



CommuniTree:

Partnerships for Tree Planting & Research



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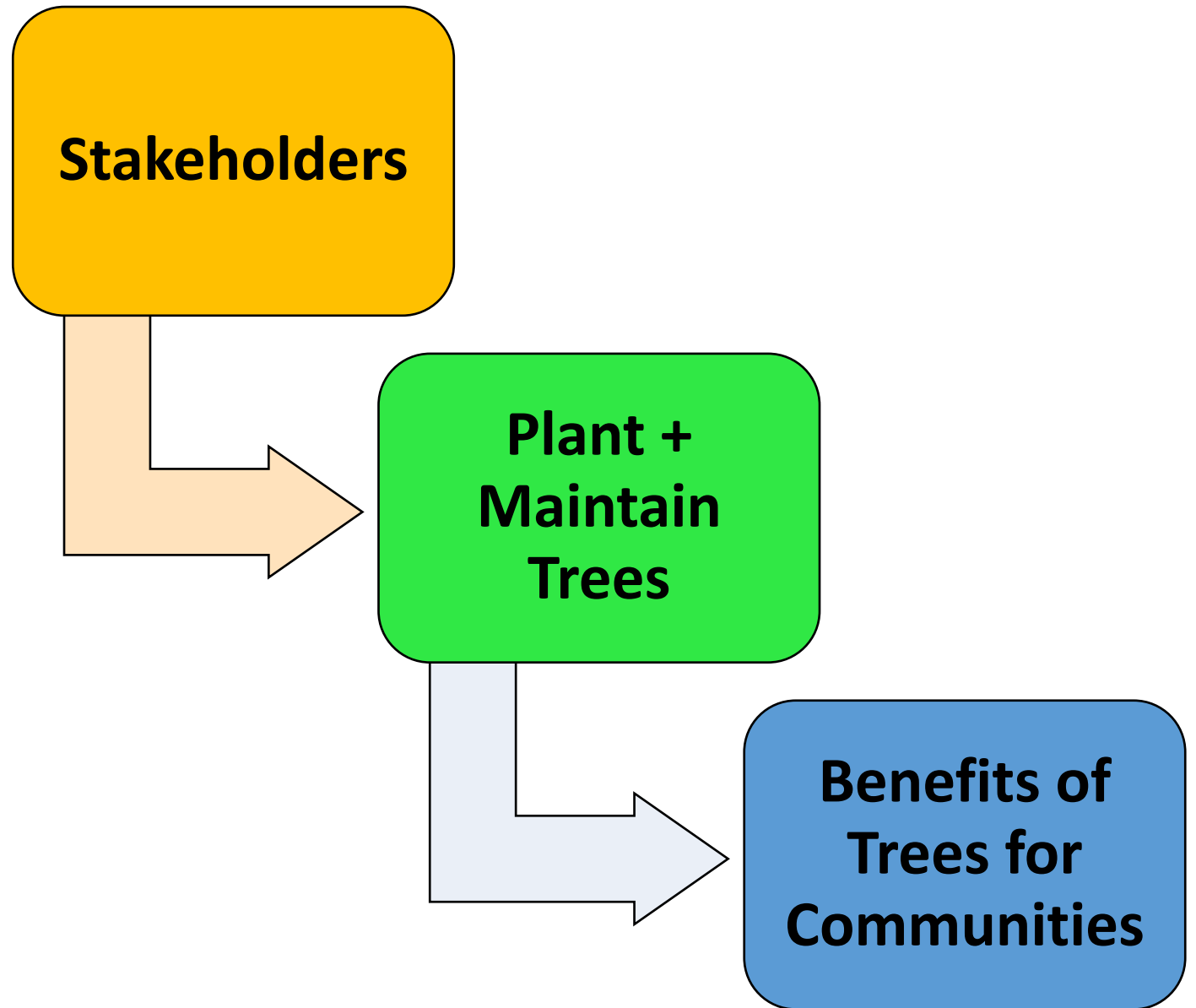
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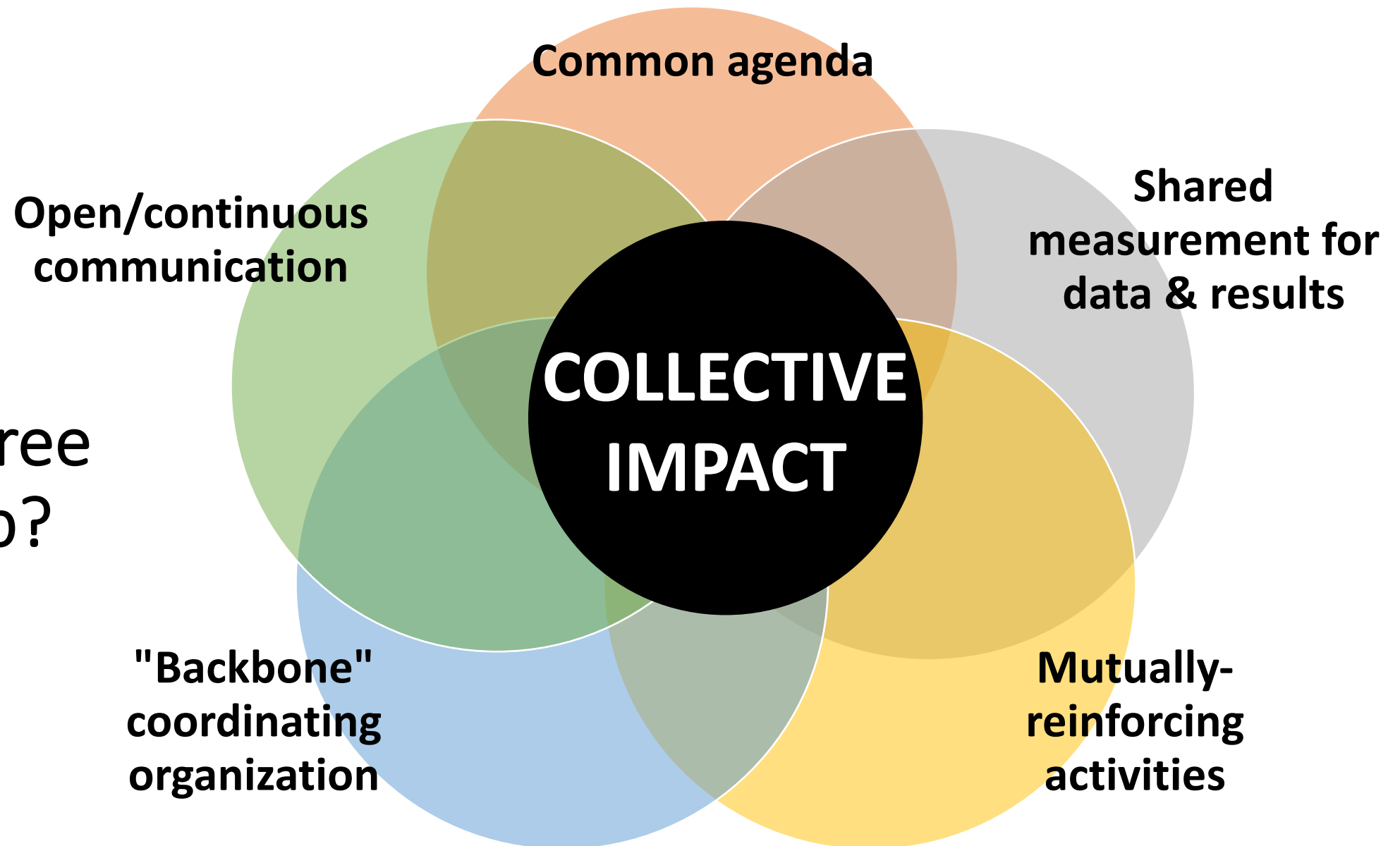
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Collaborative
...
Multi-
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Grant-funded
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Tree-planting
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Partnership



What's
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Government
Nonprofit
Partnership group
Private sector

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Metrics

- **1,000+** native trees planted in 2017
- Administered to grant recipients – schools, municipalities, community groups can request trees →
- OR trees are planted by SCA crew
- Trees watered for 2 years, mostly by municipalities
- Goal of engaging more volunteers



Grant dollars fund a Student Conservation Association Crew



CommuniTree + DePaul LUFA = Research!

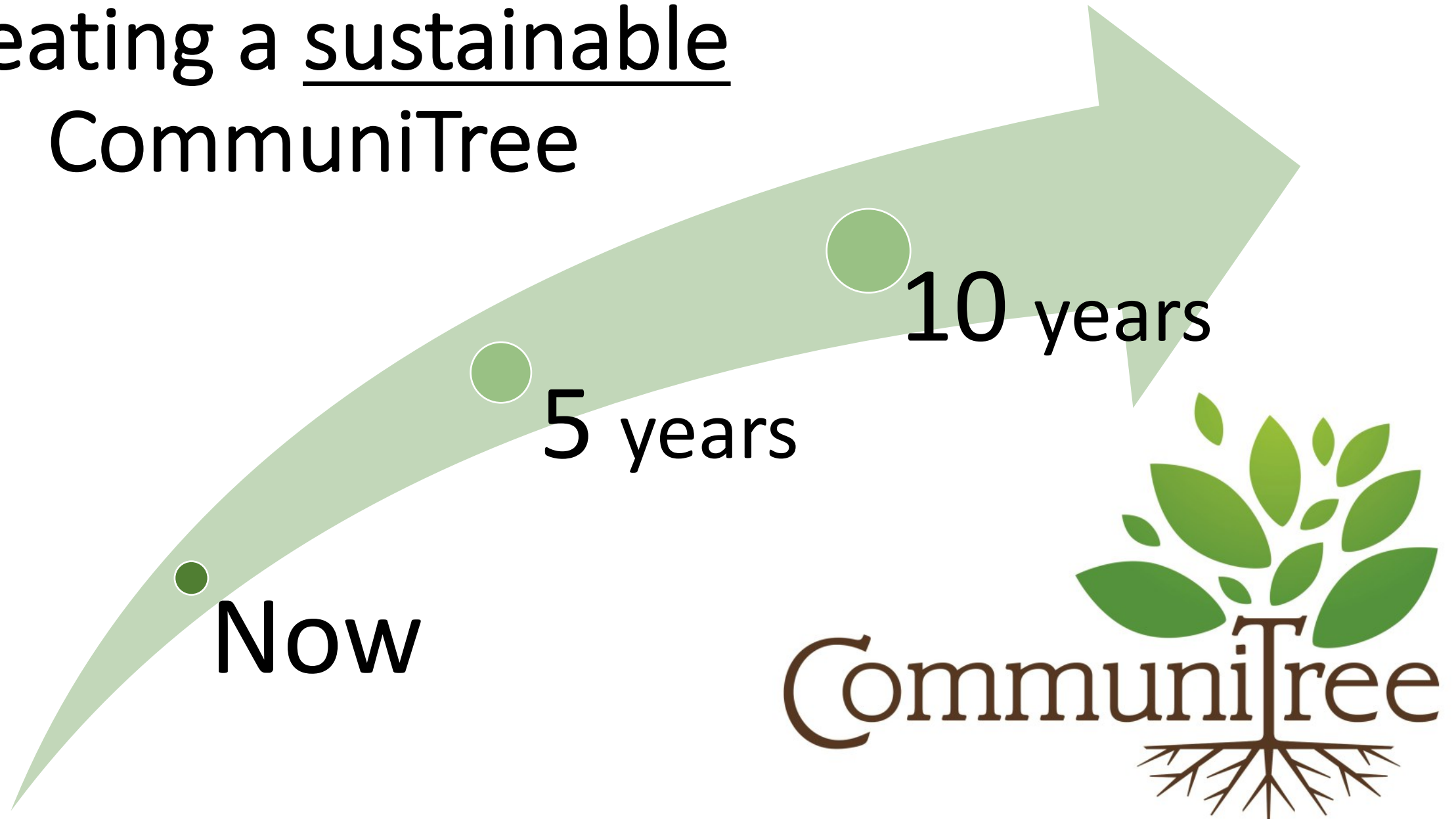
Research Questions:

1. What are stakeholder **motivations** and **desired outcomes** for CommuniTree?
2. What **resources** (funding, time, personnel, material, etc.) are stakeholders allocating to the CommuniTree effort and **to what activities** are these resources dedicated?
3. What are the ***observed* environmental (ecological) and community (social) outcomes** of CommuniTree?
4. How does the **surrounding socio-environmental context** influence CommuniTree stakeholders & participants and observed environmental & community outcomes?



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Creating a sustainable CommuniTree





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Questions?

