COVID-19 AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Community vulnerability and the integration imperative

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Vulnerabilities and Integrated Approaches

Vulnerabilities highlighted by the pandemic are vulnerabilities to other exogenous shocks

- Global, transboundary supply chains
- Labour shortages
- ‘Just-in-time’ inventory management
- Disruptions to transportation networks
- Inequitable income and job losses (e.g., oil and gas, service)
- Single-resource economies
- Social connectivity (challenges and needs)
- Vulnerable populations (e.g., homeless and underhoused)

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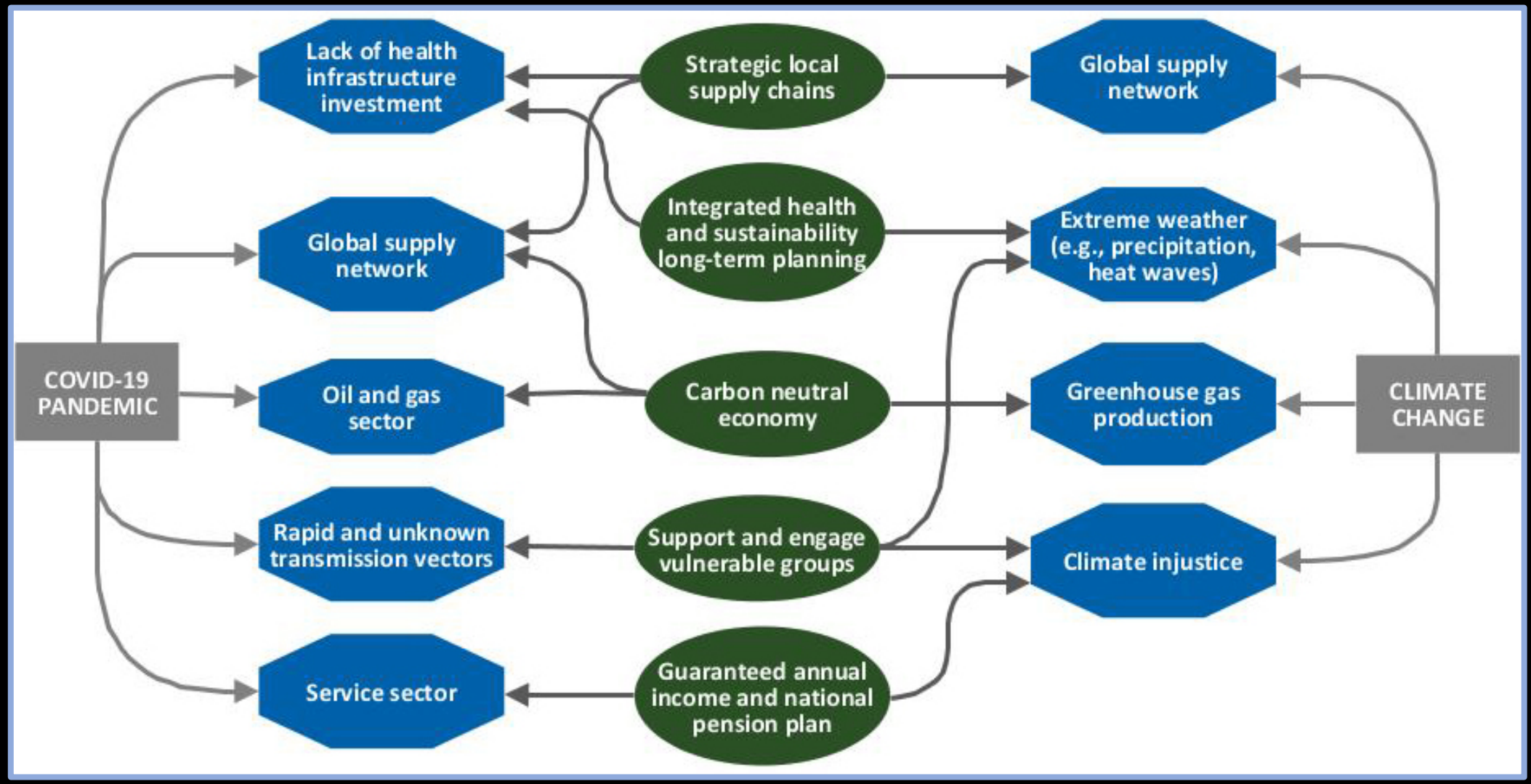
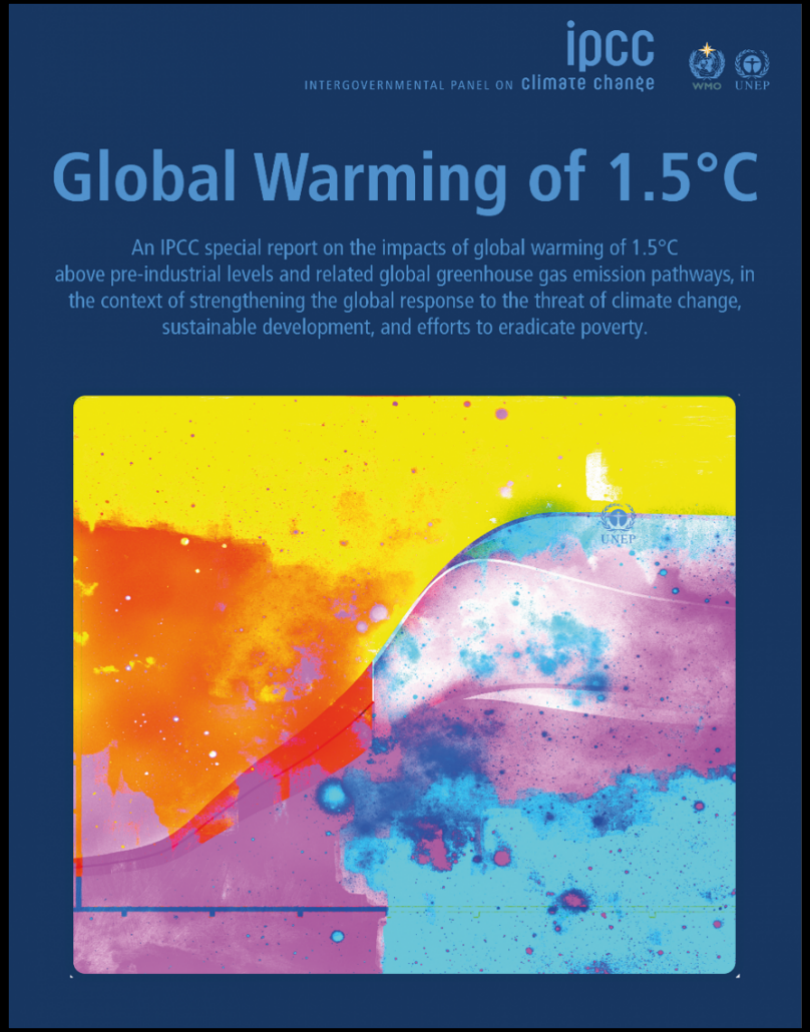
Resilience and Integrated Approaches

Strategies for pandemic resilience are strategies for community sustainability and resilience

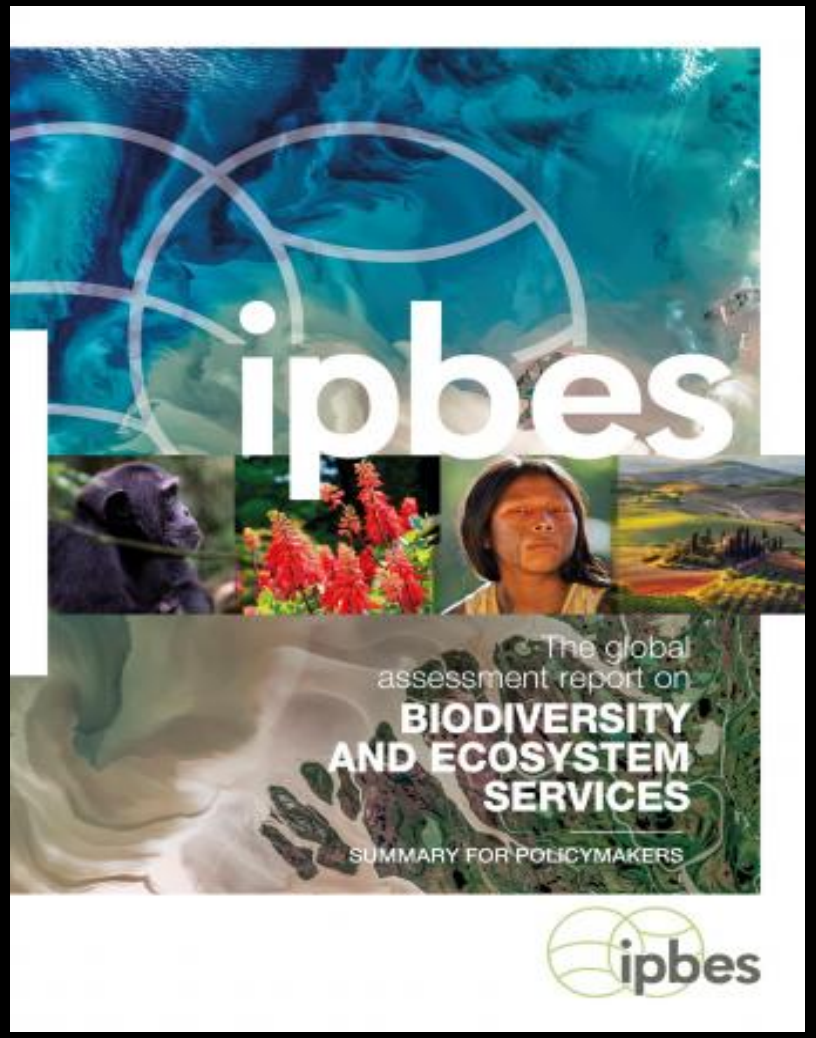


The Imperatives

The intersectionality of climate change, biodiversity and human health



Climate change



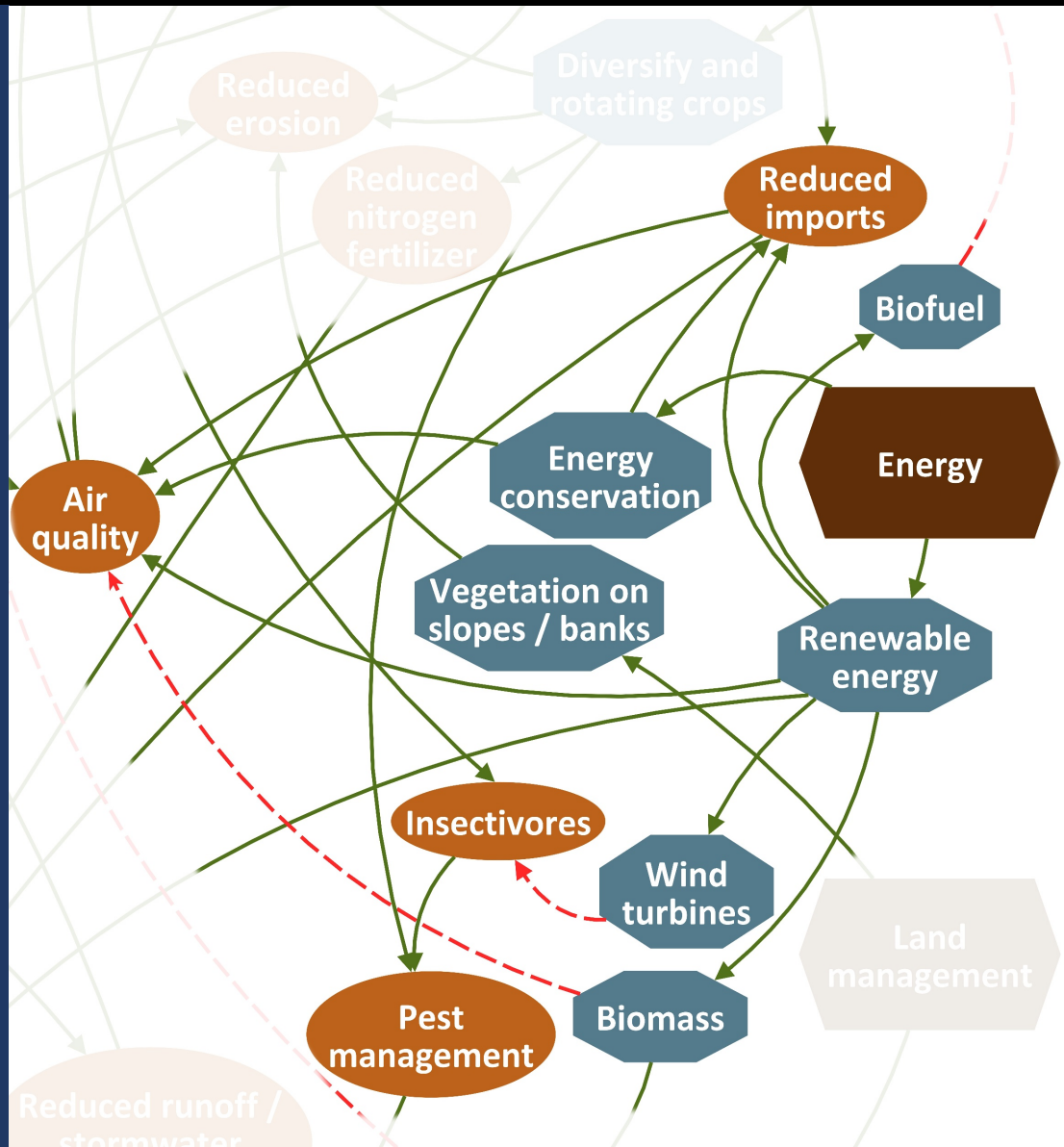
Biodiversity loss

Areas of Vulnerabilities and Integrated Strategies

Localization

VULNERABILITIES: Global supply chains; Health infrastructure

CONSIDERATIONS: Dynamic balance between local and global supply chains; Food security; Infrastructure resilience - renewable energy prioritization (but consider energy source); Air quality



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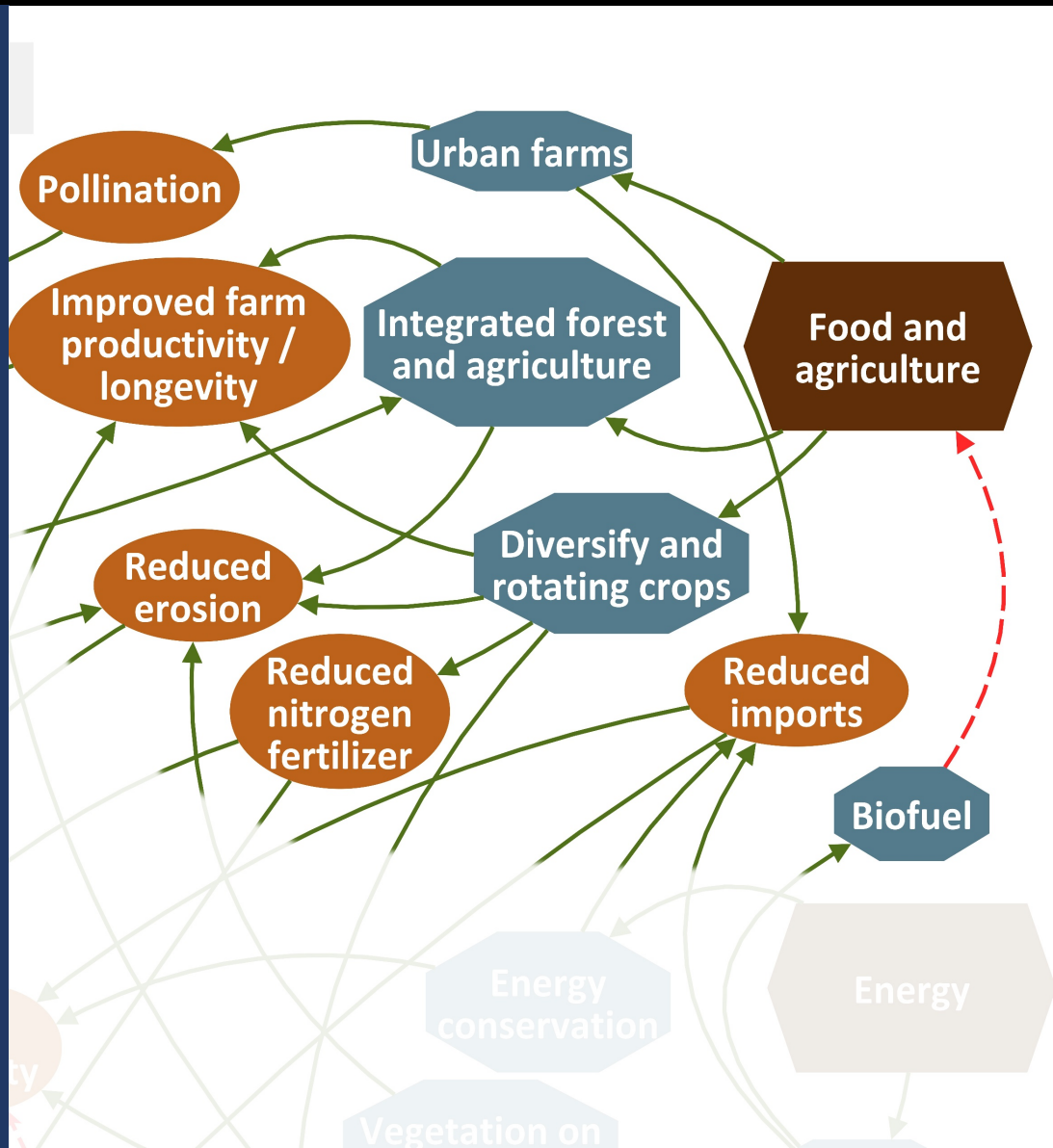
Diversification

VULNERABILITIES: Single-resource economies; Vulnerable sectors and loss of employment

CONSIDERATIONS: Diversify production and regenerate ecological function; New practices (e.g., integrated urban agriculture/aquaculture farming)



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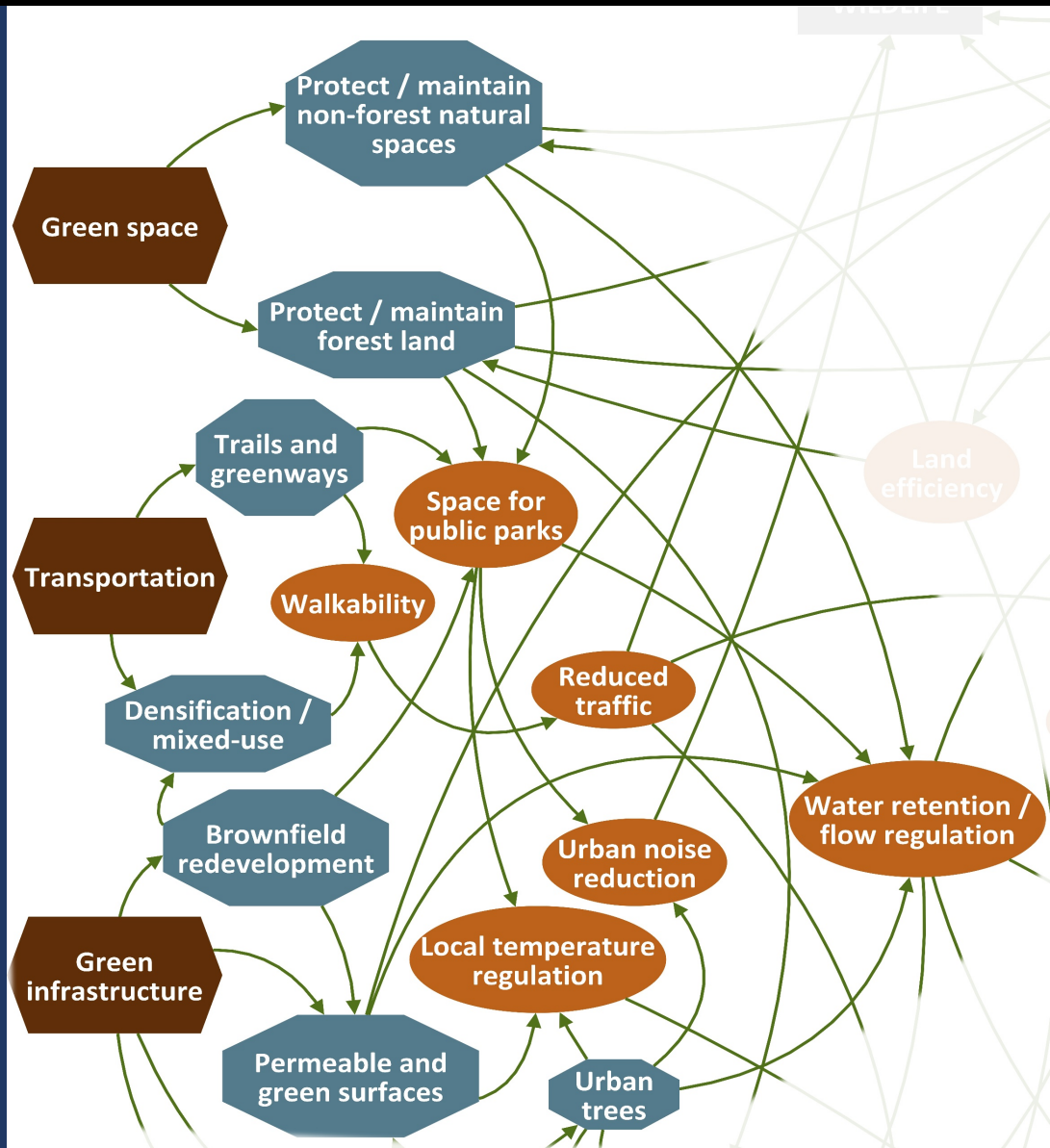
Connectivity

VULNERABILITIES: Challenges associated with urban densification;
Urban 'crowding'

CONSIDERATIONS: Strategic distribution of parks and greenways;
Optimizing distribution of green infrastructure and critical ecosystem services;
Increase riparian buffers



Future Research

The climate-biodiversity-health (CBH) nexus