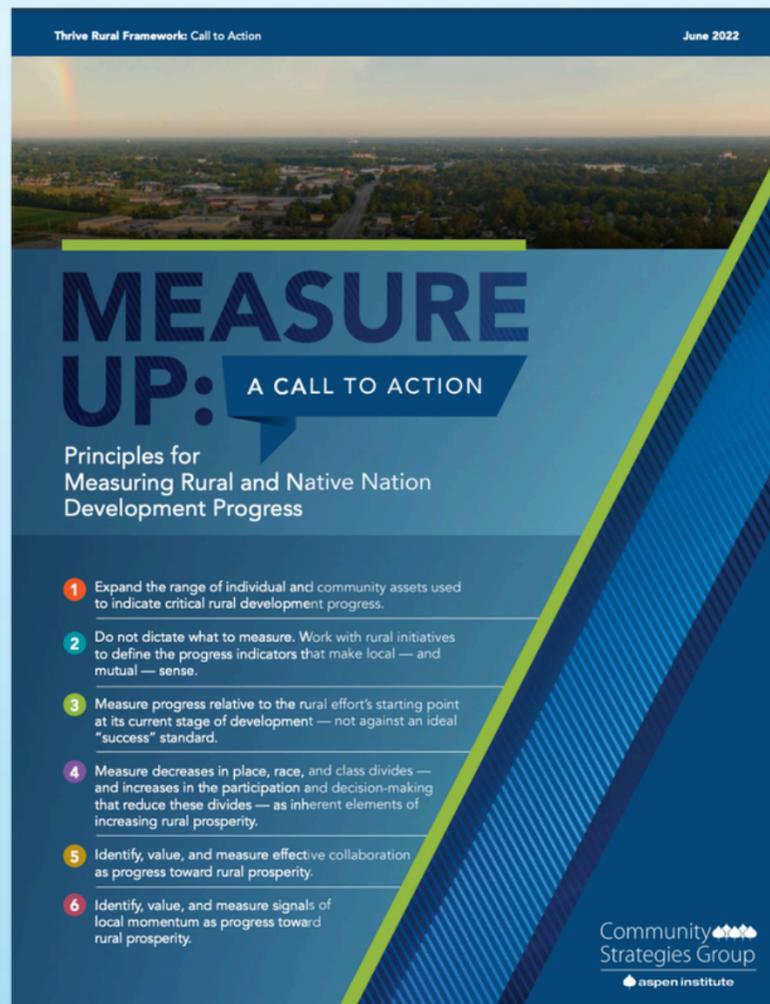


- Collaborate as an essential way of being and doing.
- Are of their region, know their region, and build trust in their region.
- Bridge issues and silos.
- Take and tolerate risk.
- Analyze at the systems level and intentionally address gaps in the systems.

Thrive Rural Action-Learning Exchange (TRALE)

Aspen CSG convenes a wide-ranging set of rural practitioners, advocates, & policymakers to address an “action gap” that stands in the way of changing systems and/or behavior critical to driving rural progress.

Thrive Rural Framework: Call to Action June 2022



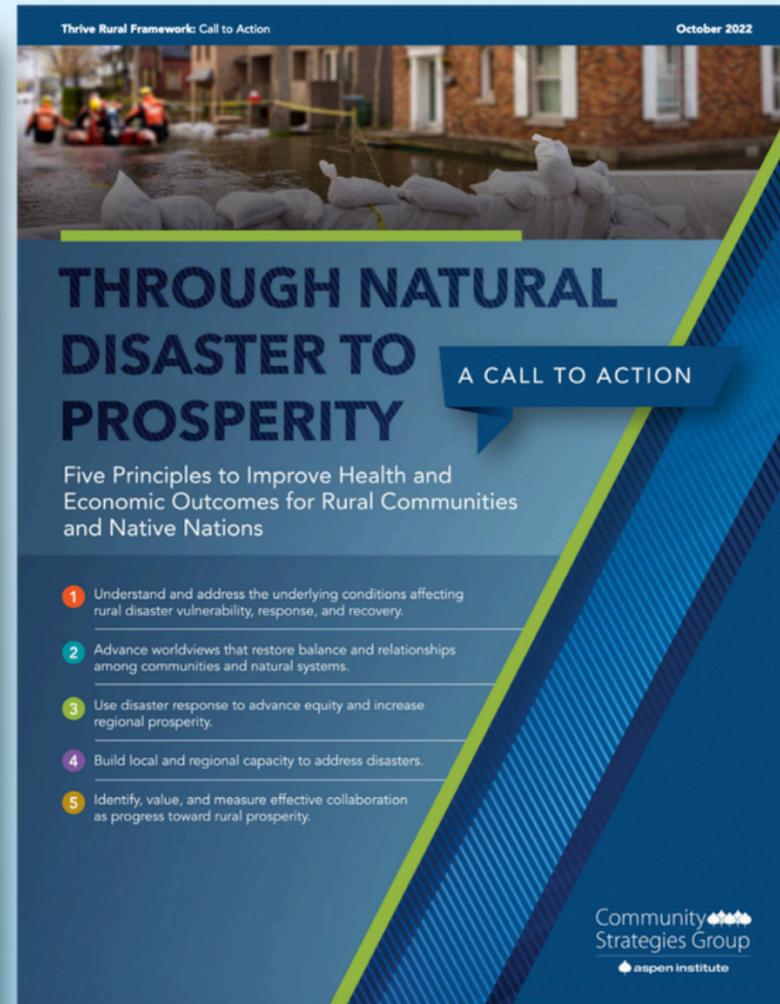
MEASURE UP: A CALL TO ACTION

Principles for Measuring Rural and Native Nation Development Progress

- 1 Expand the range of individual and community assets used to indicate critical rural development progress.
- 2 Do not dictate what to measure. Work with rural initiatives to define the progress indicators that make local — and mutual — sense.
- 3 Measure progress relative to the rural effort's starting point at its current stage of development — not against an ideal “success” standard.
- 4 Measure decreases in place, race, and class divides — and increases in the participation and decision-making that reduce these divides — as inherent elements of increasing rural prosperity.
- 5 Identify, value, and measure effective collaboration as progress toward rural prosperity.
- 6 Identify, value, and measure signals of local momentum as progress toward rural prosperity.

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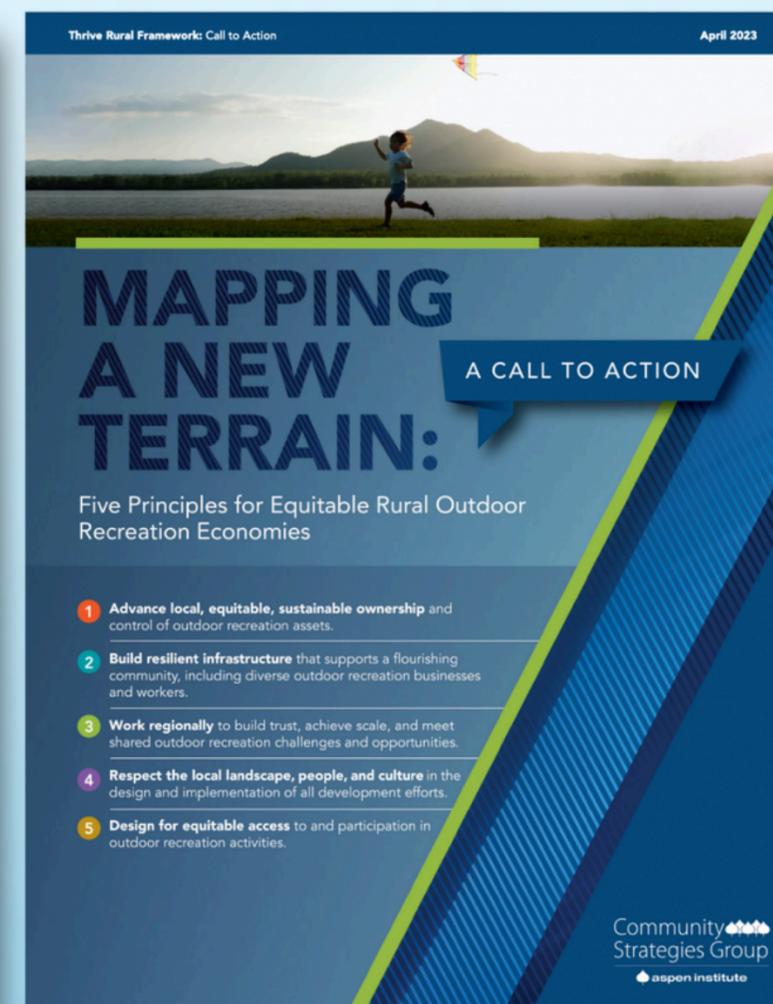
THROUGH NATURAL DISASTER TO PROSPERITY A CALL TO ACTION

Five Principles to Improve Health and Economic Outcomes for Rural Communities and Native Nations

- 1 Understand and address the underlying conditions affecting rural disaster vulnerability, response, and recovery.
- 2 Advance worldviews that restore balance and relationships among communities and natural systems.
- 3 Use disaster response to advance equity and increase regional prosperity.
- 4 Build local and regional capacity to address disasters.
- 5 Identify, value, and measure effective collaboration as progress toward rural prosperity.

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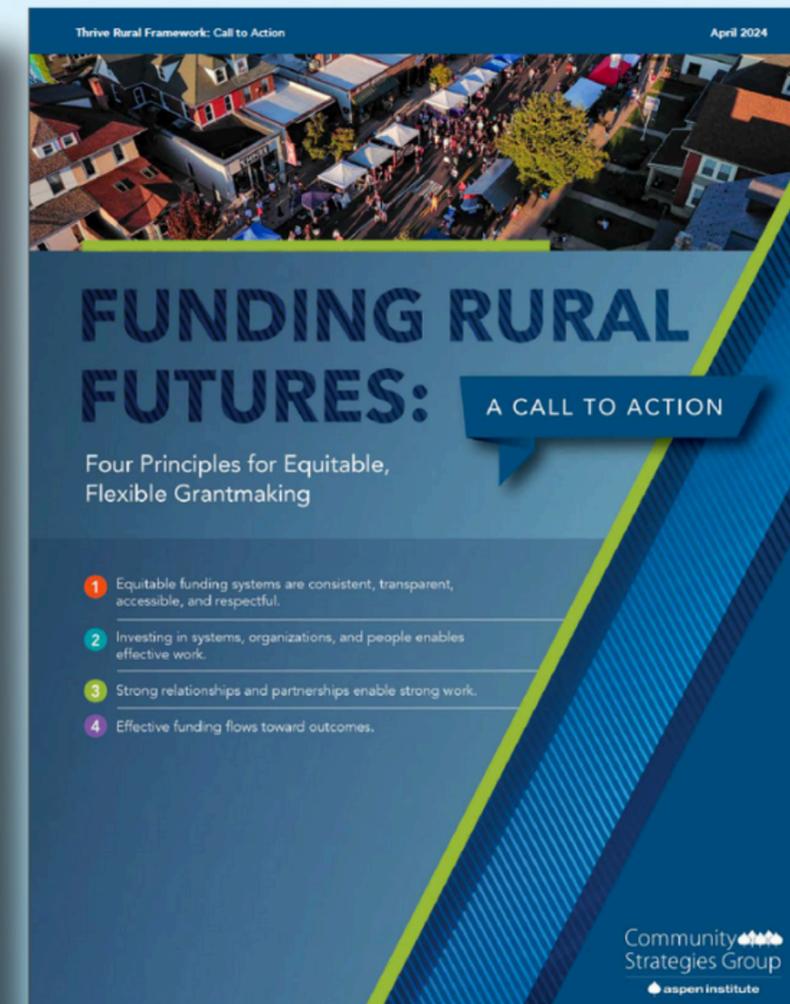
MAPPING A NEW TERRAIN: A CALL TO ACTION

Five Principles for Equitable Rural Outdoor Recreation Economies

- 1 Advance local, equitable, sustainable ownership and control of outdoor recreation assets.
- 2 Build resilient infrastructure that supports a flourishing community, including diverse outdoor recreation businesses and workers.
- 3 Work regionally to build trust, achieve scale, and meet shared outdoor recreation challenges and opportunities.
- 4 Respect the local landscape, people, and culture in the design and implementation of all development efforts.
- 5 Design for equitable access to and participation in outdoor recreation activities.

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FUNDING RURAL FUTURES: A CALL TO ACTION

Four Principles for Equitable, Flexible Grantmaking

- 1 Equitable funding systems are consistent, transparent, accessible, and respectful.
- 2 Investing in systems, organizations, and people enables effective work.
- 3 Strong relationships and partnerships enable strong work.
- 4 Effective funding flows toward outcomes.

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