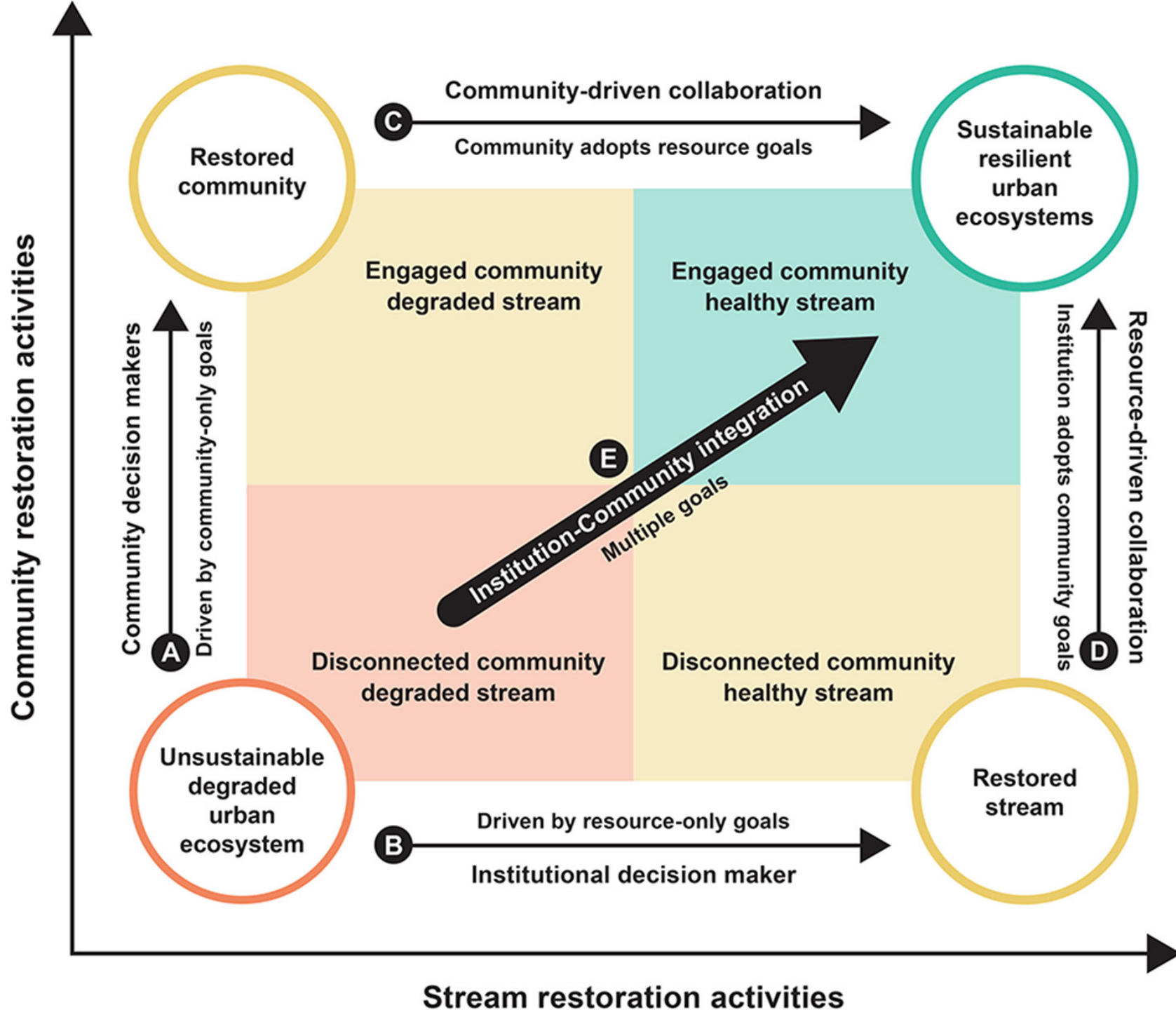


How to establish equitable, realistic, meaningful urban restoration goals

- Issie Barrett
- Aditi Bhaskar
- Brian Bledsoe
- Fiona Dyer
- Wade Hadwen
- Robert Hawley
- Jen Middleton
- Brian Murphy
- Martin Neale
- Shayenna Nolan
- Britt Rogers
- Seth Wenger



Q: Can municipal governments make equitable provisioning of ecosystem services the core mission of their environmental programs, while meeting other regulatory requirements?

A: Municipalities in many parts of the world could, if they chose, reframe their environmental mission around equitable provisioning of ecosystem services, as long as they met federal and state regulatory requirements.

Questions

1. What drives urban stream decision-making in your municipality, or in municipalities with which you work?
2. Is it helpful to frame things in terms of services and disservices? What are the pros and cons of such a framing?
3. What are the barriers and hurdles that would need to be overcome to make this a reality?

Essential Elements

- Equity as a goal—note the history of inequity associated with infrastructure
- Shared governance and community ownership. Giving up some control.
- Broad engagement
- Treat streams, etc. as infrastructure on par with roads, worthy of maintenance

Challenges and opportunities

- Cost will increase.
- Defining who is a stakeholder and balancing competing
- Engagement
- Fragmented governance; need for multiscale planning. Assets that depend on upstream assets. Solutions: governance structures at the right scale; sometimes community groups.
- Unclear responsibilities
- Need to reallocate personnel resources, expanding

Key message

- Changing how we relate to the natural environment. Create systems that welcome and invite people to engage in the management of their natural world. **Equitable delivery of benefits.**