



# 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



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

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



## Over place

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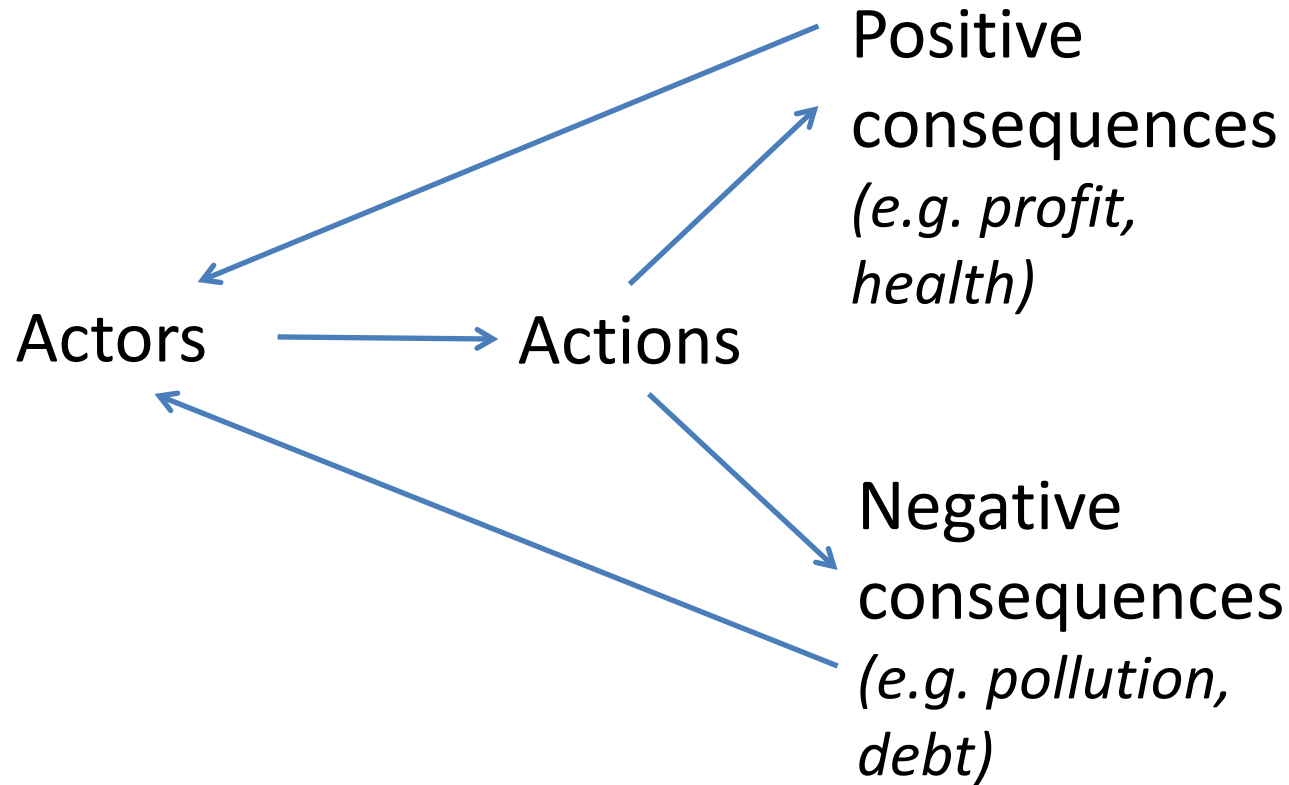
## Across time



# Closed Systems, Open Systems and Sustainability



# Closed systems minimize place-time disconnects



# Open systems enable place-time disconnects

