



RESILIENT  
HOUSATONIC  
COMMUNITY-  
CENTERED CLIMATE  
PLANNING AT OLD  
MAID'S PARK



## **WHY FOCUS ON OLD MAID'S?**

- IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
- COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACE
- FISHING
- SWIMMING
- PICNICKING
- DOGS
- BIRDS, TREES, PLANTS
- HISTORY

THERE ARE, HOWEVER,  
A COUPLE OF ISSUES...



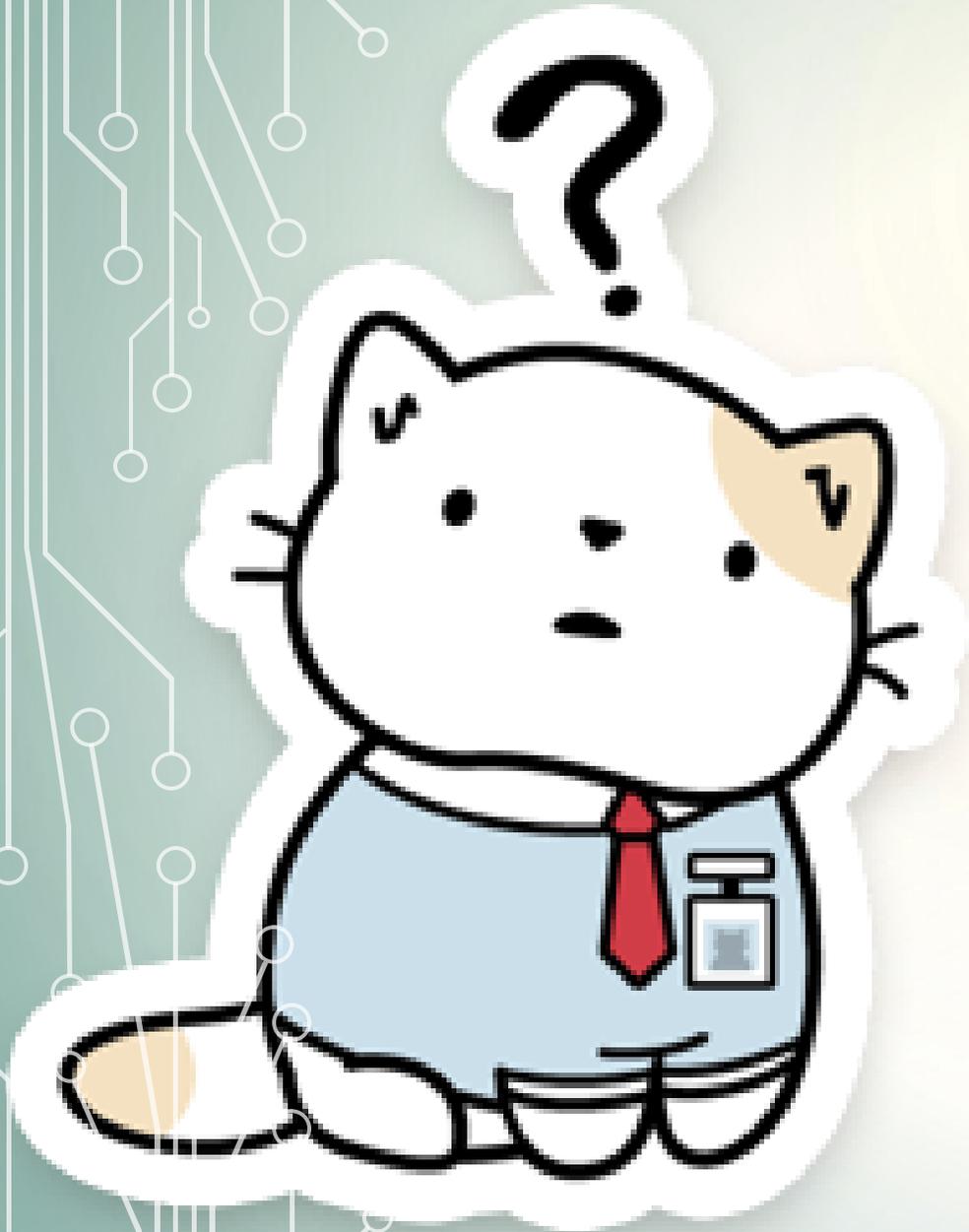


**INVASIVES**



**INACCESSIBILITY**

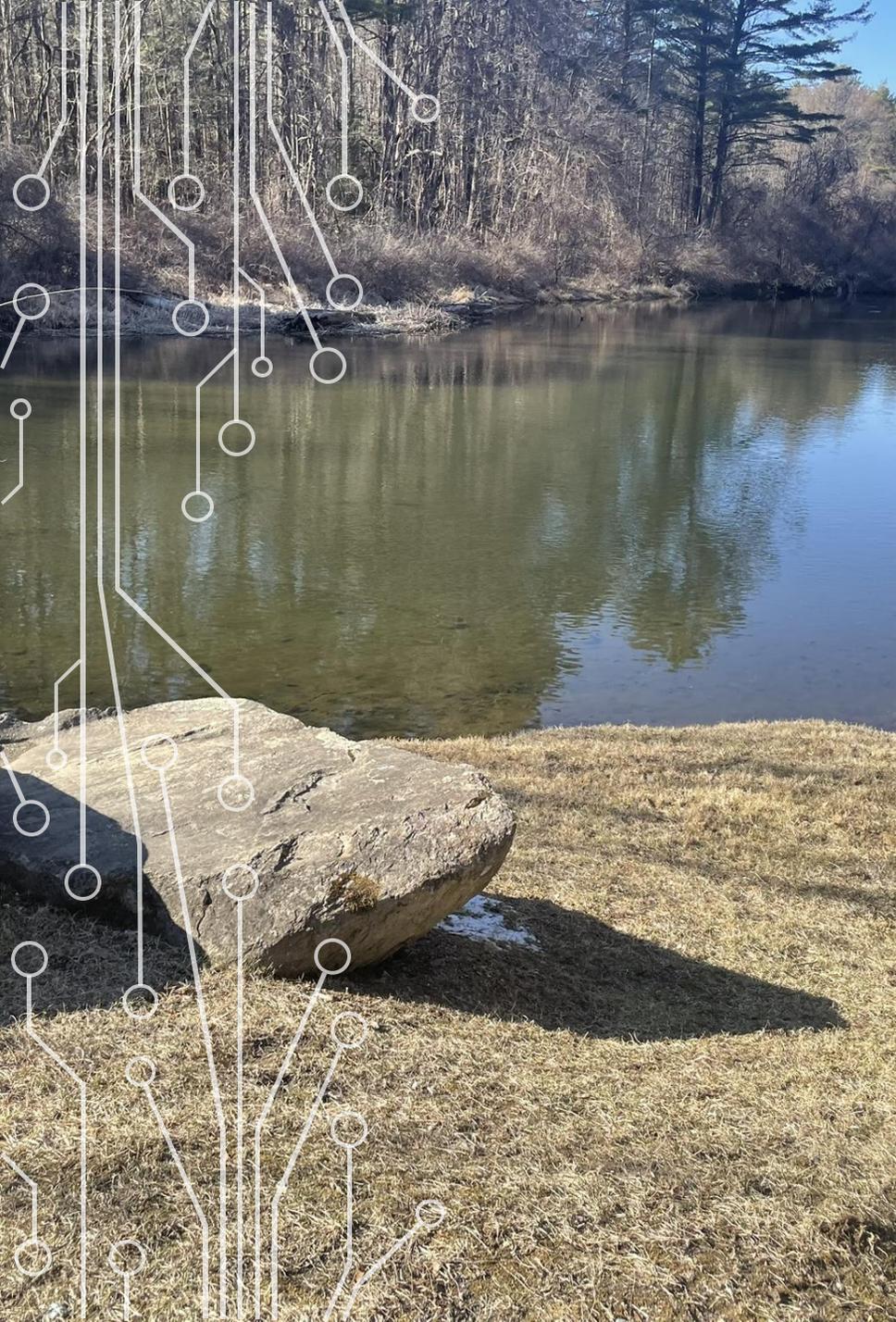




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IF THE PROBLEMS ARE  
ALL PHYSICAL,  
STRUCTURAL, AND  
CLIMATE-RELATED, WHY  
CENTER COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT?

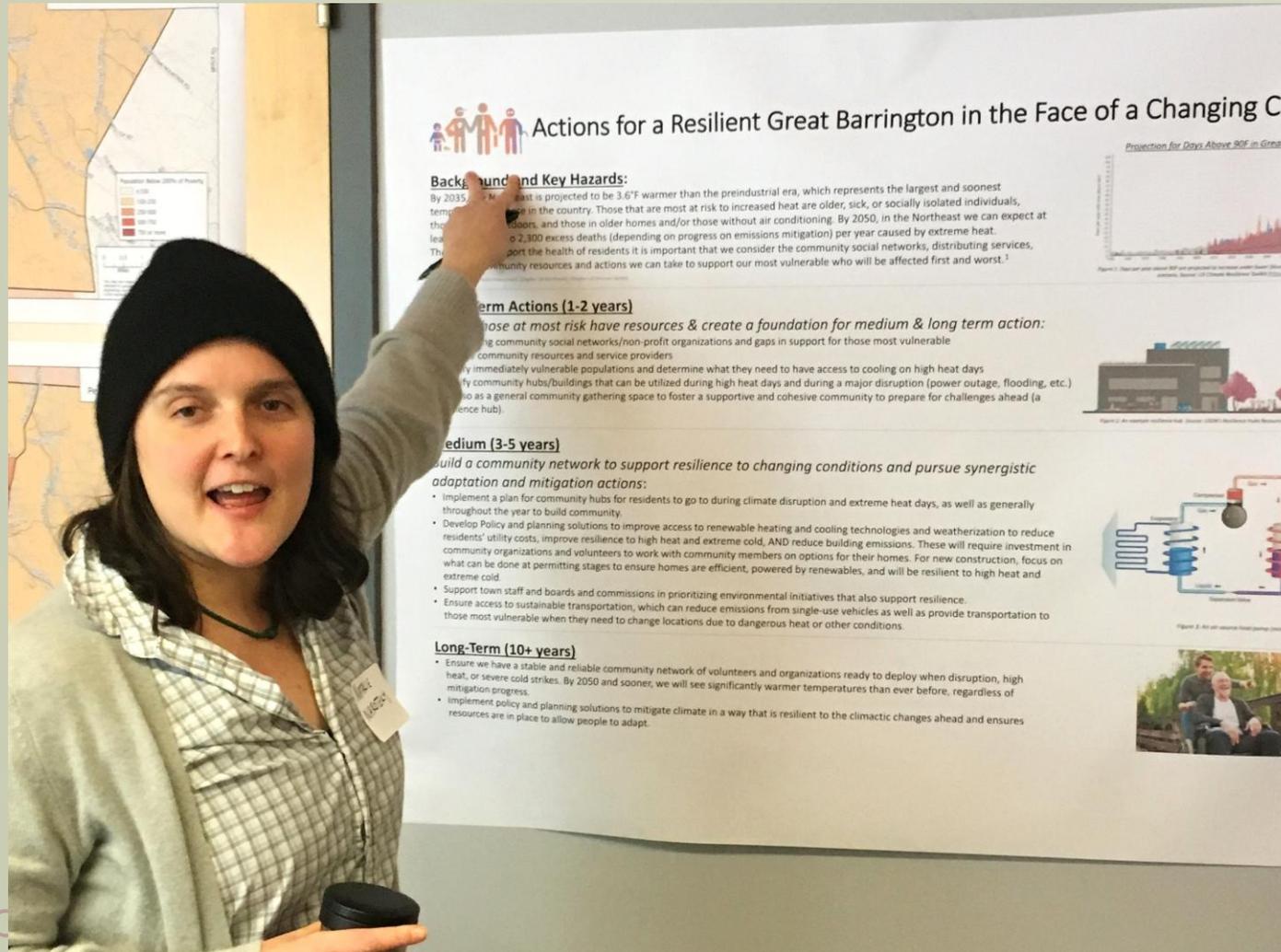
*The answer is simple, yet complex:*



## THE MAIN GOALS OF THE RESILIENT HOUSATONIC PROJECT

- To develop a plan to enhance the park's resilience to climate change impacts and extreme precipitation events
- To develop a plan that will ensure universal accessibility for all community members and create solutions that embody the values and needs of the community
- To utilize community engagement practices as a means of informing the plan development and of creating deeper and lasting community connections within the Village of Housatonic and the wider region

# SOME OF WHAT GB HAS LEARNED OVER THE YEARS....



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**COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS**

*facilitates*

**COMMUNITY RESILIENCE,**

which is an essential component of

**CLIMATE RESILIENCE.**

# THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING....

If you want to be  
involved, stay  
connected to the  
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town.

