FOREST ADAPTATION PLANNING AND PRACTICES

~ ONLINE COURSE ~



Session 3 Discussion: Understanding and Evaluating Climate Change Vulnerabilities

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Web session etiquette:

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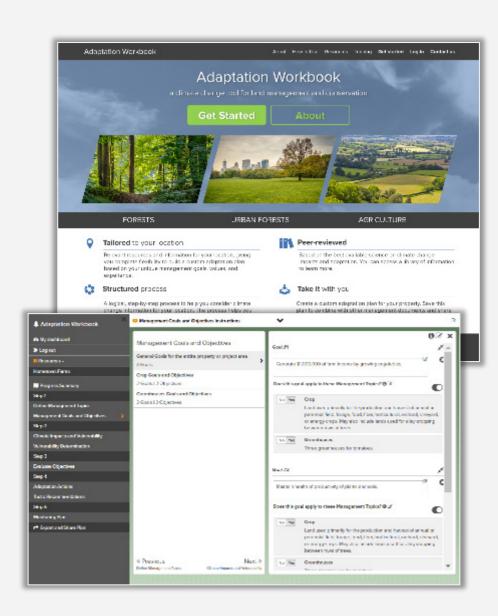
Welcome back!

Discussion: 10:00-10:45 am

 Discuss climate change impact for your project

Lecture: 10:45-11:30 am

- Step 3 introduction
- Assignment for Monday, Feb 11



Step 2 – Review

1. DEFINE location, project, and time frames.

Resource: Climate

Change Assessments

5. MONITOR and evaluate effectiveness of implemented actions.

2. ASSESS site-specific climate change impacts and vulnerabilities

4. IDENTIFY adaptation approaches and tactics for implementation.

3. EVALUATE management objectives given projected impacts and vulnerabilities.

Step 2: ASSESS site-specific climate change impacts and vulnerabilities.

Key Question:

- How might the area be uniquely affected by climatic change and subsequent impacts?
- How might regional impacts be different in the project area?

Step 2.1: ASSESS site-specific climate change impacts and vulnerabilities.

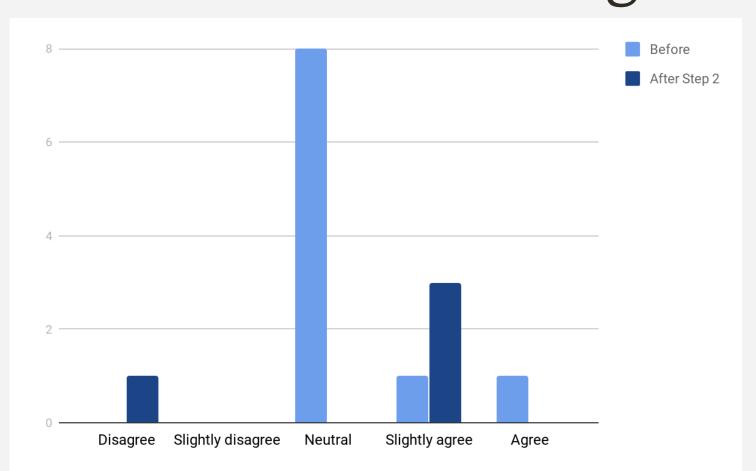
Regional Climate Impacts
Based on regional info



Site-specific ImpactsBased on your expertise

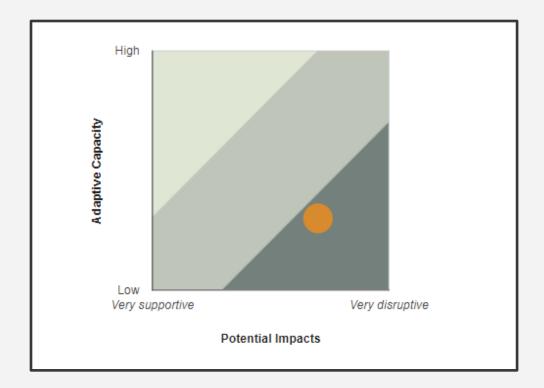
Mgmt.	Climate Change Impacts and Vulnerabilities		
Unit/ Topic	Regional	For the Property or Project Area	
	From vulnerability assessments	Based on your knowledge of the site	
Upland	More extreme precipitation	Slope and soil on east side of property is	
forest	events	vulnerable to flooding/ponding	
	Increased potential for summer	Hill tops are especially vulnerable to	
	drought	growing season moisture stress	

I understand the potential local impacts of climate change on the lands that I manage.

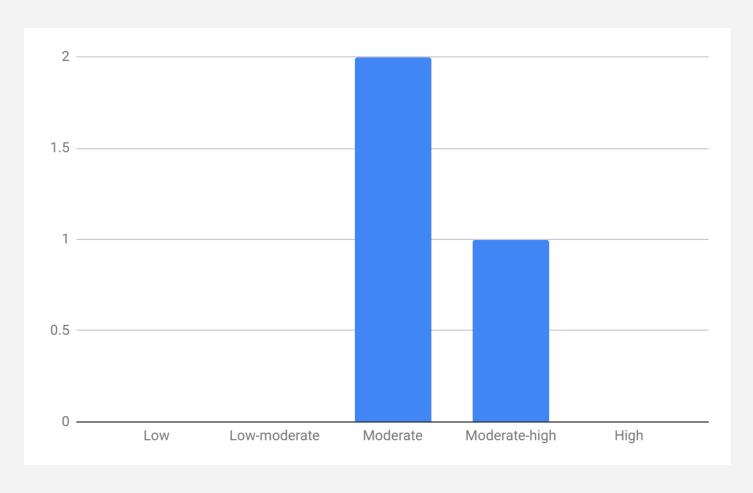


Step 2.2: Vulnerability determination

- How will the <u>potential impacts</u> from climate change affect this particular location?
- How much <u>adaptive capacity</u> (i.e., resilience) does this system have to bounce back from climate change or disturbance?



How vulnerable is your forest or project area?



Impacts Activity

- 1) Put on your thinking cap!
- 2) Virtual white board will have post-it notes with the key regional impacts
- 3) For each impact, we'll ask you what site-level considerations you think would make those impacts more or less severe in your project area.



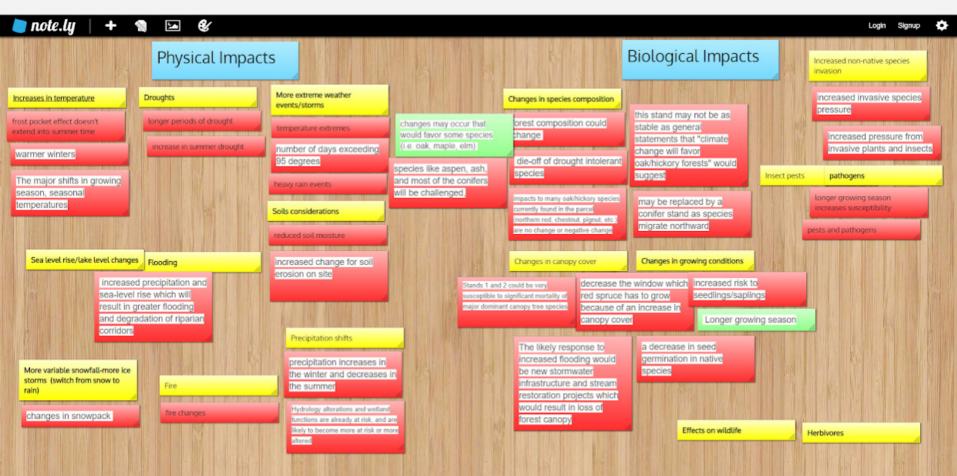


What site-level characteristics would make the climate change impacts more or less severe?



Post-it note activity

Share this Wall: http://note.ly/brandtleslieagmailcom



What are some factors you identified that **enhanced** your adaptive capacity?



What are some factors you identified that **reduced** your adaptive capacity?



Is there other information would have been helpful?



Other thoughts about Step 2?



{Take a Break!}

10-MINUTE STRATEGIES

Re-Focus Tired, Hyper or Restless Students without leaving the classroom!





Step 3...

Today-Step 3!

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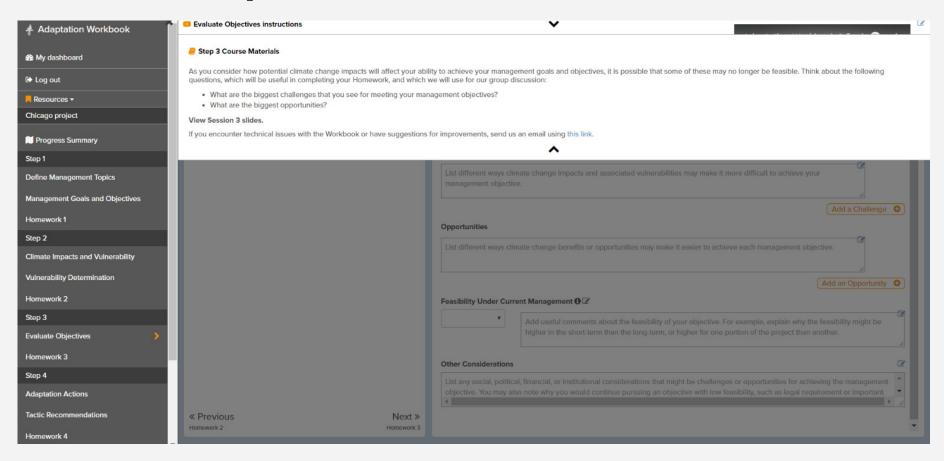
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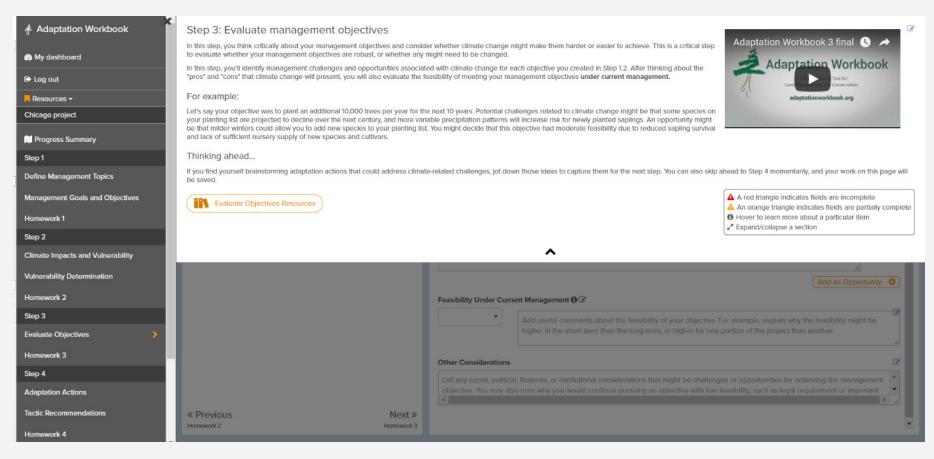
Key Question:

- What management challenges or opportunities might occur?
- Can current management meet management goals?
- Do goals need to change?

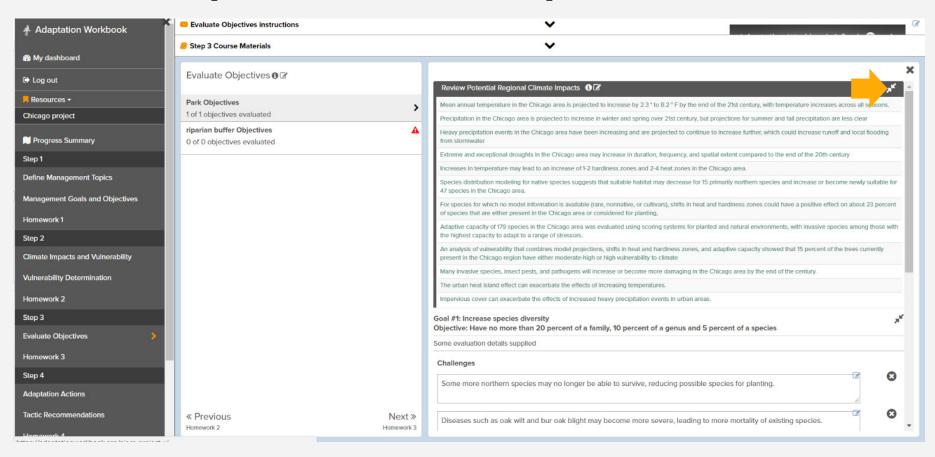
Step 3 Course Materials



Step 3 Instructions



Expandable Impacts List



Step 3: EVALUATE management objectives given projected impacts and vulnerabilities.

Challenges to Meeting Management Objective with Climate Change – Things that will make it harder to achieve the management objective due to climate change.

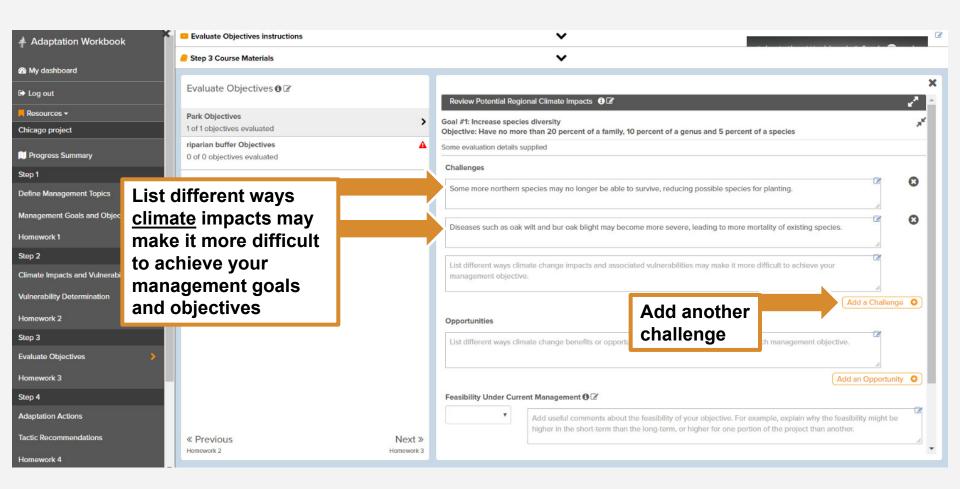
**Focus on challenges within control of your management (not global markets, policies, etc.)

Examples of challenges

Objective	Challenge from Climate Change
Provide sufficient protection and habitat for the Eastern box turtle.	May be harder to maintain habitats given drier conditions, fluctuating water levels, or reduced winter snowpack.
Improve breeding habitat for forest-interior birds by providing a variety of forest structures.	Projected declines in conifer species reduce that habitat component.

Maintain existing and develop new walking trails.	Extreme precipitation may increase erosion or flooding. Extreme storms may increase windthrow and need for hazard tree removal.
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Challenges



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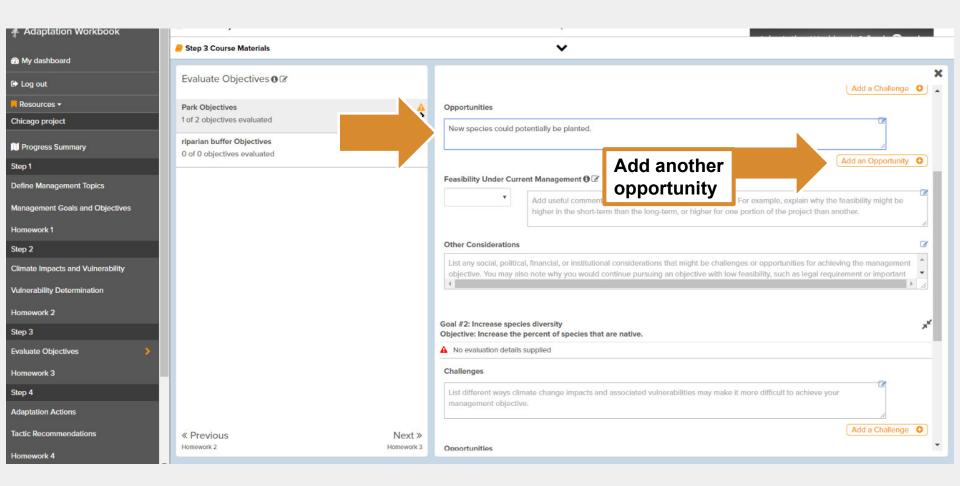
Opportunities to Meeting Management Objective with Climate Change – Things that will make it easier to achieve the management objective due to climate change.

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Examples of Opportunities

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Provide sufficient protection and habitat for the Eastern box turtle.	May be harder to maintain habitats given drier conditions, fluctuating water levels, or reduced winter snow pack.	May be able to improve habitat during management, such as through retaining woody residues on site.
Improve breeding habitat for forest-interior birds by providing a variety of forest structures.	Projected declines in conifer species reduce that habitat component.	Active management can improve structure. Active management can increase course woody material.
Maintain existing and develop new walking trails.	Extreme precipitation may increase erosion or flooding. Extreme storms may increase windthrow and need for hazard tree removal.	New trails can be designed to reduce impacts from extreme weather.

Opportunities



Step 3: EVALUATE management objectives given projected impacts and vulnerabilities.

Feasibility – Can you meet your management objectives using current (business-as-usual) management actions?

High: We can do it!

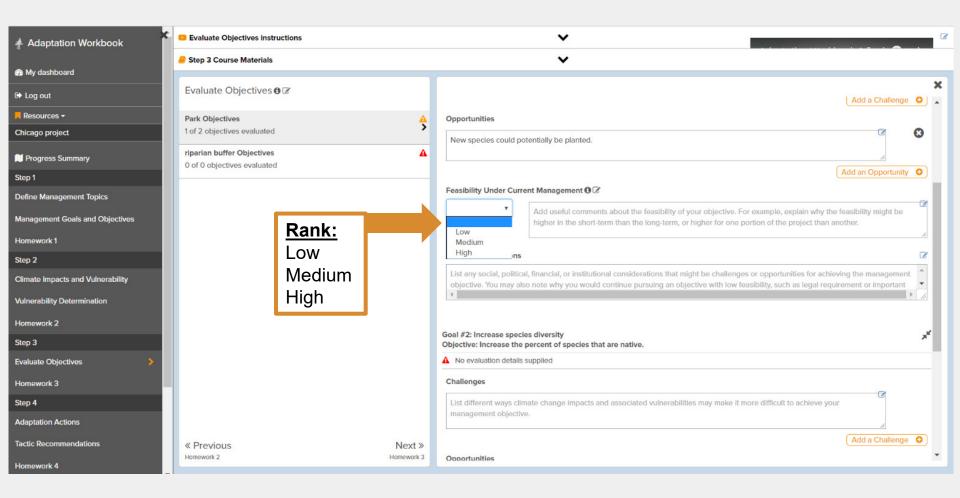
Opportunities > Challenges

Low: We'll need more resources or effort.

Challenges > Opportunities



Feasibility



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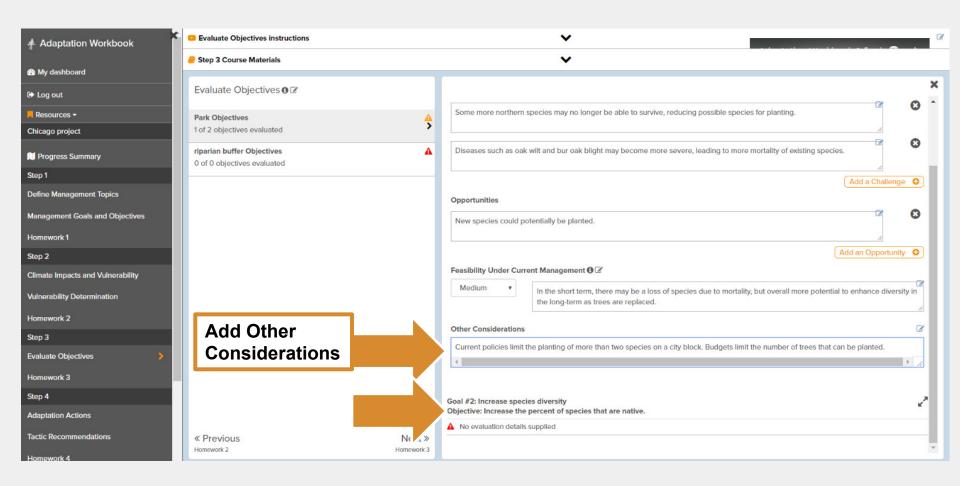
Other Considerations

 Social, financial, or other factors that also affect your ability to meet objectives.

Feasibility & Other considerations

Objective	Challenge from Climate Change	Opportunity from Climate Change	Feasibility	Other considerations
Provide sufficient protection and habitat for the Eastern box turtle.	May be harder to maintain habitats given drier conditions, fluctuating water levels, or reduced winter snow pack	May be able to improve habitat during management, such as through retaining woody residues on site.	Medium	High uncertainty about how habitats will be affected. If turtle is present, need to maintain habitats for as long as possible.
Improve breeding habitat for forest-interior birds by providing a variety of forest structures.	Projected declines in conifer species reduce that habitat component.	Active management can improve structure. Active management can increase course woody material.	High	
Maintain existing and develop new walking trails.	Extreme precipitation may increase erosion or flooding. Extreme storms may increase windthrow and need for hazard tree removal	New trails can be designed to reduce impacts from extreme weather.	Low	Additional funding would be needed to make improvements.

Other Considerations

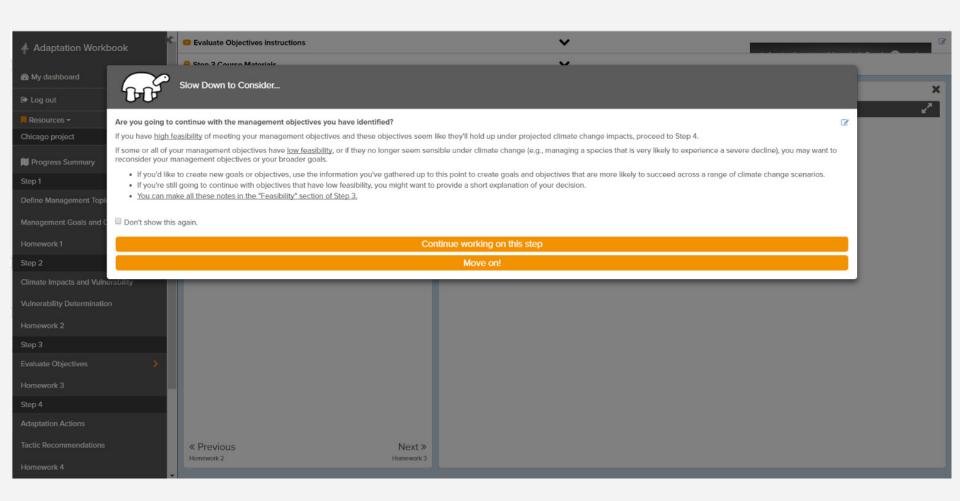


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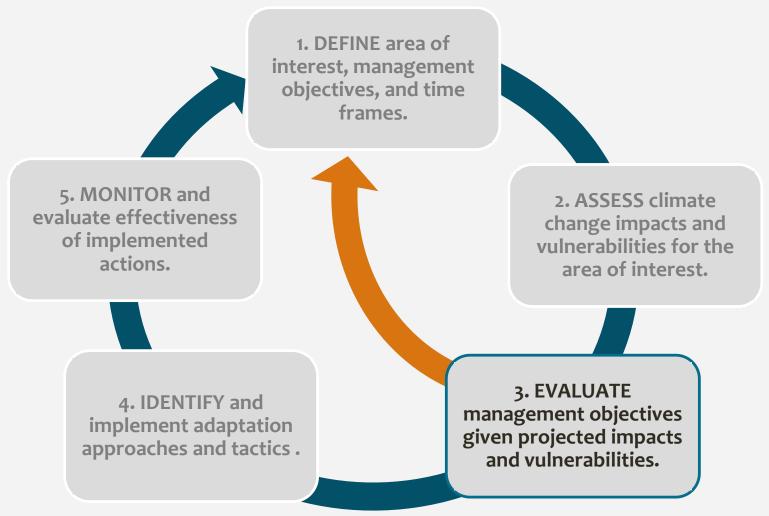


Are you going to continue with these management objectives?

Reconsider objectives

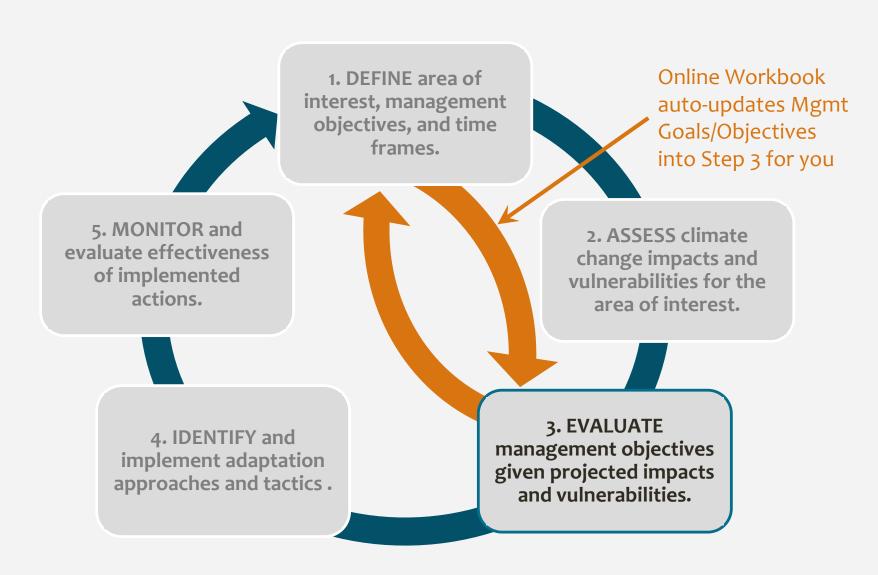


Workbook Cycle: Step 3

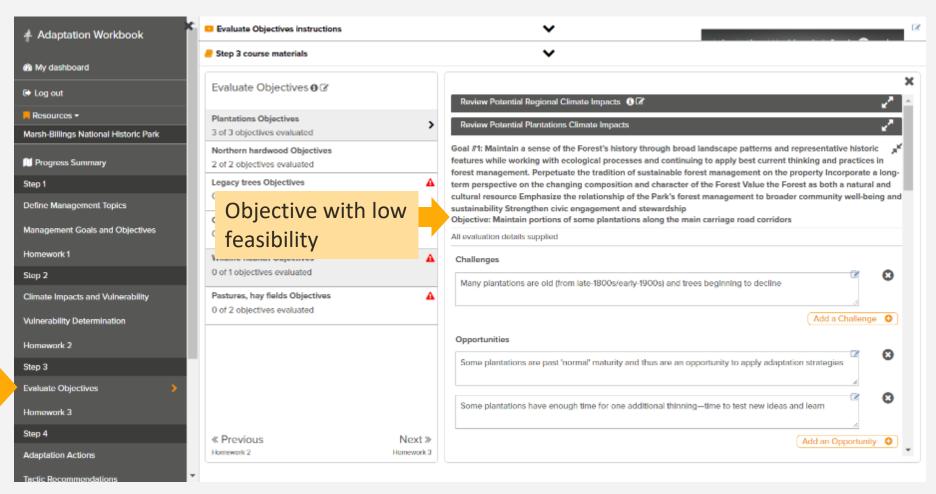


... or, RE-EVALUATE

Workbook Cycle: Step 3

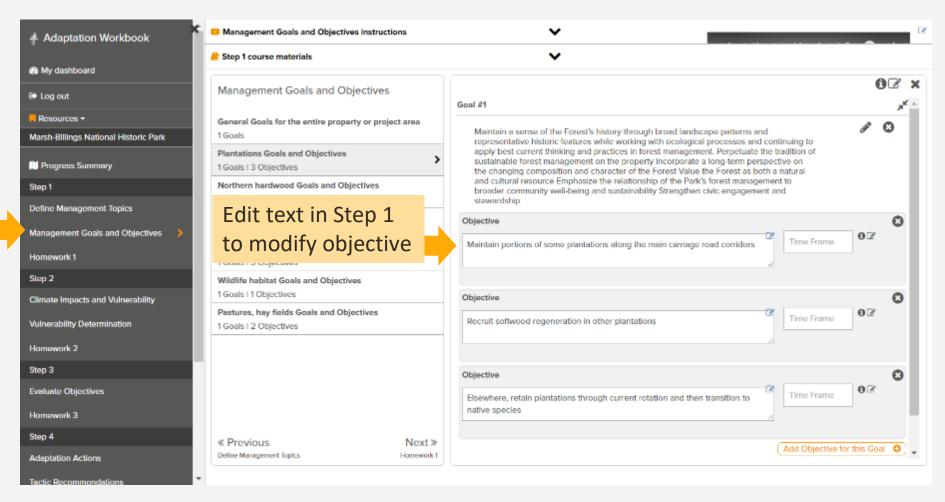


Original Objective in Step 1



NOTE: Modifying objectives is different from adaptation strategies!

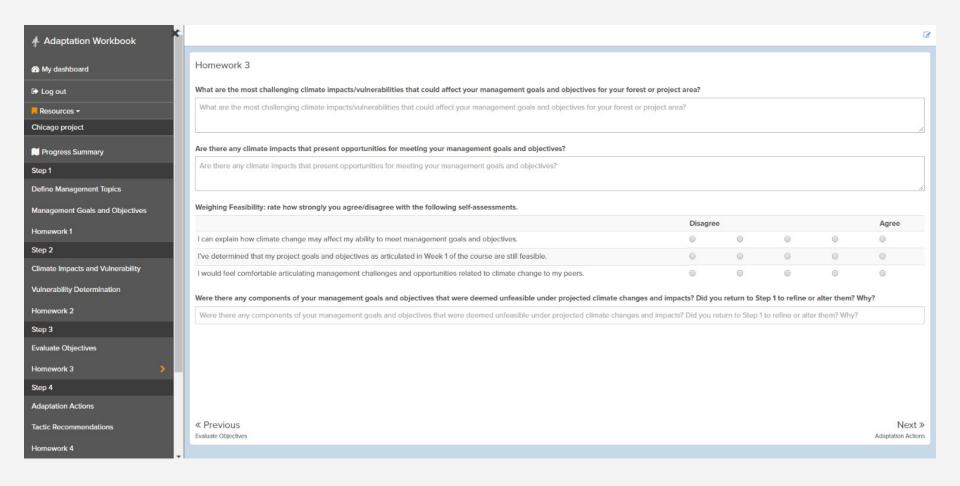
Automatically Updates in Step 3



Key Points on Step 3

- Having clear objectives makes everything easier!
- Challenges and Opportunities should relate to climate change.
- Other considerations section is for things not related to climate change (policy, budget, public engagement)
- May seem redundant with Step 2 at times
 - Step 2 focuses on the site
 - Step 3 focuses on objectives and management
- You may be tempted to list adaptation strategies in this step. Save your ideas for the next step!

Homework

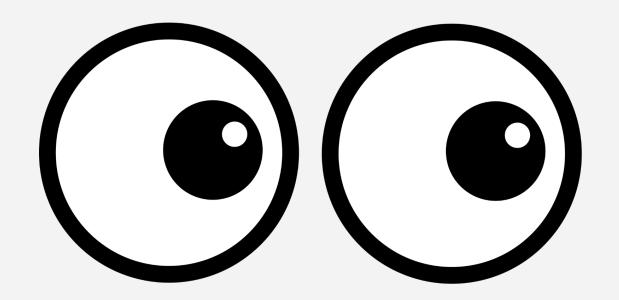


To-do list:

- Finish any hanging items from Step 2
- <u>Complete Step 3</u>: Evaluate management objectives
- Complete the Homework section following Step 3
- Come to Session 4 (February 12) ready to talk about your management challenges and opportunities

Looking Ahead

- Next session will cover Adaptation Strategies
- If you want to read ahead:
 - Forest Adaptation Strategies and Approaches
 (Chapter 3) in Forest Adaptation Resources



Questions?

