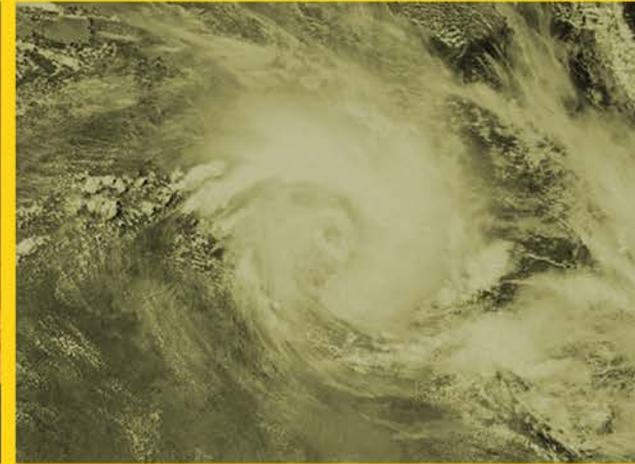




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# RISK ASSESSMENT





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(Source: Productivity Commission Draft Report)

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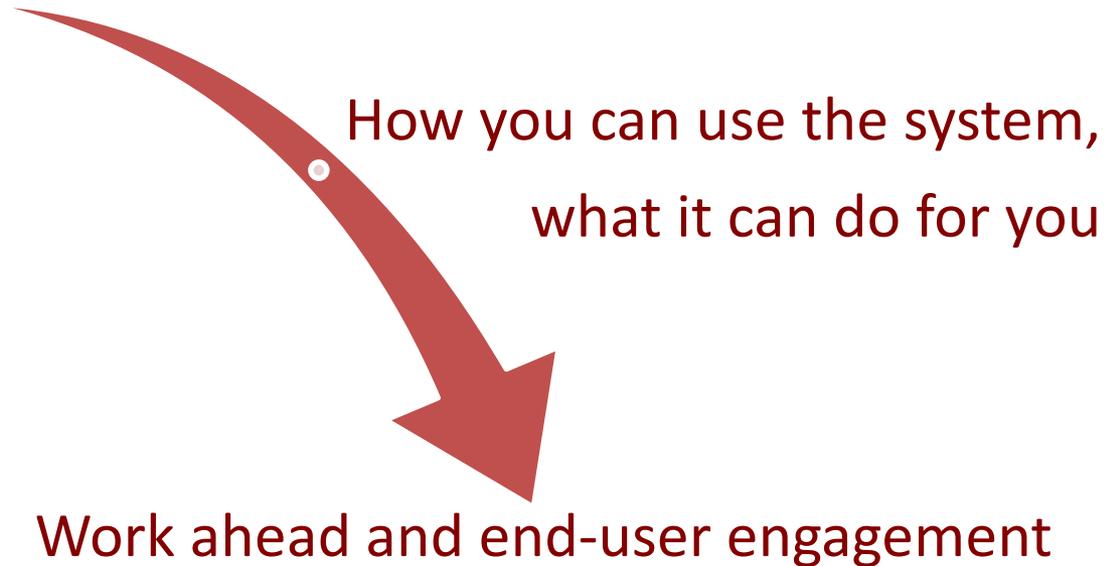
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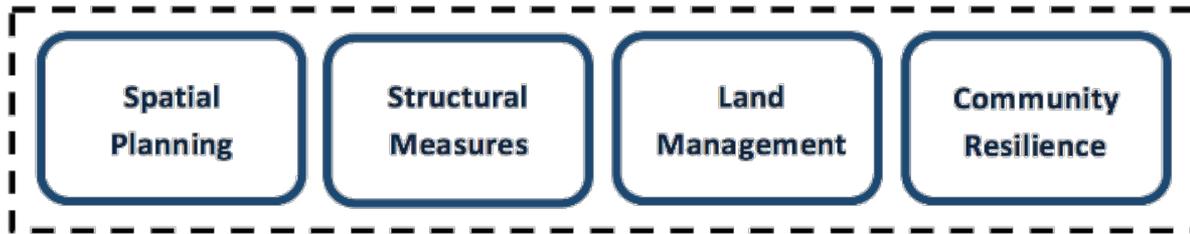
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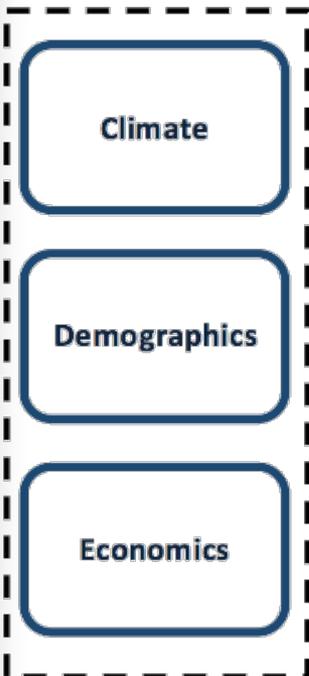
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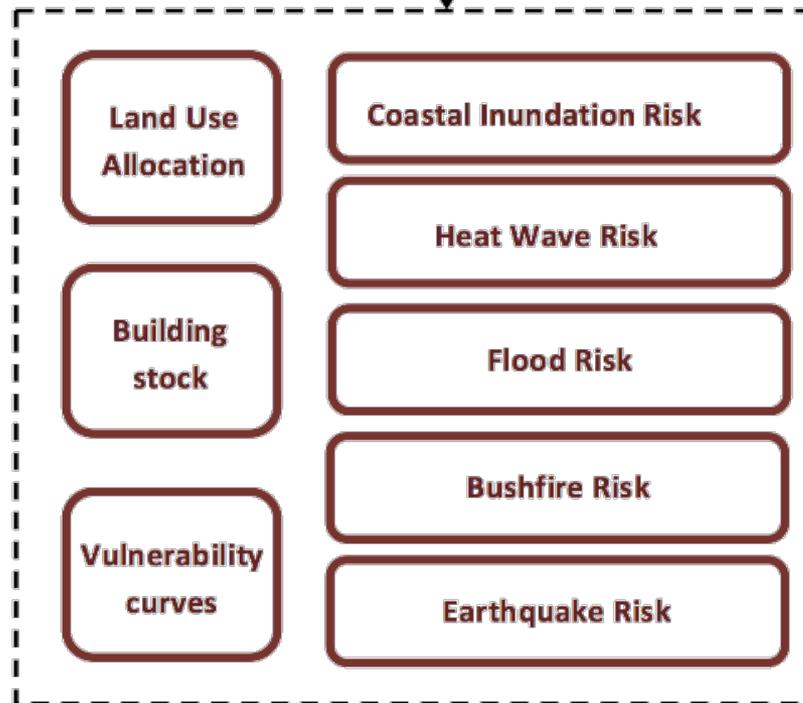
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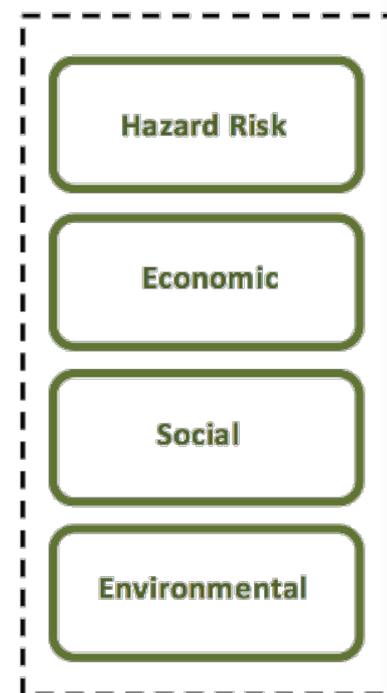
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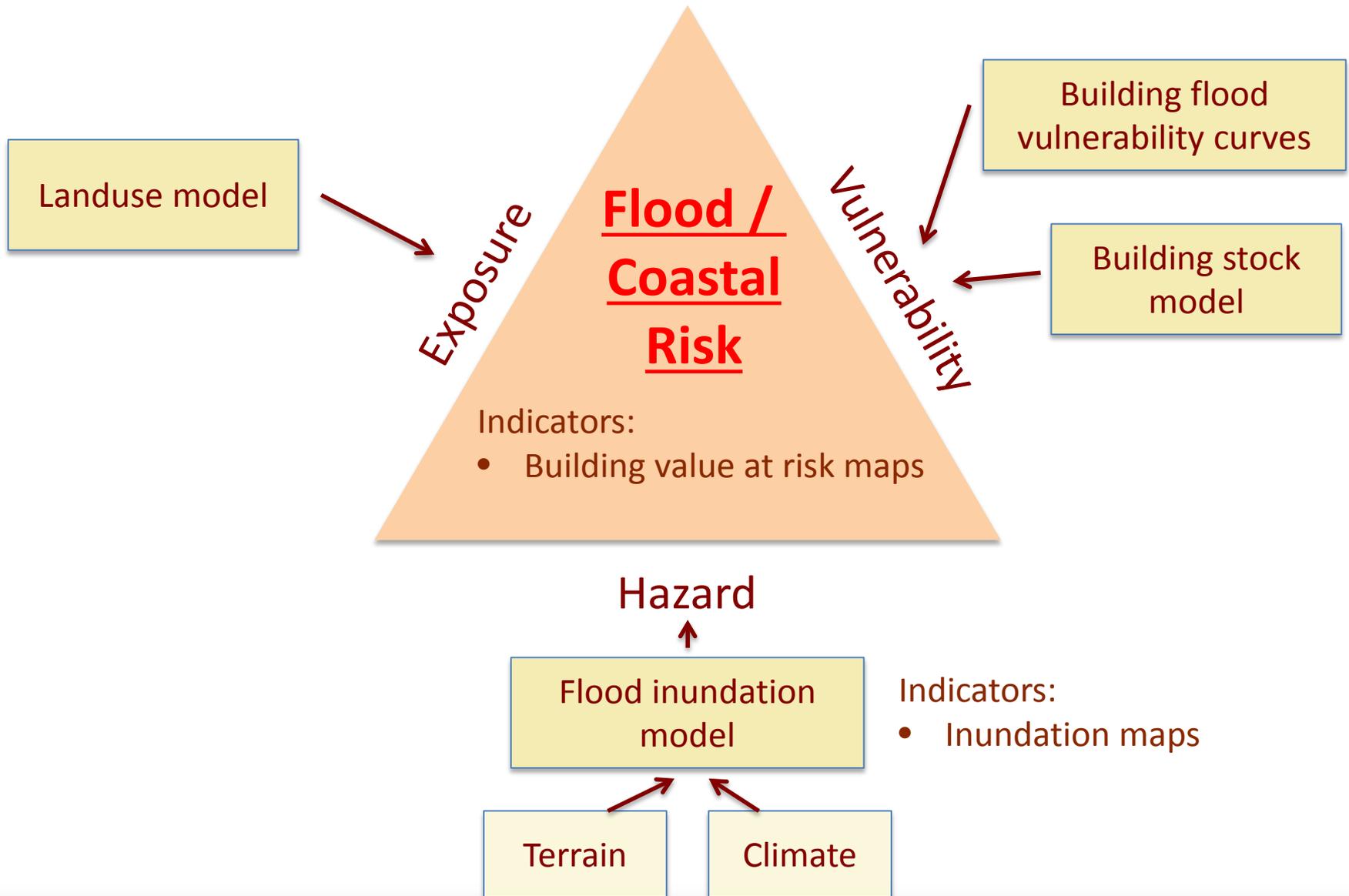


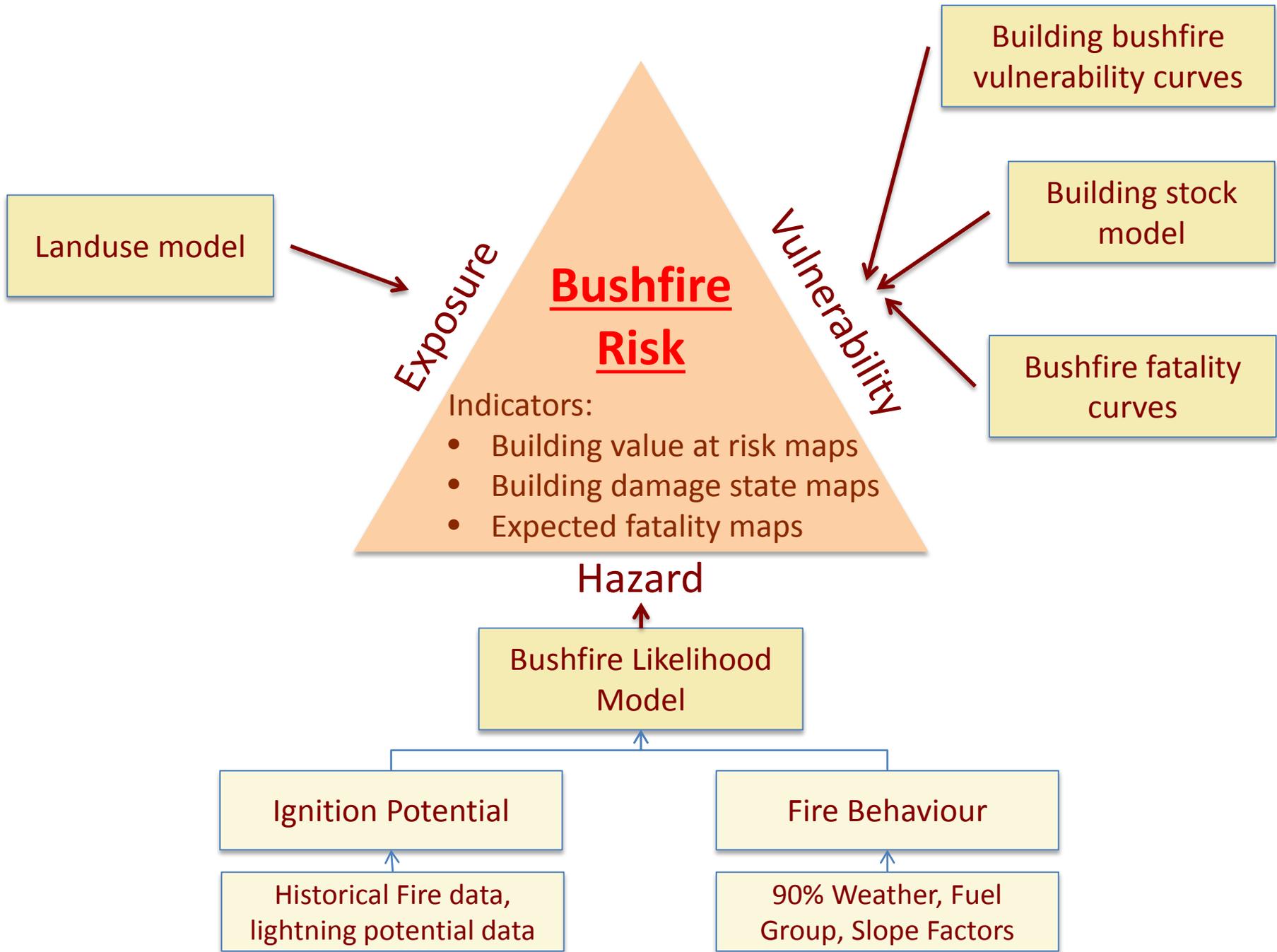
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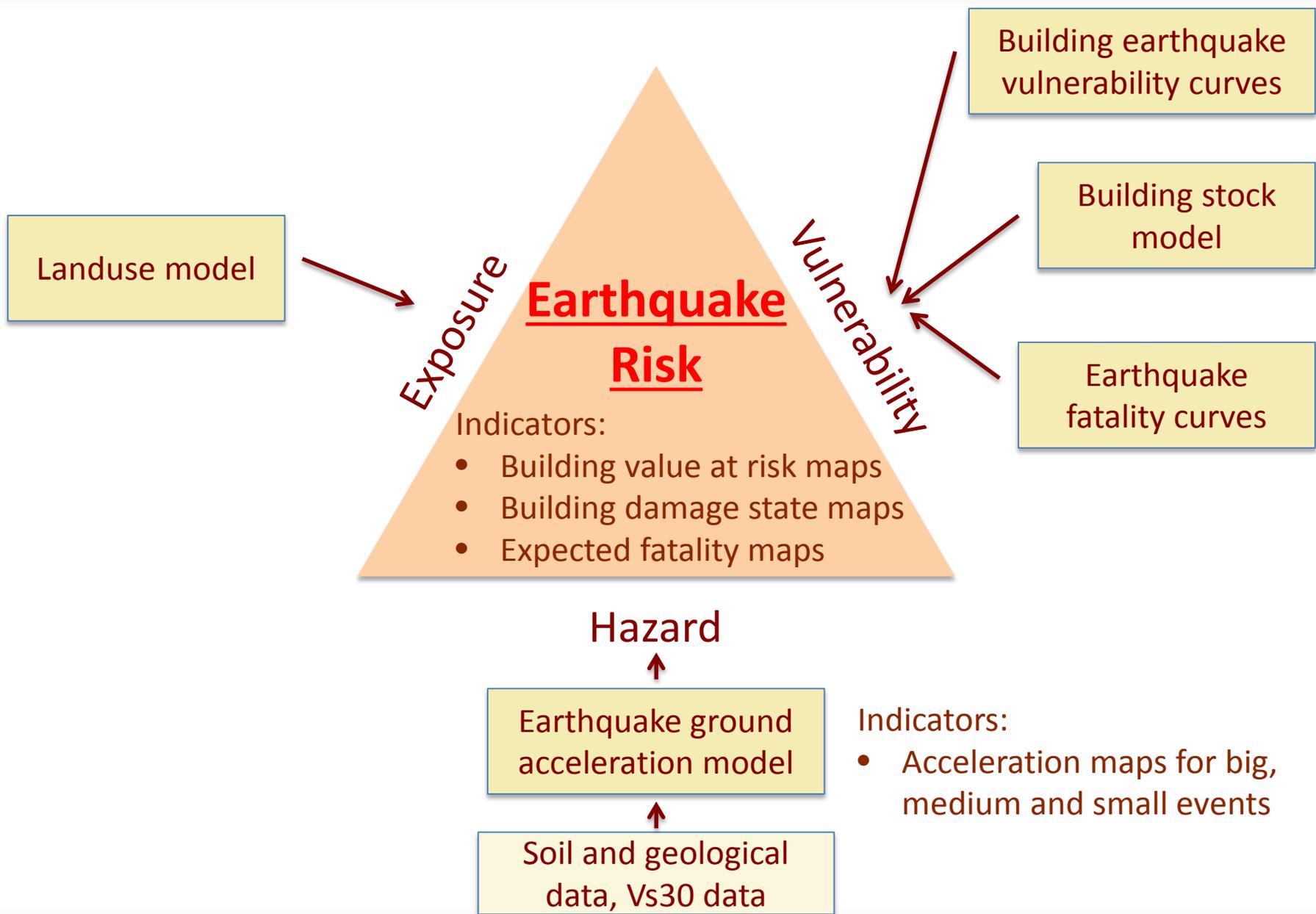


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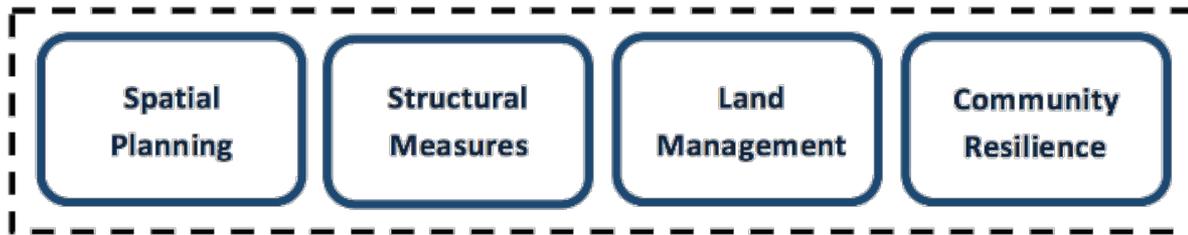




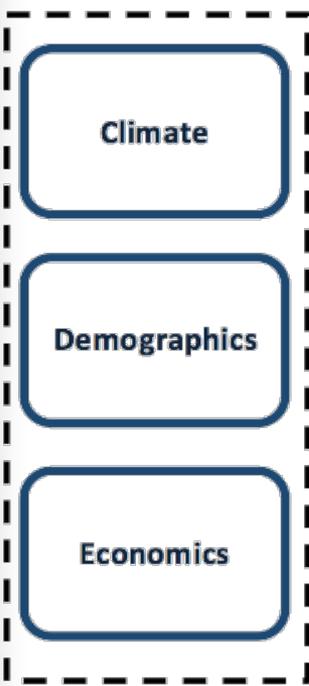




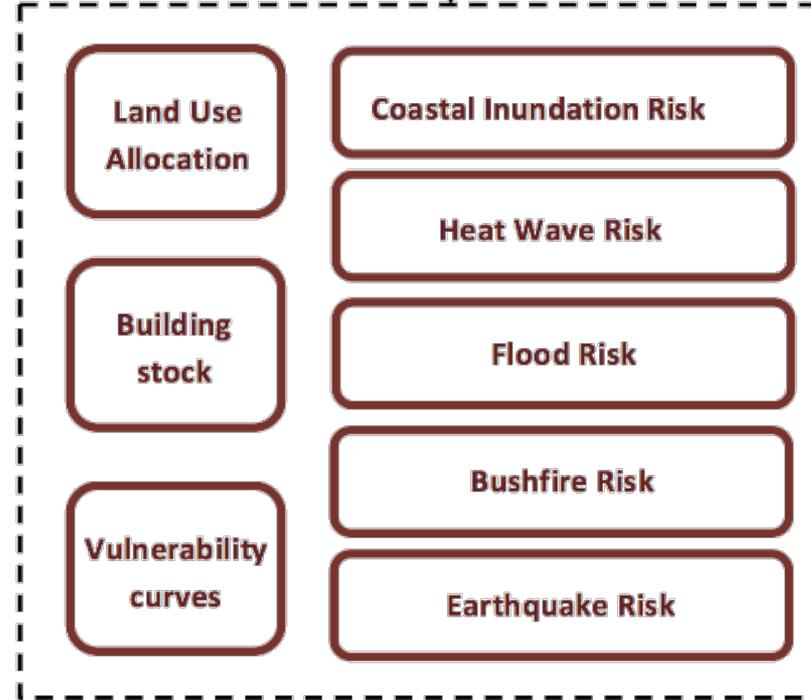
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population  
and assets

Increased  
value of assets

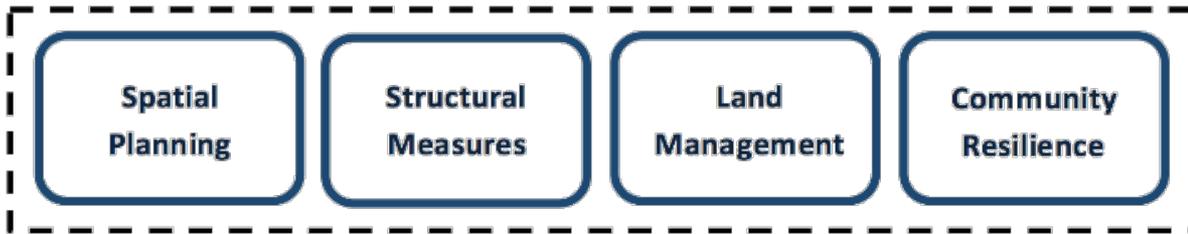
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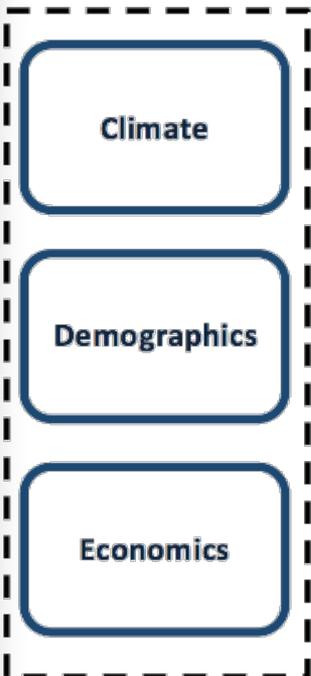
Increased  
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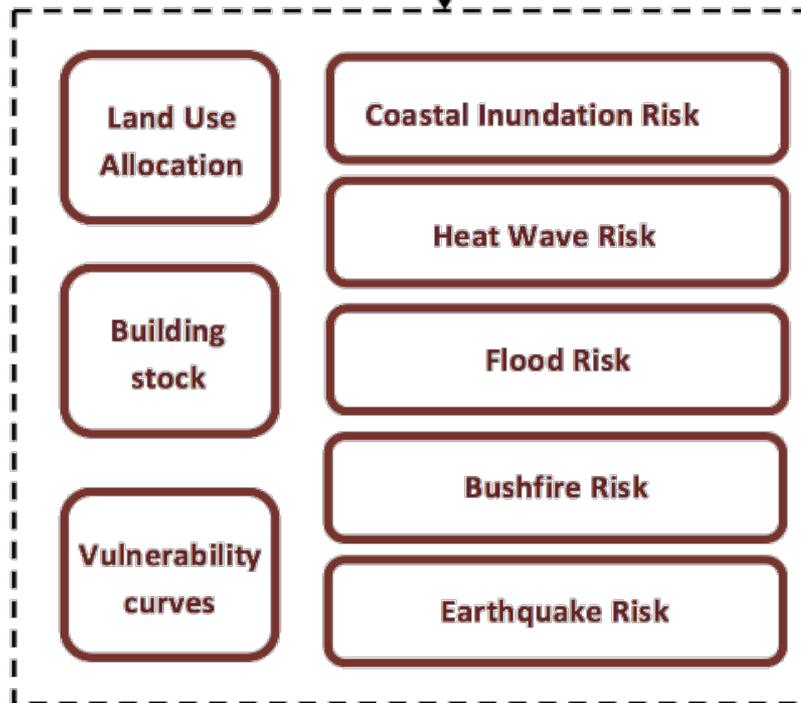
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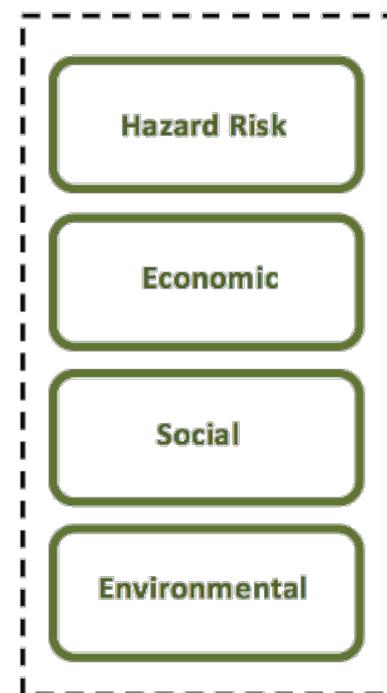
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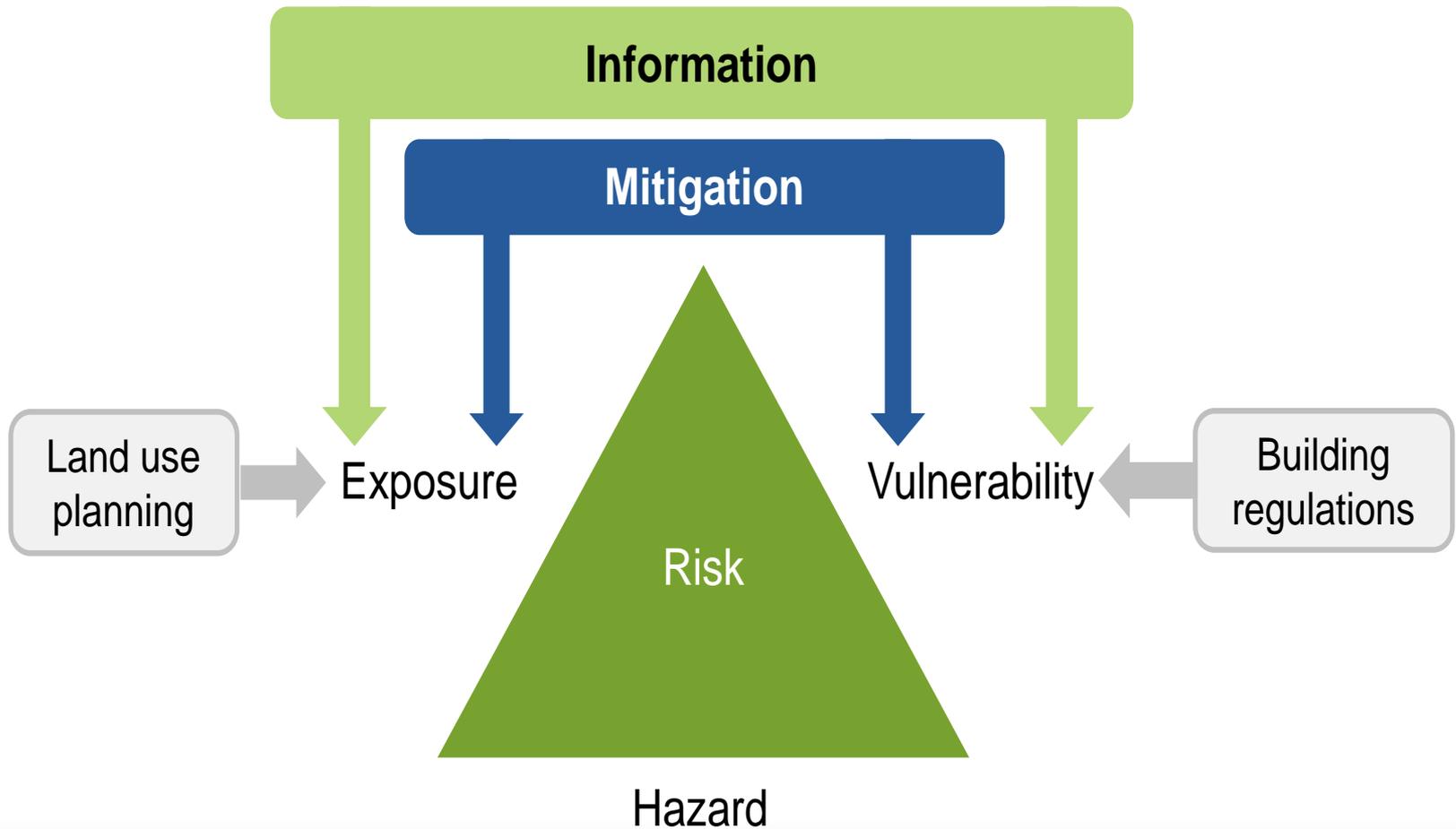
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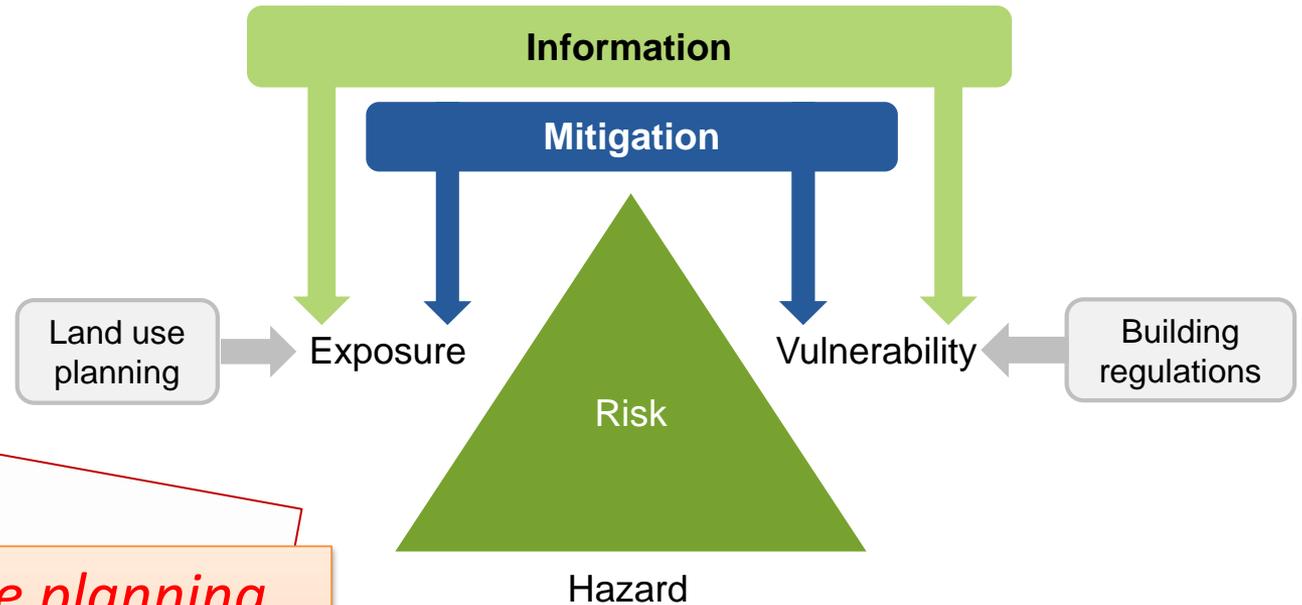
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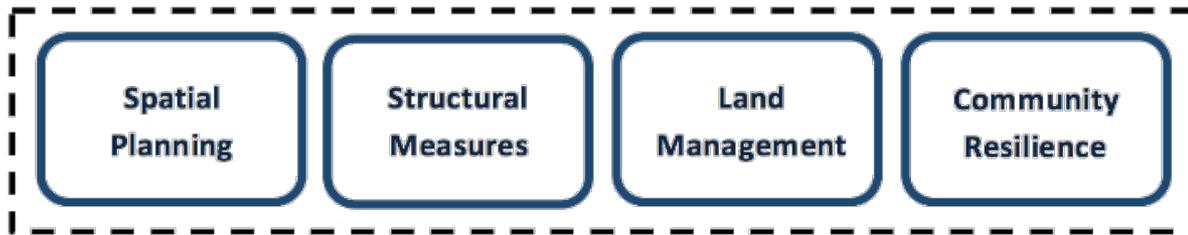


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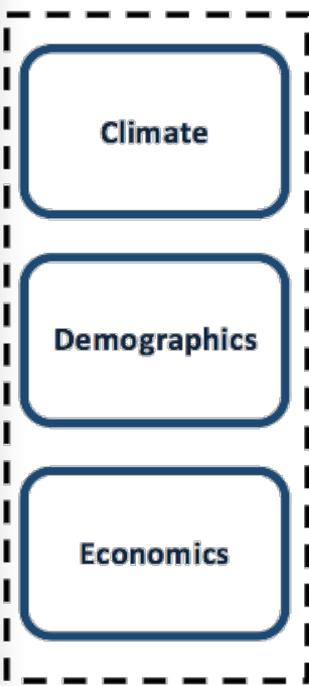


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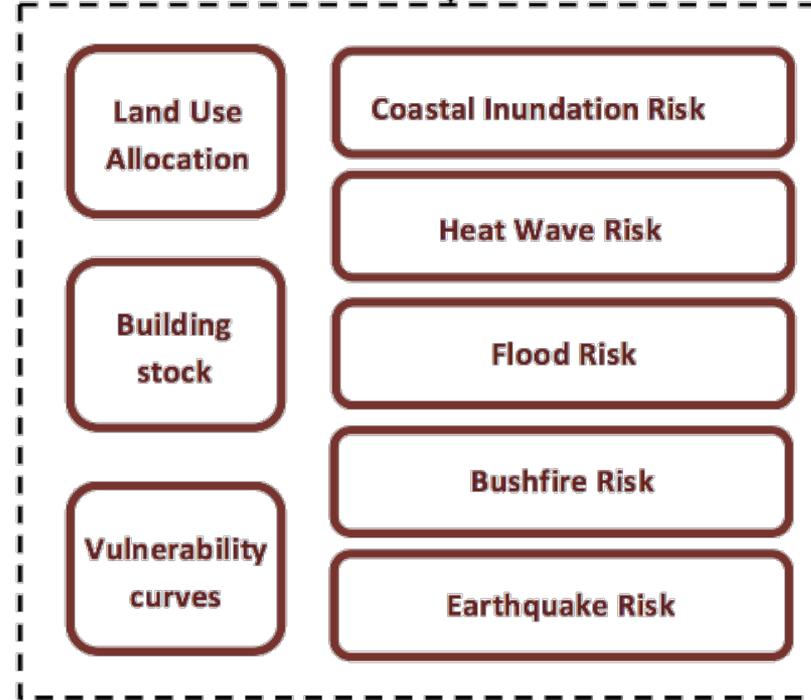
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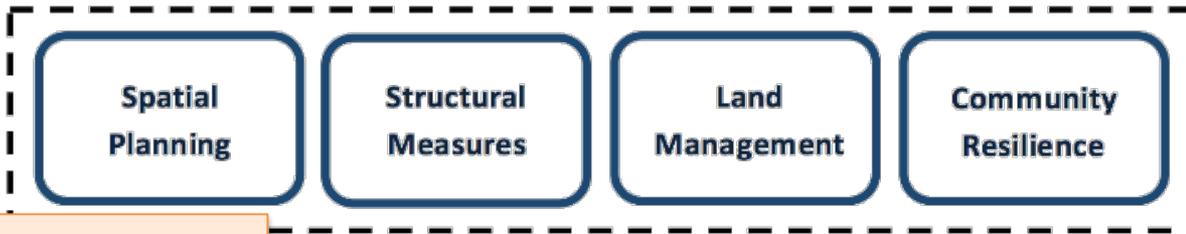
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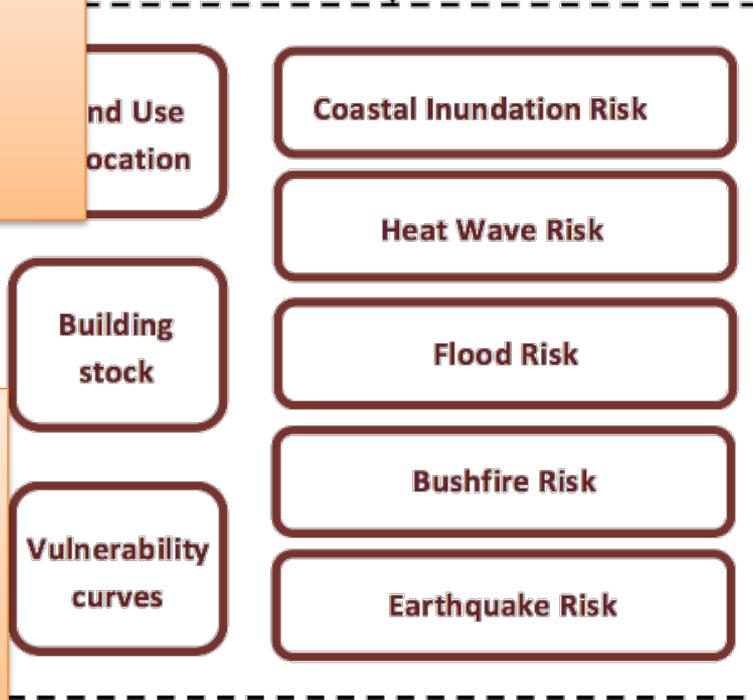
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Demographics

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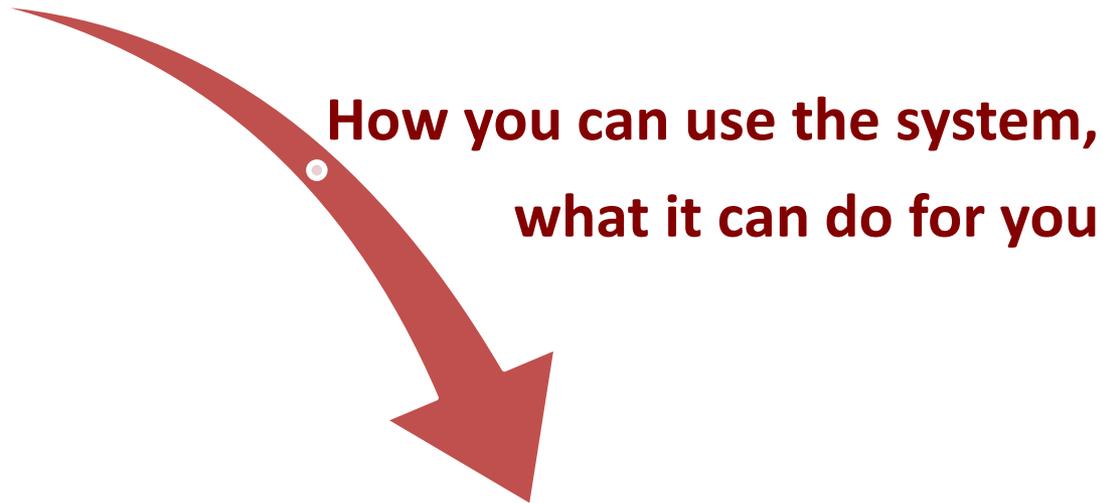


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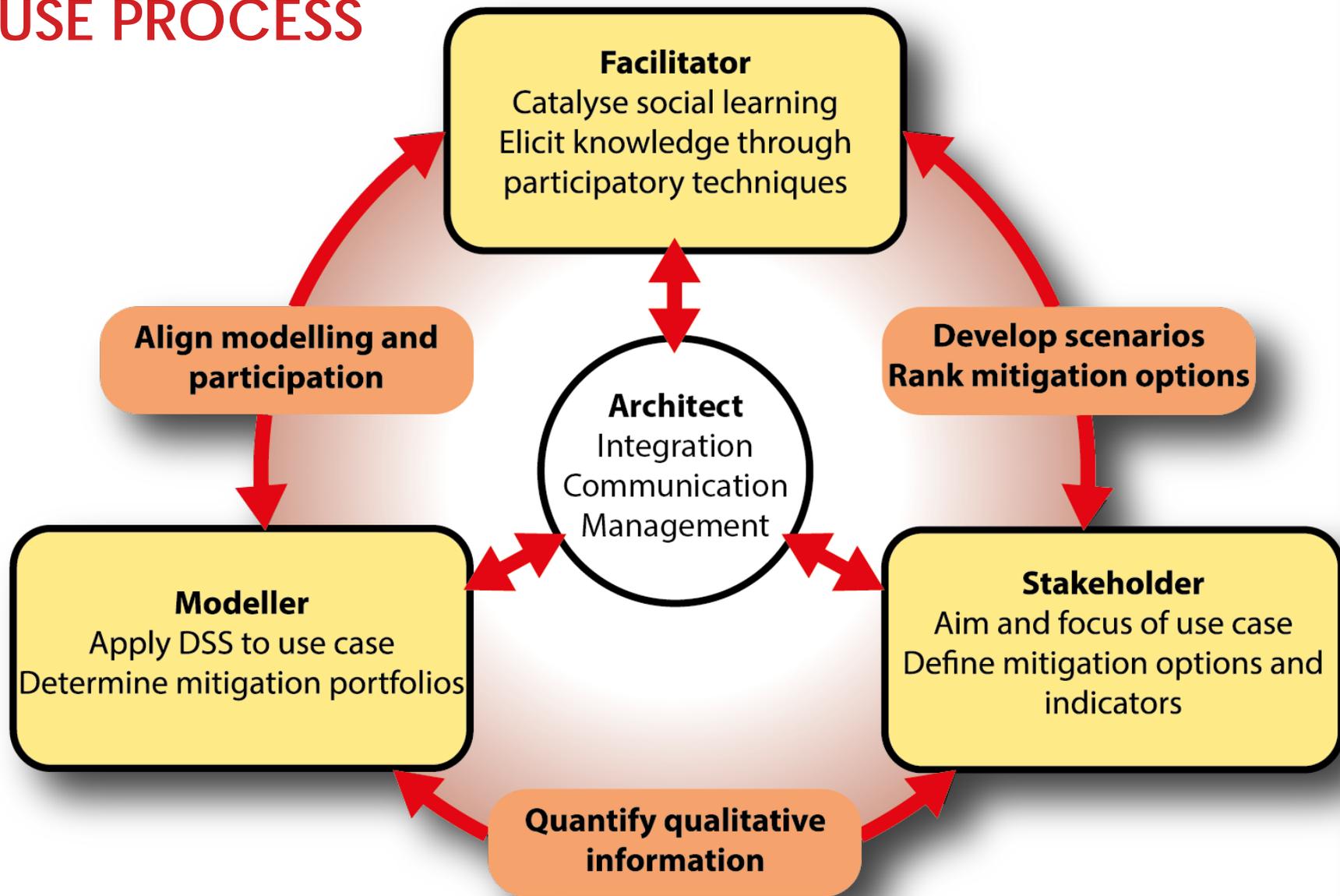
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- 2) How do I use the system?
- 3) What can I do with the system?
- 4) What does the software look like?

# WHERE SHOULD THE SYSTEM BE?

# HOW DO I USE THE SYSTEM?

Social learning occurs when stakeholders, modellers and facilitators explore and evaluate policy options through group interaction with the DSS — adding value over the common approach where reports are delivered using software.

# USE PROCESS



# WHAT CAN THE SYSTEM DO?

- 1) Identify areas of risk, now and into the future
- 2) Understand the implications of this risk, through indicators
- 3) Test different mitigation options
- 4) Identify/suggest mitigation portfolios, through sifting through a large number of mitigation options with optimisation.

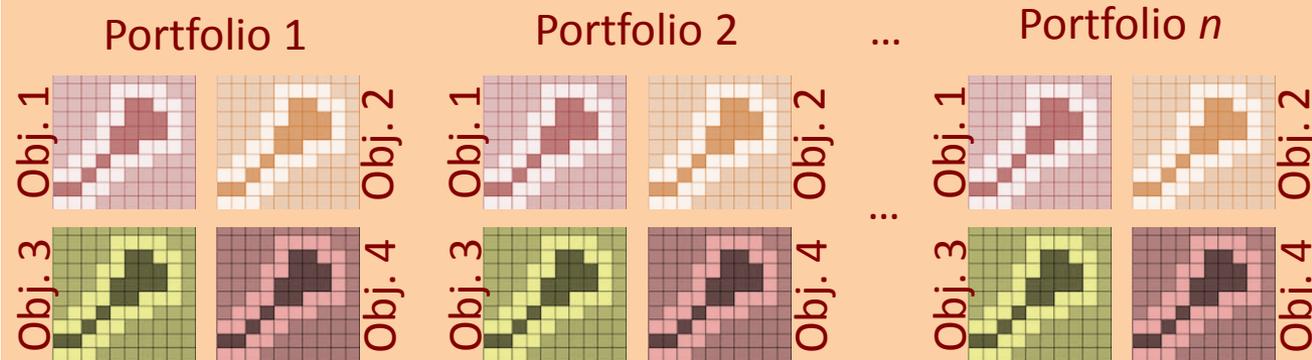
# Multi-hazard Mitigation Options



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Spatially explicit, temporal, integrated model

## Optimal mitigation portfolios



Stakeholders

Workshops

Plan Formulation

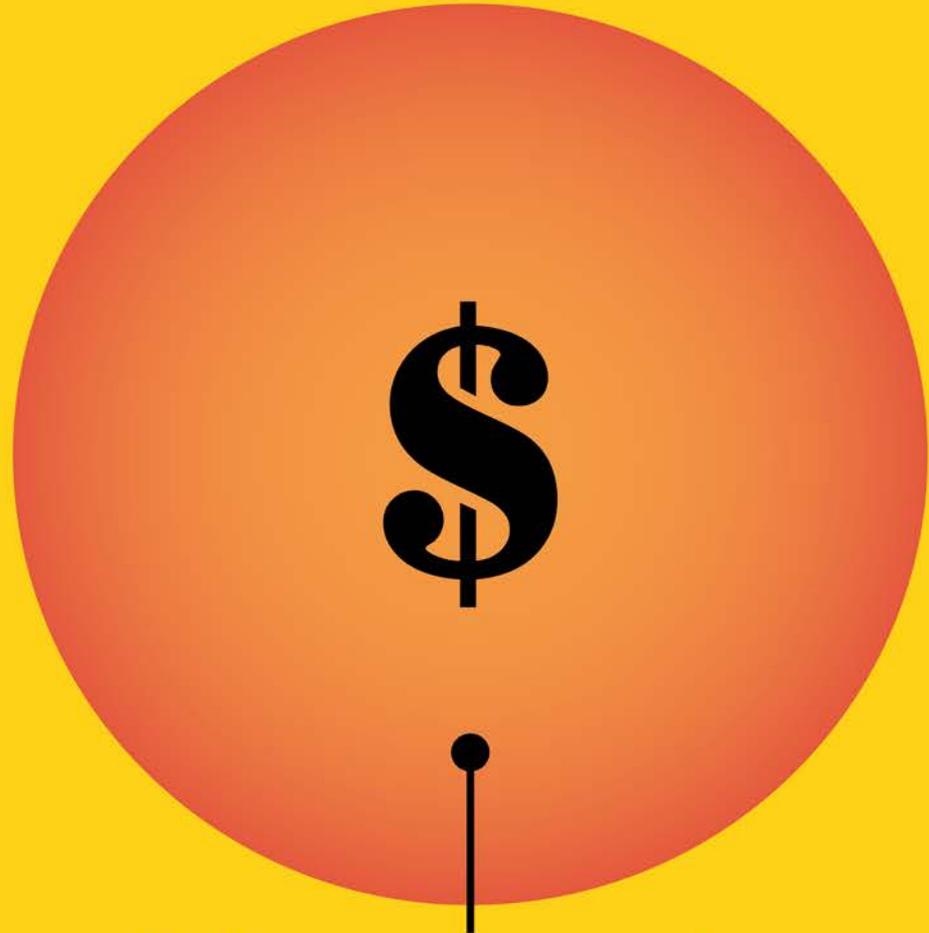
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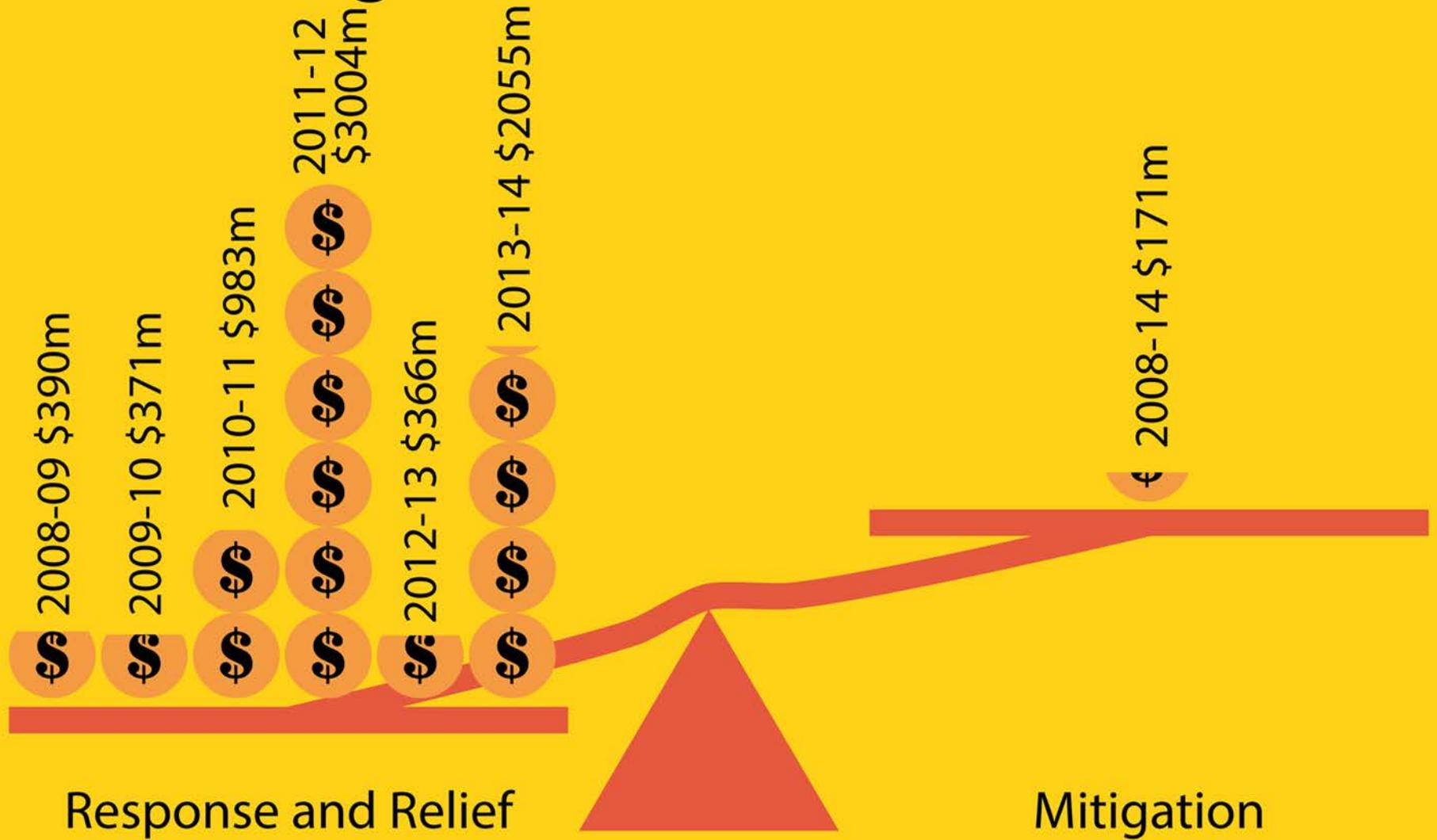


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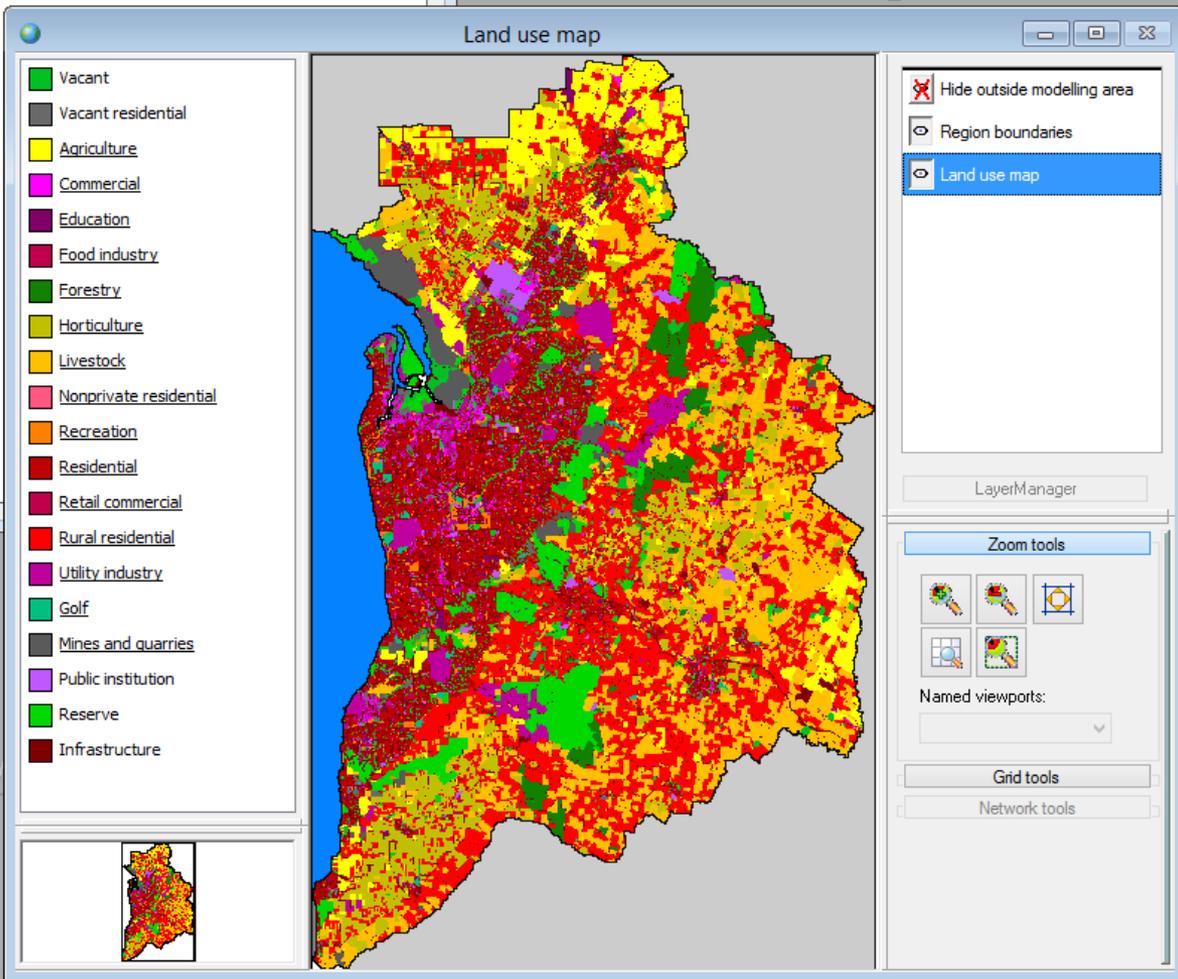
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- Policy measures
- Parameters

Scenarios  
Indicators  
Analysis

Main window

Land use demand sub-scenario: Baseline Load sub-scenario... Save sub-scenario...

Land use	Total demand
Agriculture	
Commercial	
Education	
Food industry	
Forestry	
Horticulture	
Livestock	
Nonprivate residential	
Recreation	
Residential	
Retail commercial	
Rural residential	
Utility industry	
Golf	
Mines and quarries	

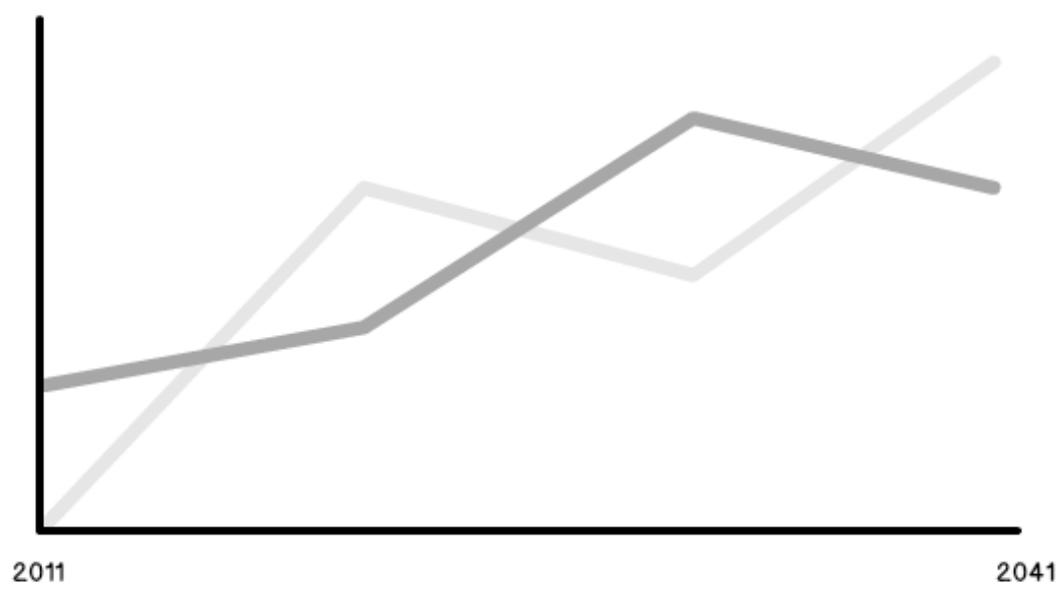


Land use classes match information required for risk indicators

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Total population:

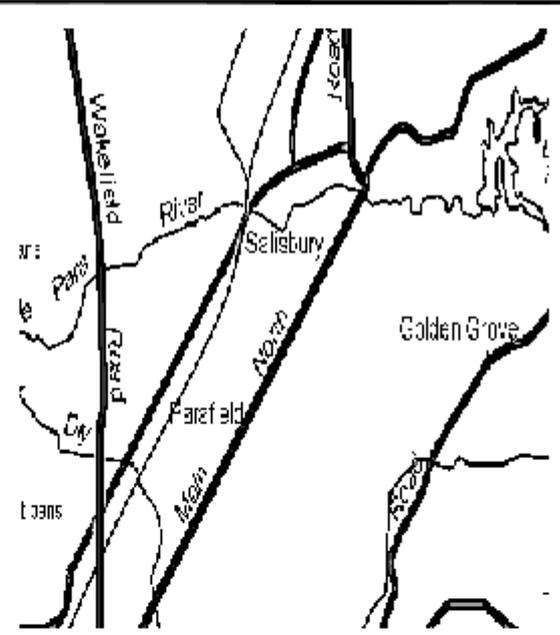


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Land management sub-scenario: Baseline Load... Save...

Draw land management interventions:

- Planned burning
- Vegetation clearance
- Change in vegetation type



- Map layers
- Land use
  - Vegetation
  - Management

- Grid tools
- Pen
  - Flood fill
  - Copy

Open

Save

Integrated scenario:

Baseline

Step

Run

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New...

Delete

Scenario description

Climate scenario:

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Manage sub-scenarios...

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Cost/benefit

Policy objective scoring

Contingency table

	Cost	Benefit
Direct costs		
Infrastructure investment	300	
Upgrades	130	
Opportunity costs		
Inefficiencies in land allocation	40	
Risk reduction benefits		
Flood risk reduction		150
Bushfire risk reduction		70
Economic benefits		
Economic stimulus		25
Total	470	245

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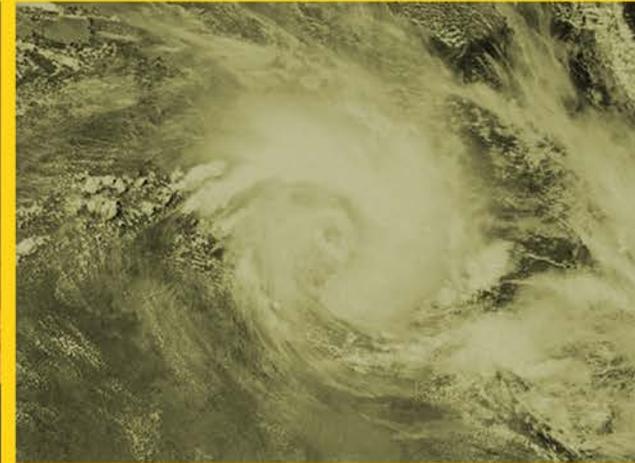


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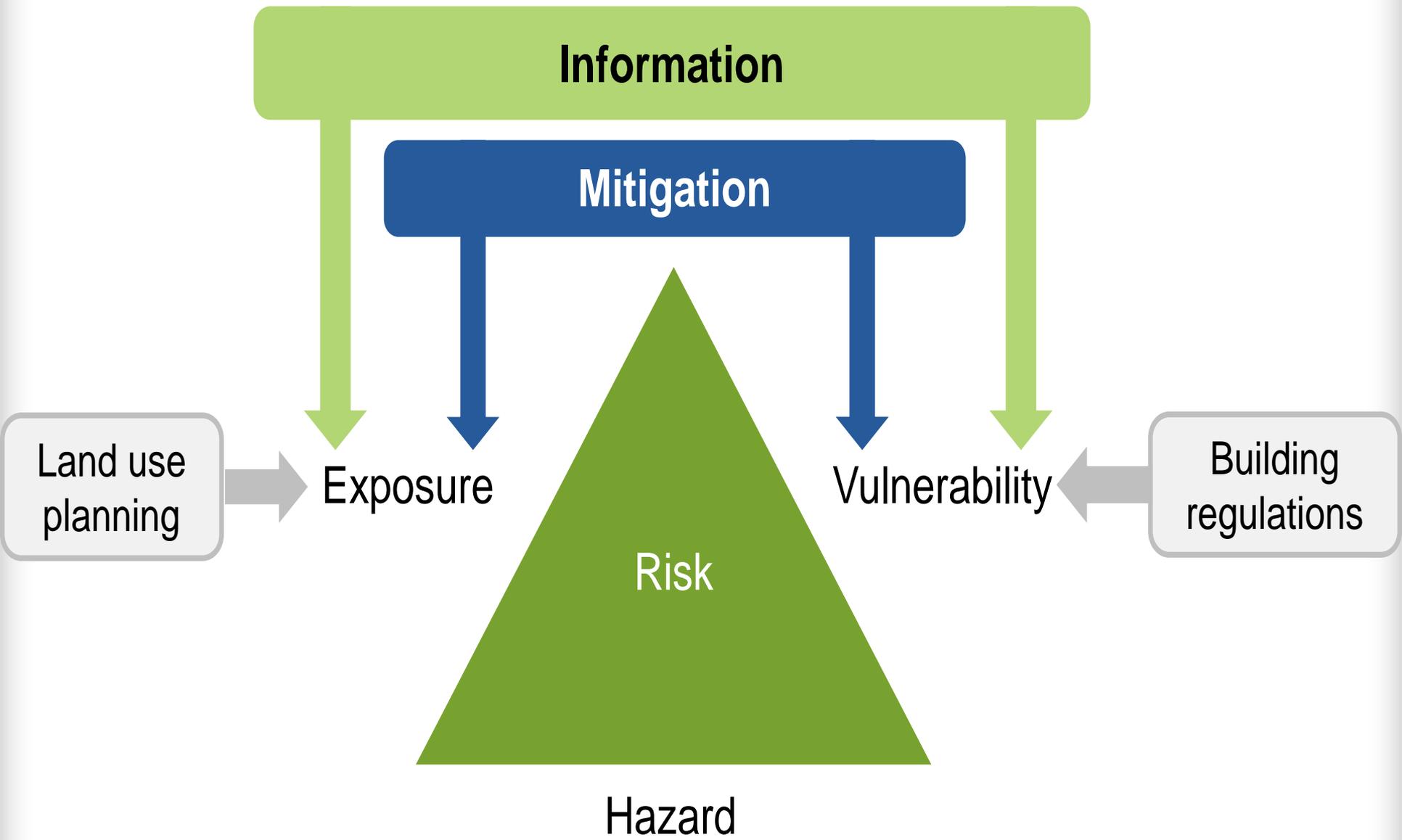


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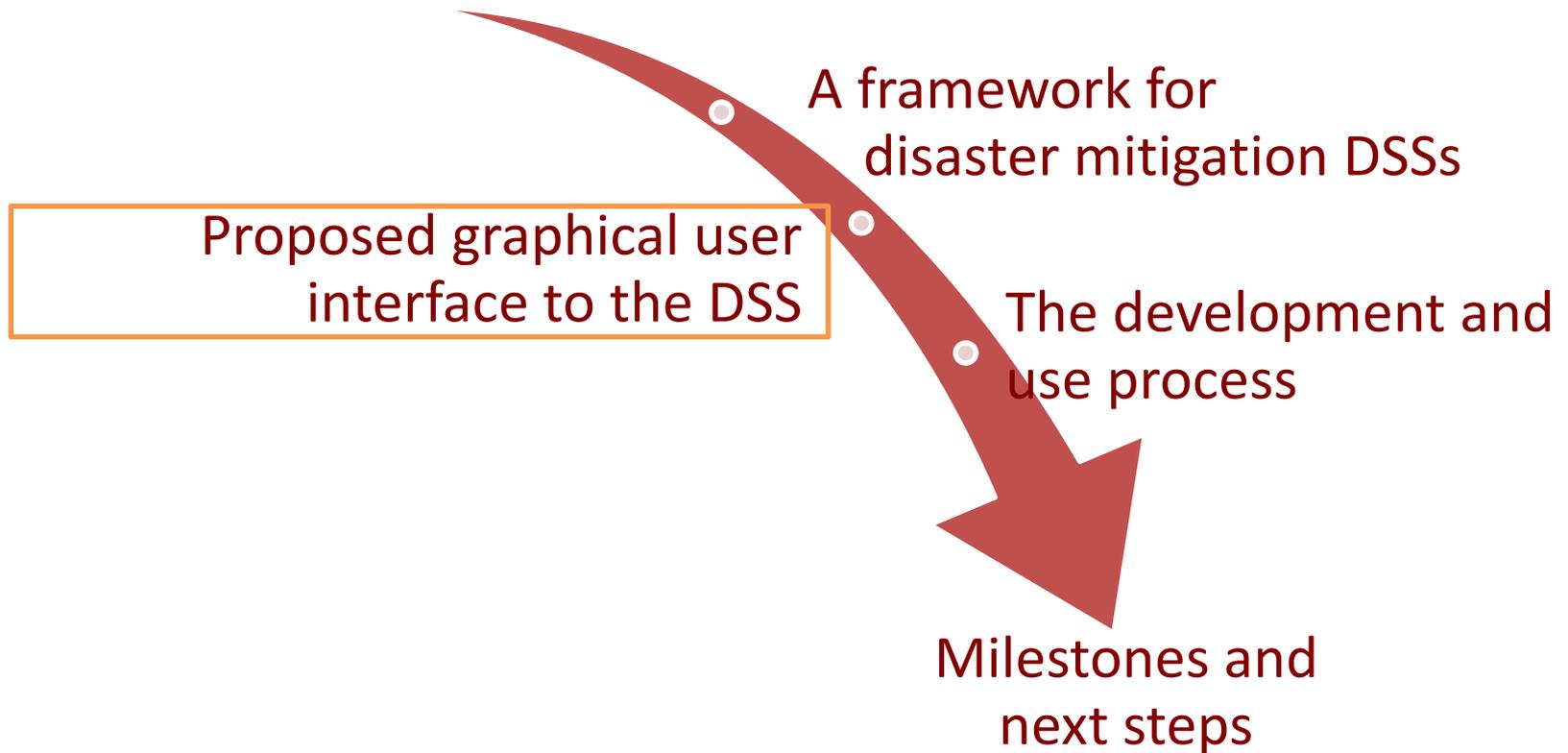
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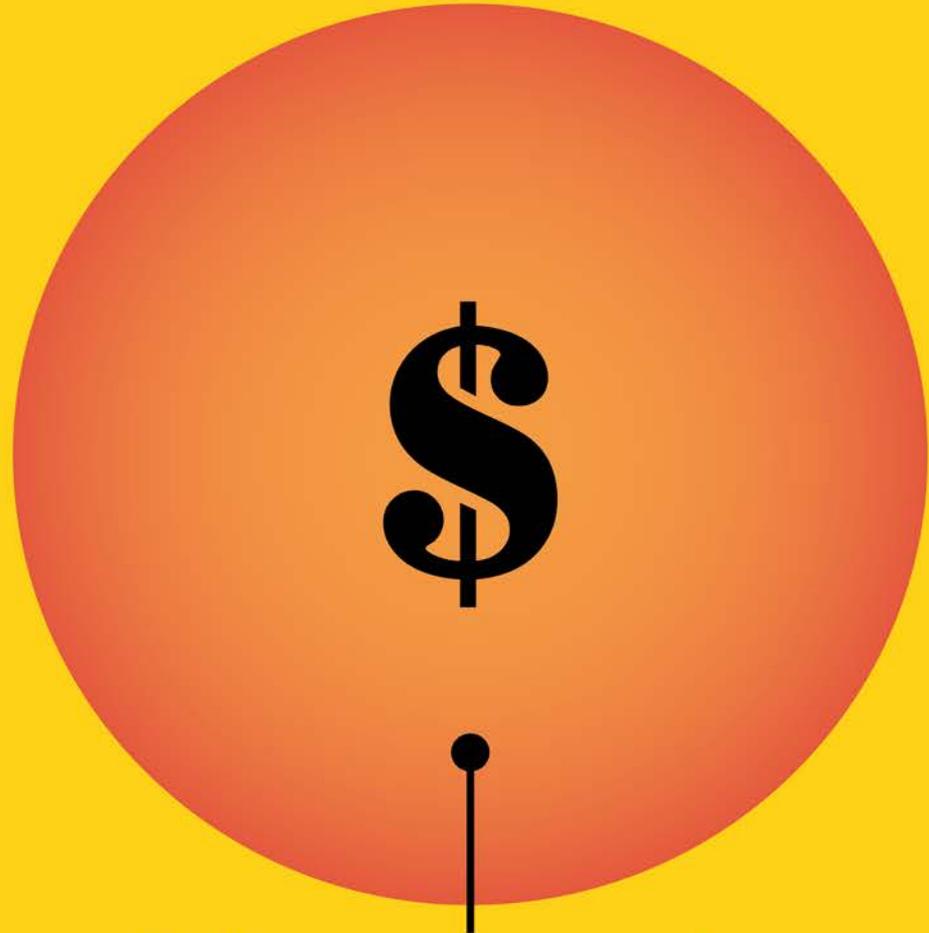


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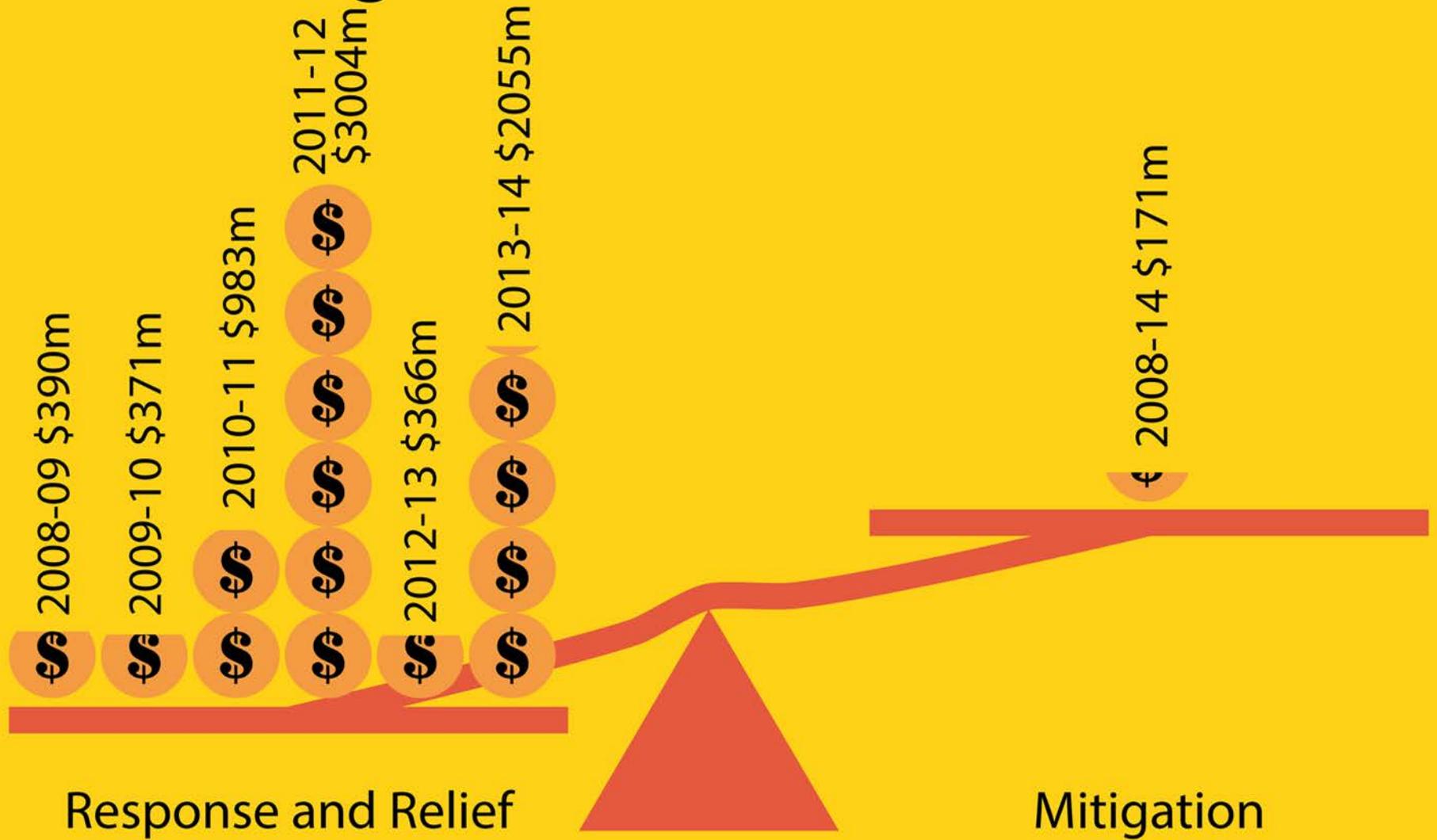


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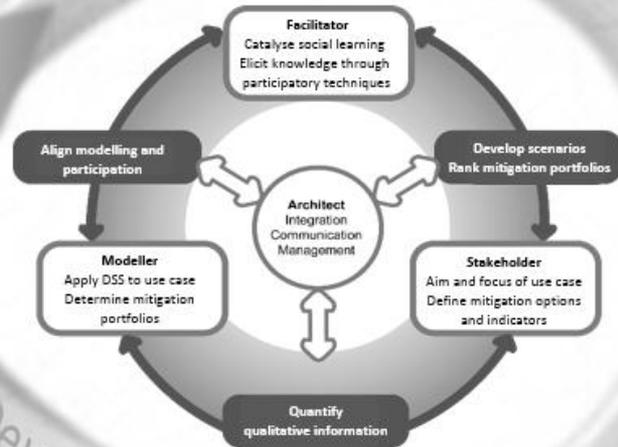
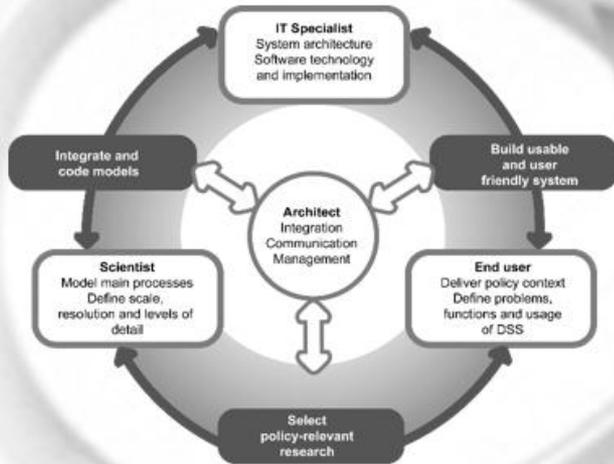
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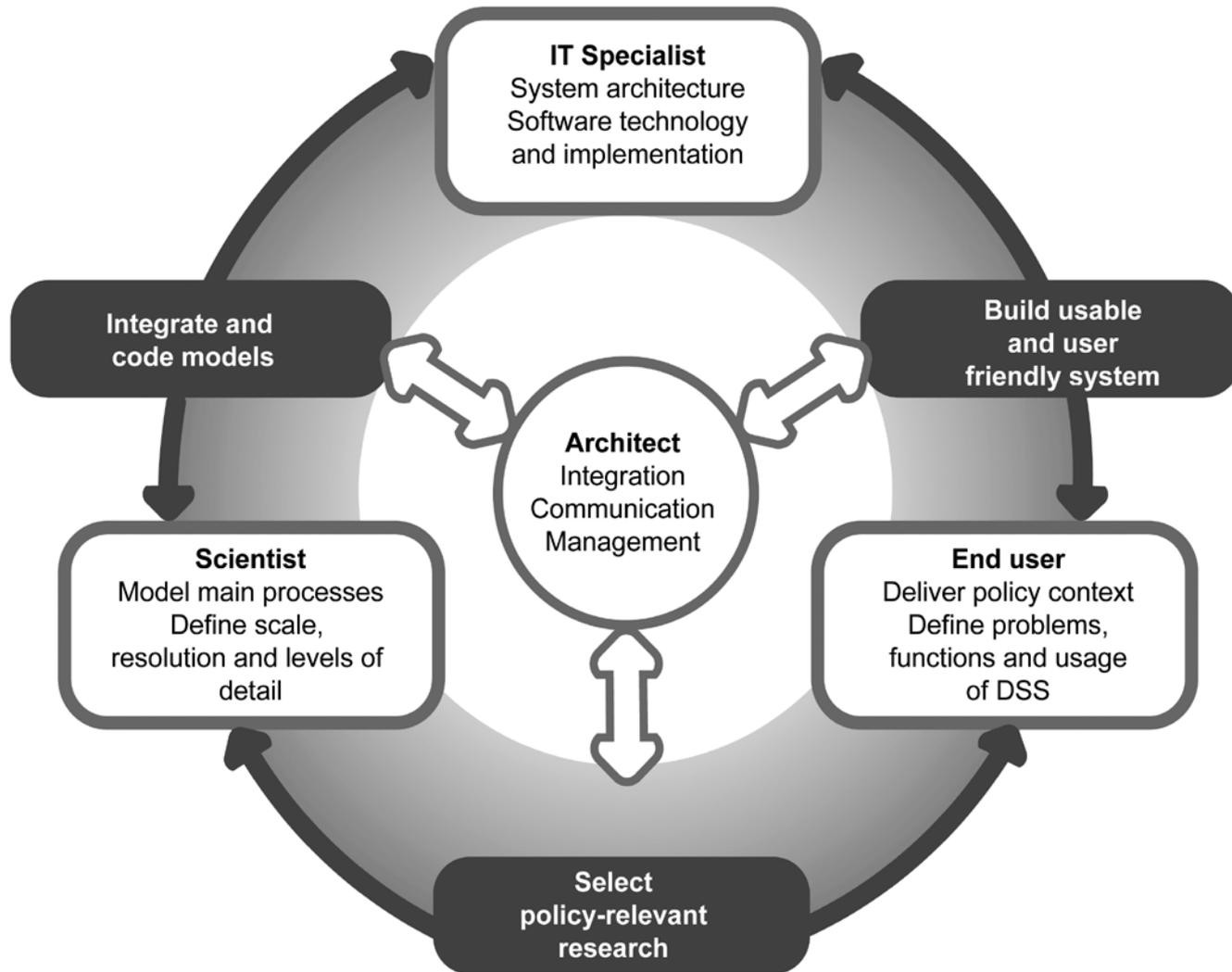
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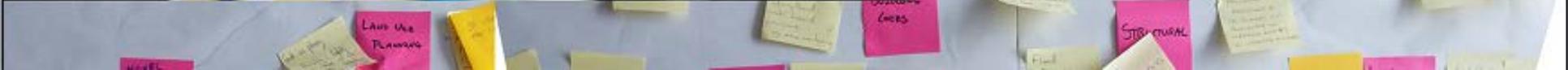
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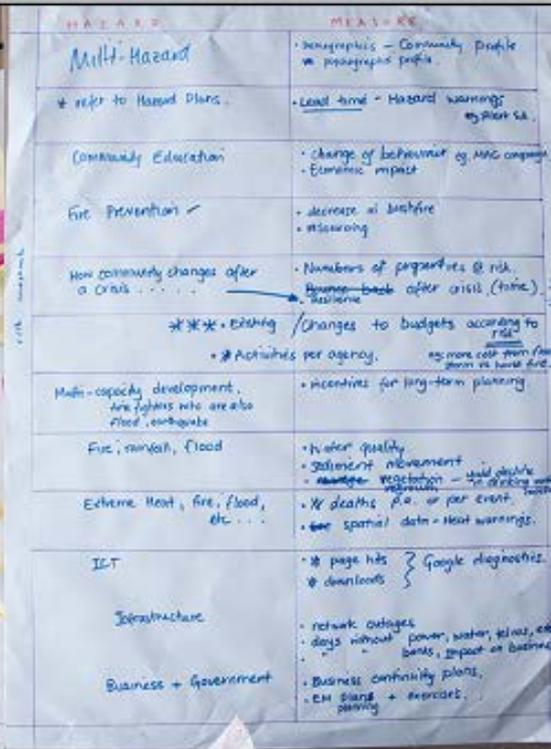
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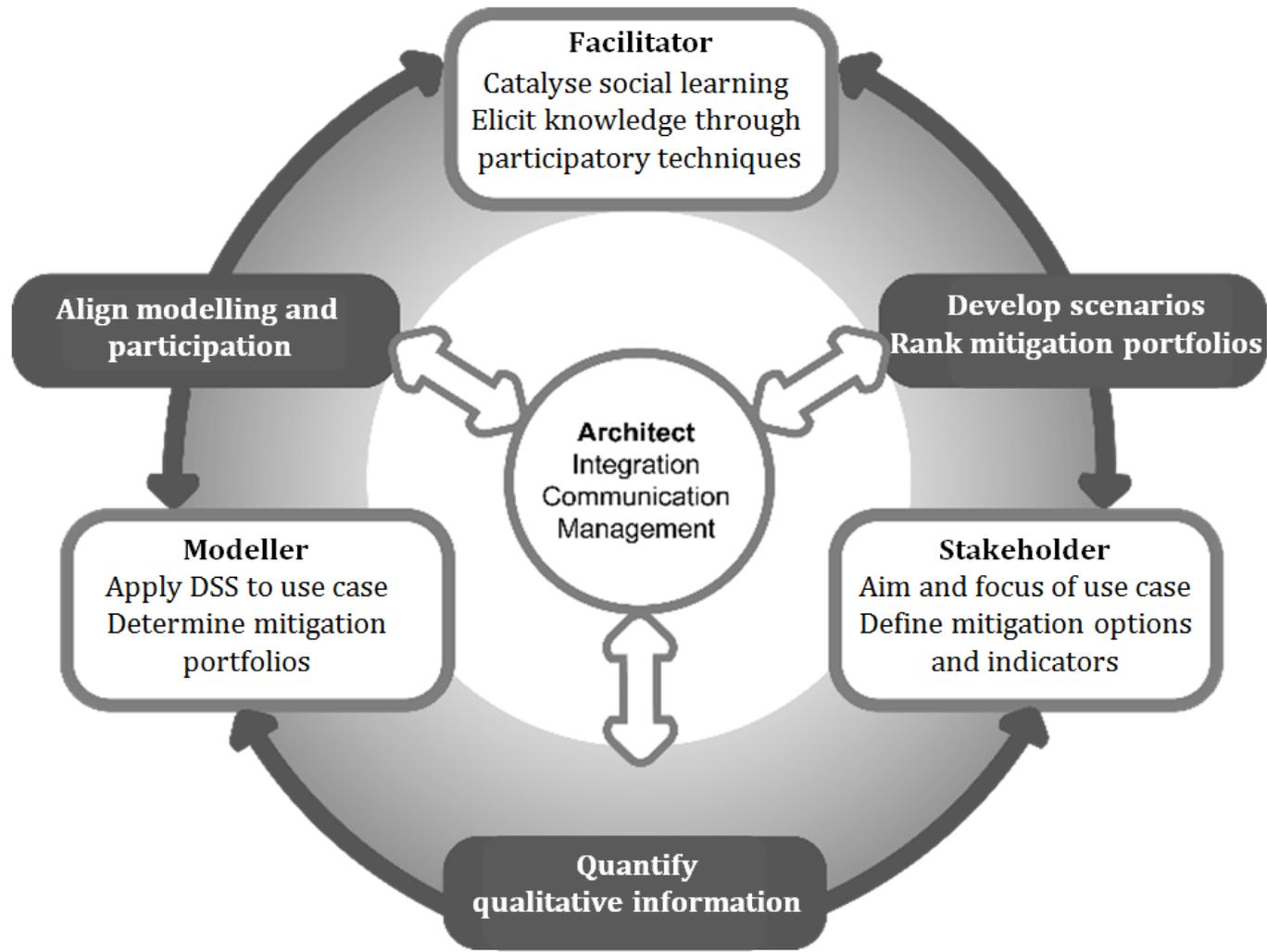
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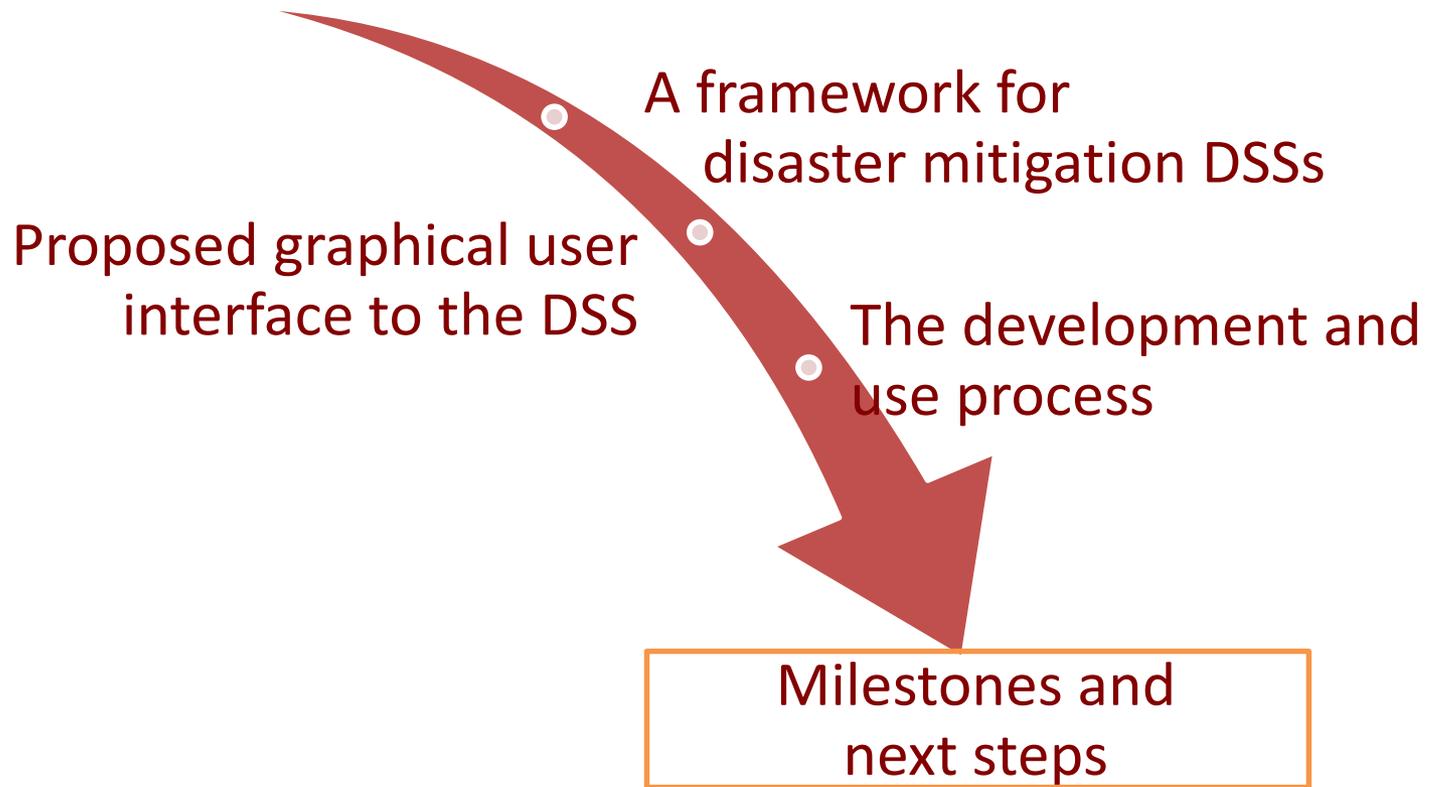


# USE PROCESS



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# OUTPUTS

- 1) Literature review (Delivered)
- 2) Framework report (Delivered)
- 3) Workshop report for Adelaide (Delivered)
- 4) Strategy report for Adelaide (in progress)

# NEXT STEPS

- Scoping of other two case studies
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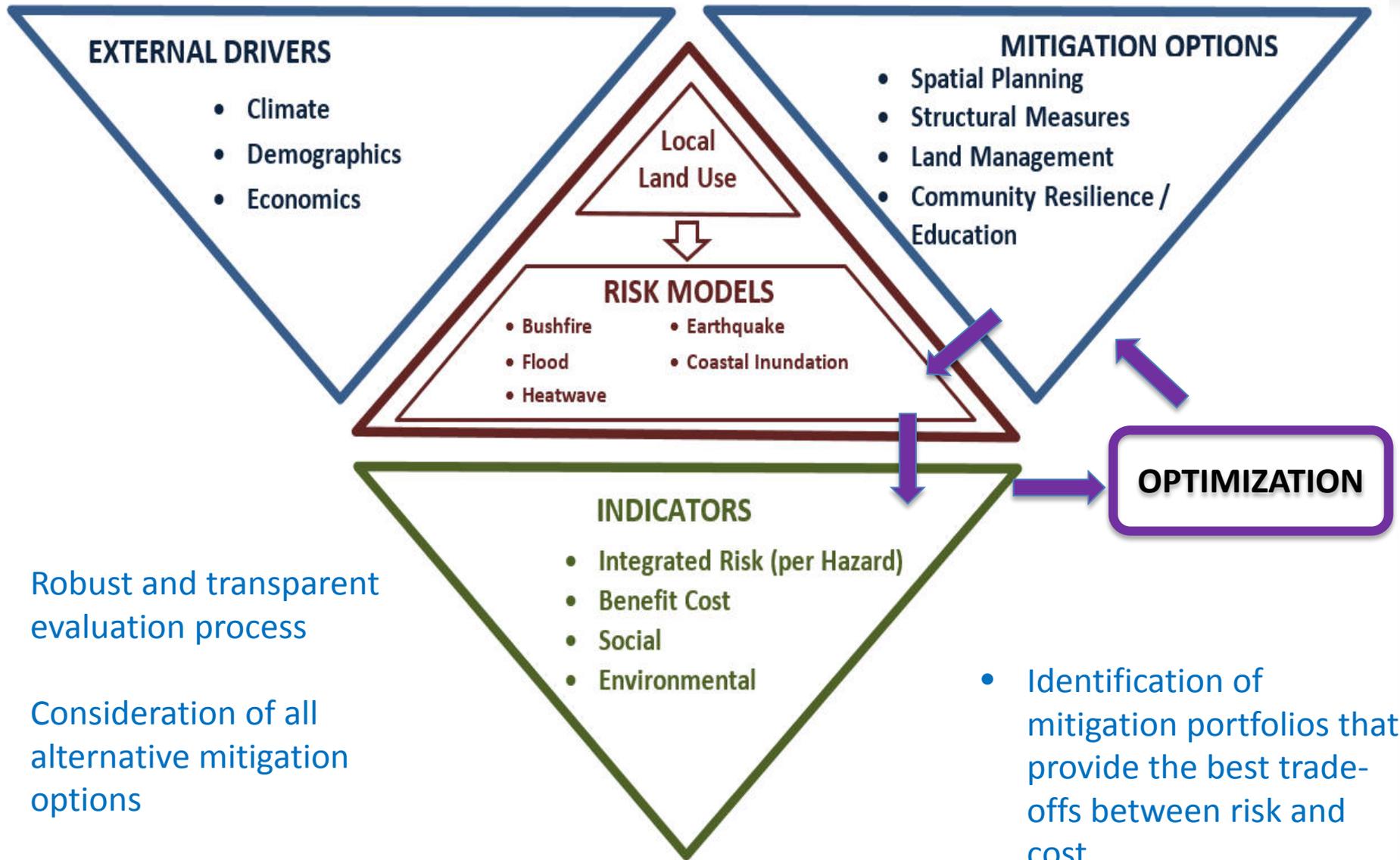
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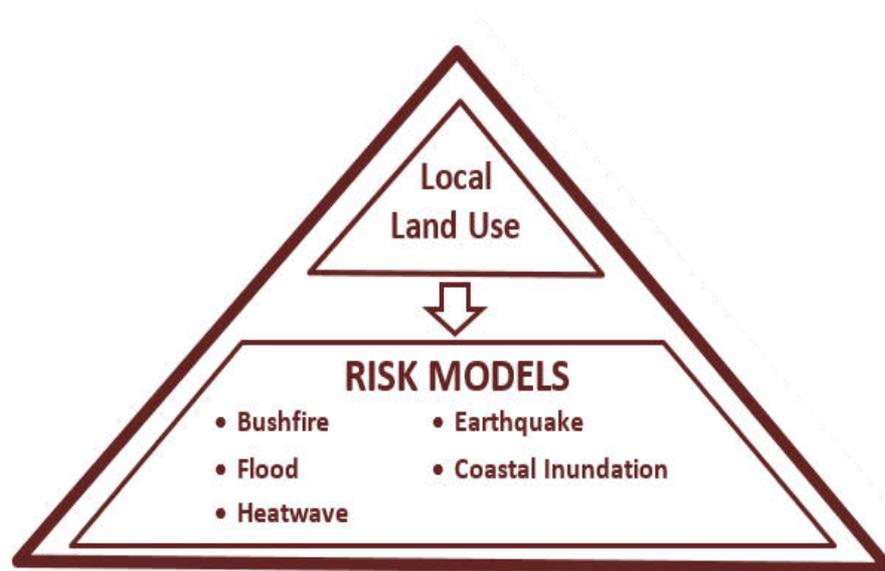
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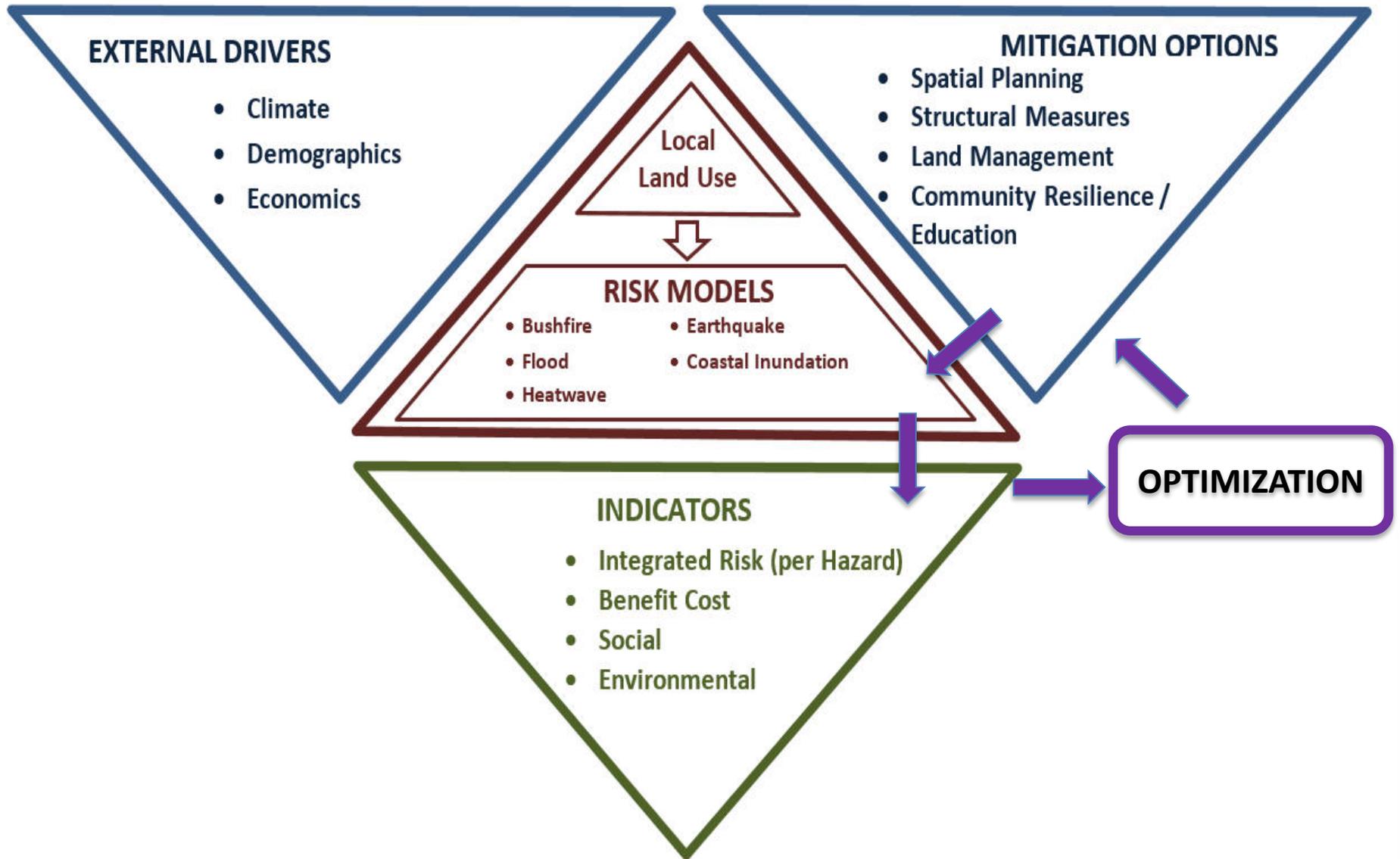


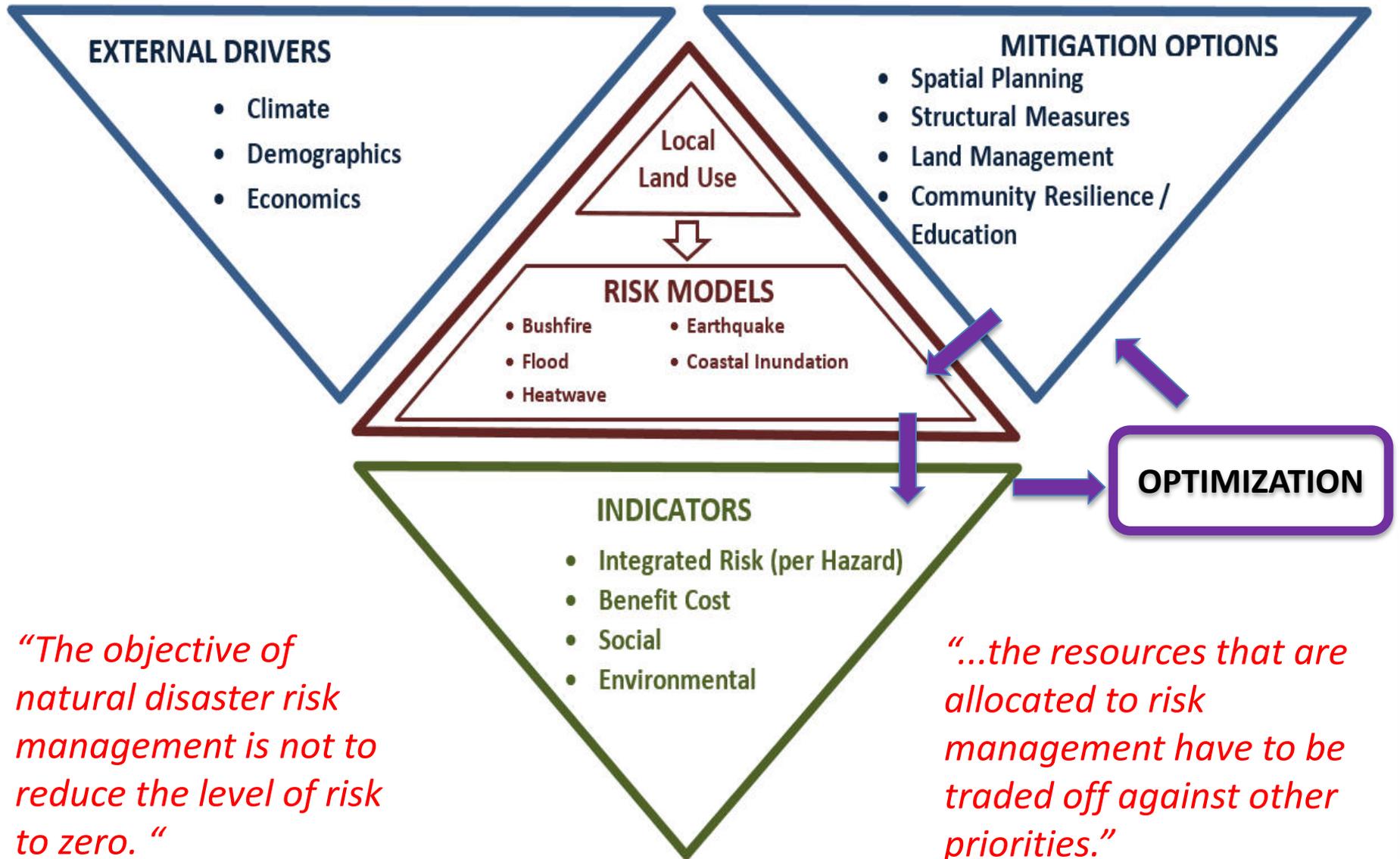


- Robust and transparent evaluation process
- Consideration of all alternative mitigation options
- Consideration of multiple hazards

- Identification of mitigation portfolios that provide the best trade-offs between risk and cost







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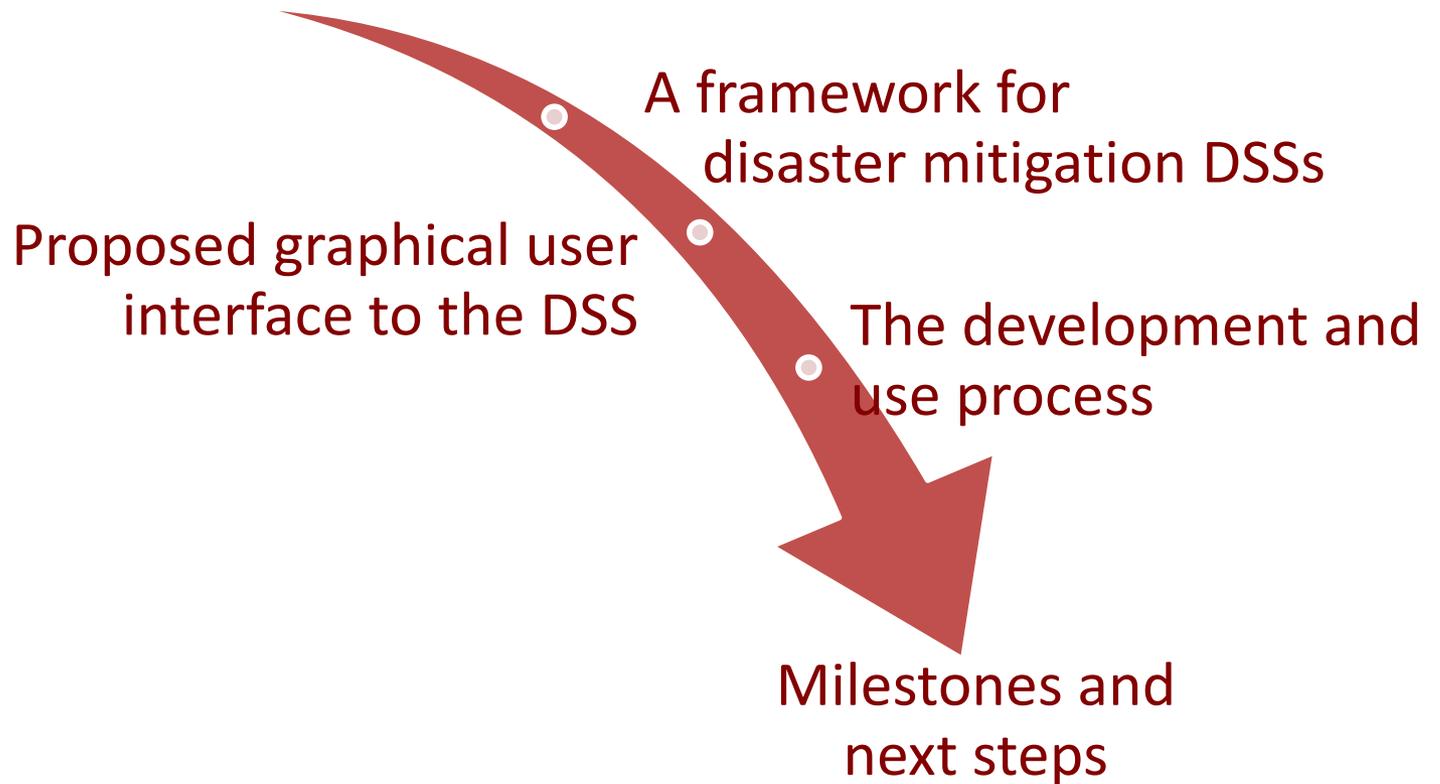
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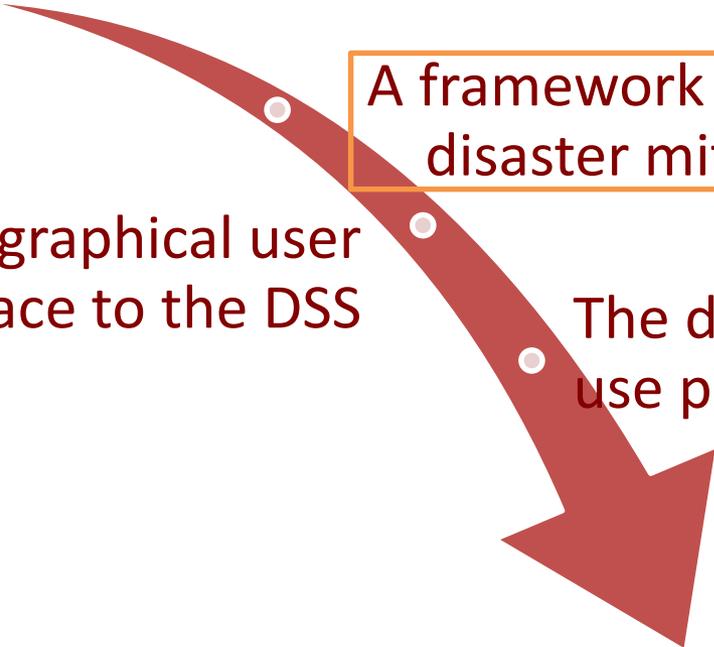
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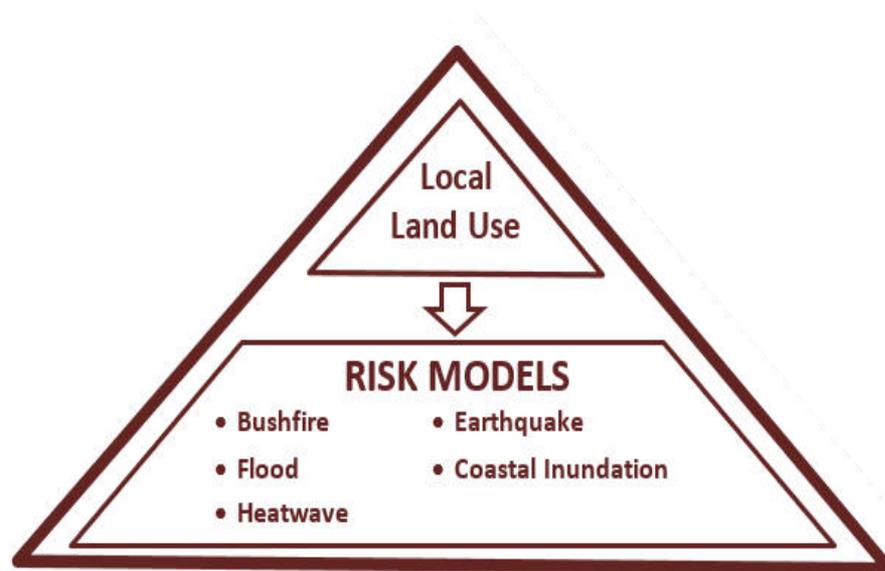


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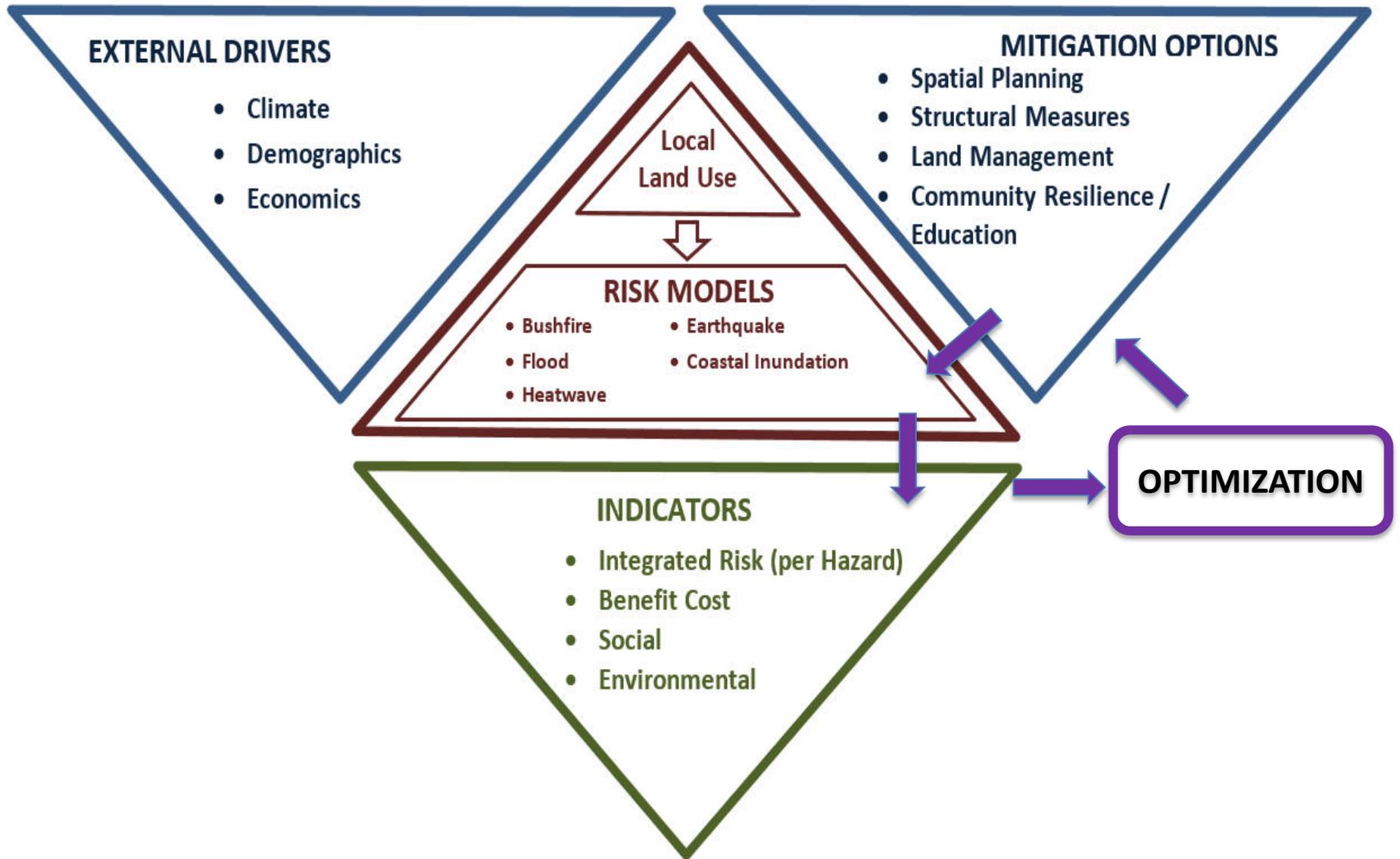


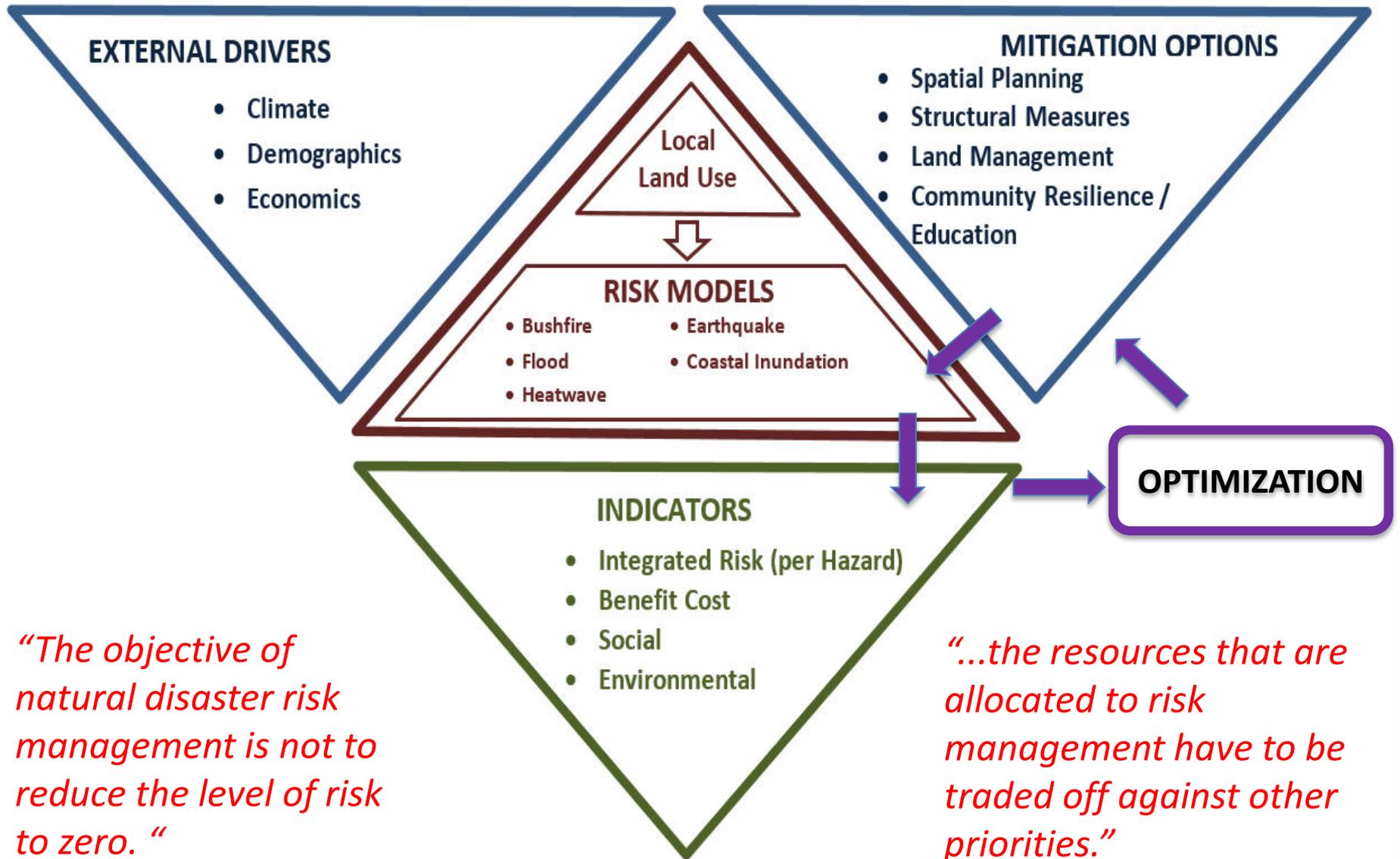
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