Managing for Sustainability across Kansas Area Communities

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Write down the first 3 words that come to your mind when you think about sustainability.
A broad view of sustainability

Air quality
Water quality and quantity
Transportation
Biodiversity
Ecosystem health
Clean energy / energy efficiency
Waste/recycling
Climate protection

Full, productive employment
Entrepreneurial opportunities
Skilled workforce
Competitive wages
Green jobs
Close-loop production
Corporate social responsibility

Quality of life
Equity/Justice
Public health
Arts and culture
Availability of healthy food

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Over place

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Across time

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Closed Systems, Open Systems and Sustainability
Closed systems minimize place-time disconnects

- Positive consequences: (e.g. profit, health)
- Negative consequences: (e.g. pollution, debt)
Open systems enable place-time disconnects

- **Actors** → **Actions**
  - Positive consequences *(e.g. profit, health)*
  - Negative consequences *(e.g. pollution, debt)*

- The future → Other places or groups of people