

# Something at Stake & Something to Trade

including a 1949 tribal map of Cameroun & the  
story of Coeymans, New York, 2013

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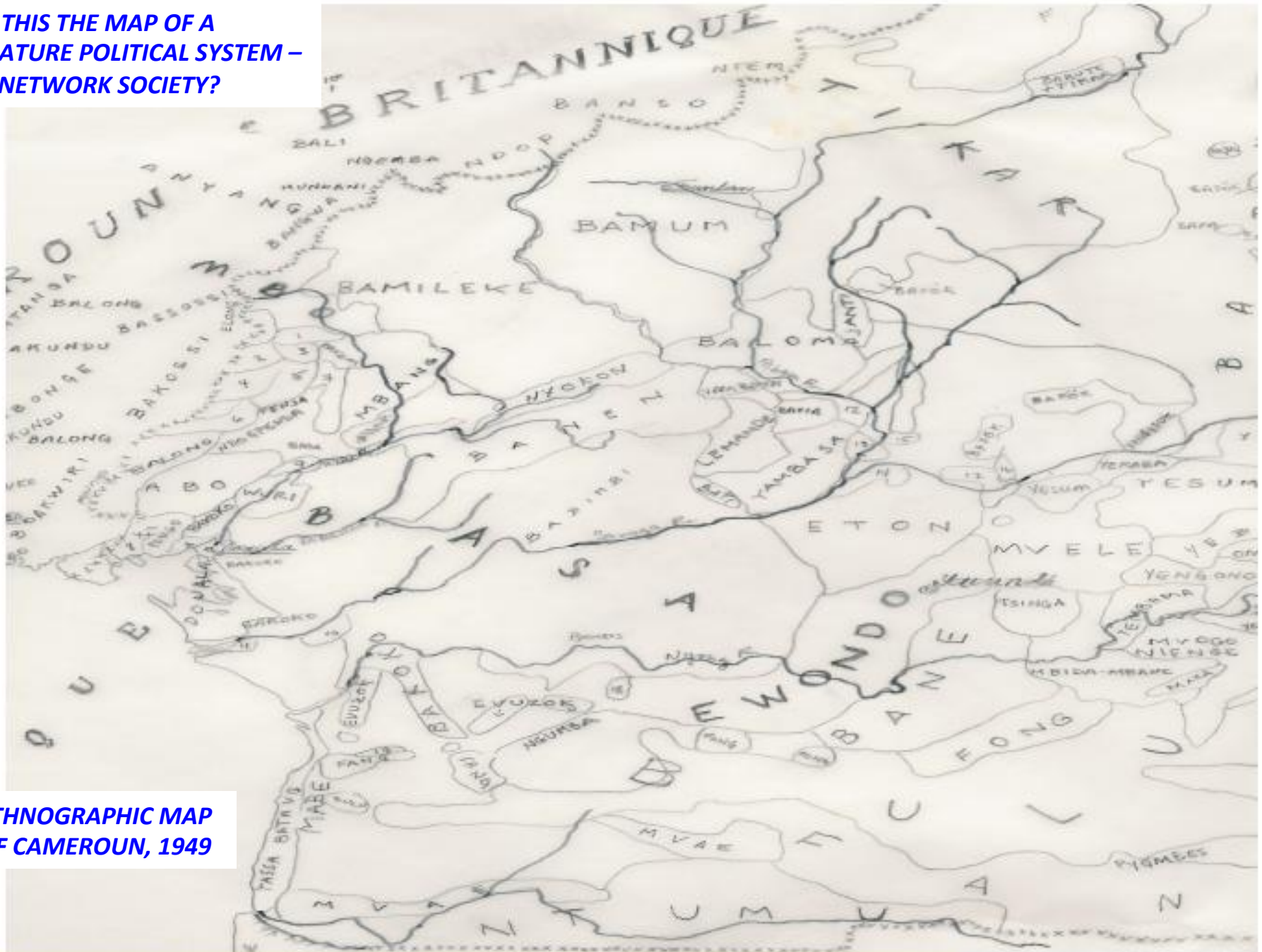
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**IS THIS THE MAP OF A  
MATURE POLITICAL SYSTEM –  
A NETWORK SOCIETY?**



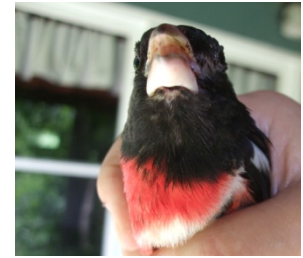
**ETHNOGRAPHIC MAP  
OF CAMEROUN, 1949**

*Fold out map from J Dugast, Inventaire Ethnique du Sud-Cameroun (Mémoires de l'Institut Français d'Afrique Noire, 1949)*

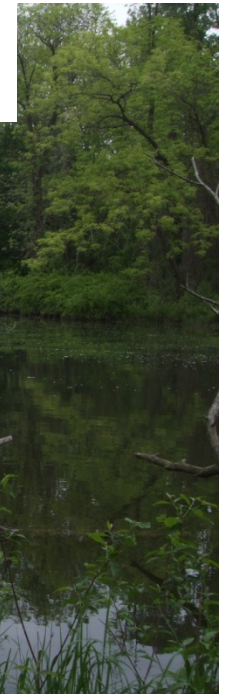
# Hannacroix Creek, New York

*a recovering landscape*

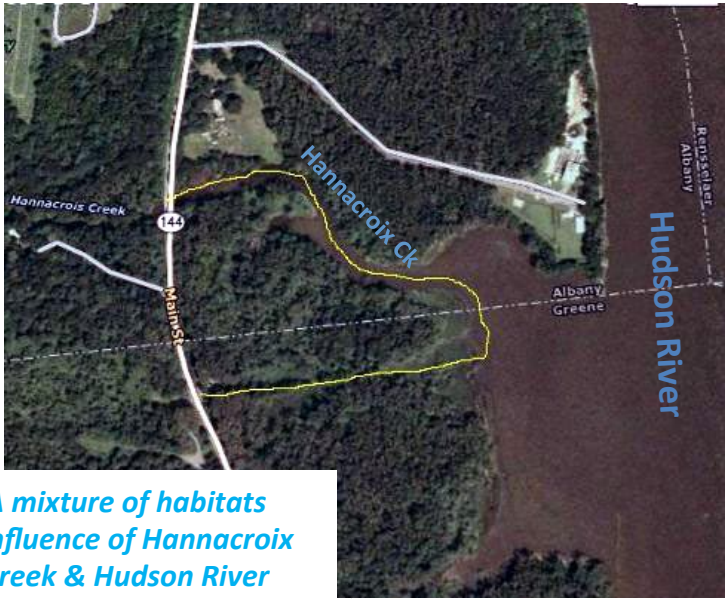
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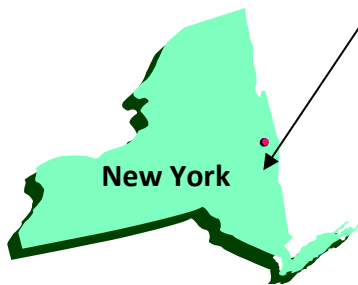
**Can we create a  
simple tradable  
biodiversity  
index?**



Hannacroix Creek at high tide



*A mixture of habitats  
confluence of Hannacroix  
Creek & Hudson River*



New York



**Barbet Learning Site  
Confirmed May 10**

New York City – 135 ‘river miles’



# Geography of Coeymans Hamlet in a Town



Hannacroix Creek



Coeymans Creek

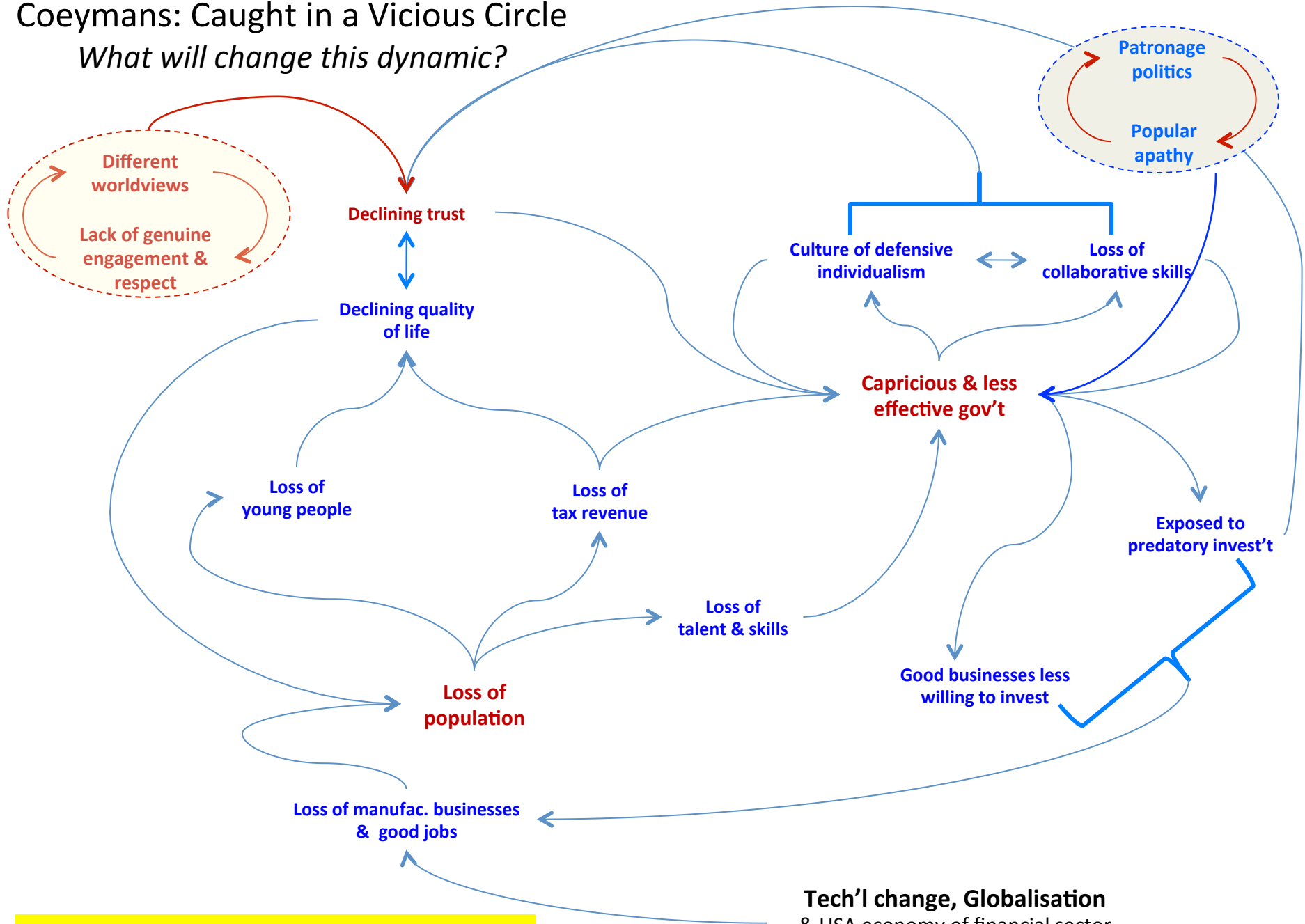
“The waterfront is our greatest resource.”

**Hamlet of Coeymans  
800 people;**

**Town of Coeymans  
8000 people**

# Coeymans: Caught in a Vicious Circle

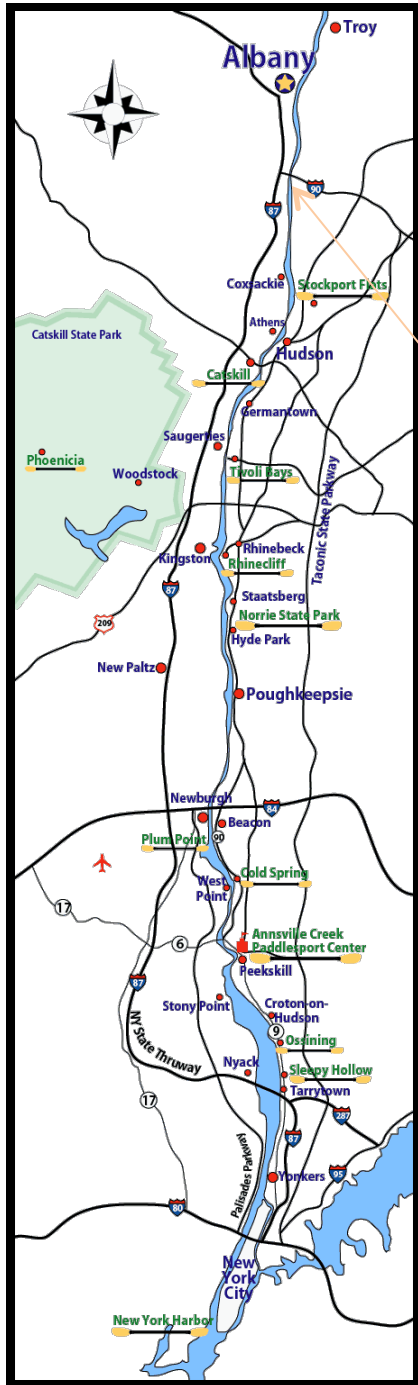
*What will change this dynamic?*



**New York is a 'Home Rule State'**

**Tech'l change, Globalisation**  
& USA economy of financial sector  
(started in 1960s/70s)

# Answer: Build & Expand the Port of Coeymans

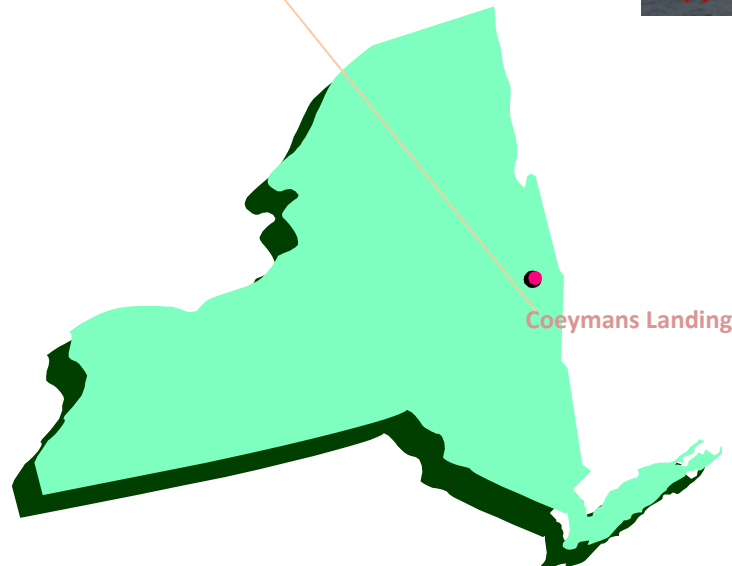


Featuring: 32 Foot Draft

[Google - Coeymans](#)  
from the air



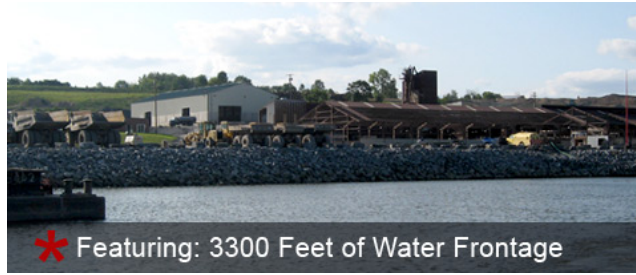
Featuring: 3300 Feet of Water Frontage



- Recycling operation
  - Water, not road transport
  - \$15-25 mln invested
  - Job creation 'Upstate'
  - New tax revenue
- but ...*
- An inconsiderate neighbour  
paying only \$6000/yr Town taxes



***“This is the last chance for the town to grow...”***



**\* Featuring: 3300 Feet of Water Frontage**



***“Bunch of gripers  
bitching at the back...”***



**“Something at Stake &  
Something to Trade”**



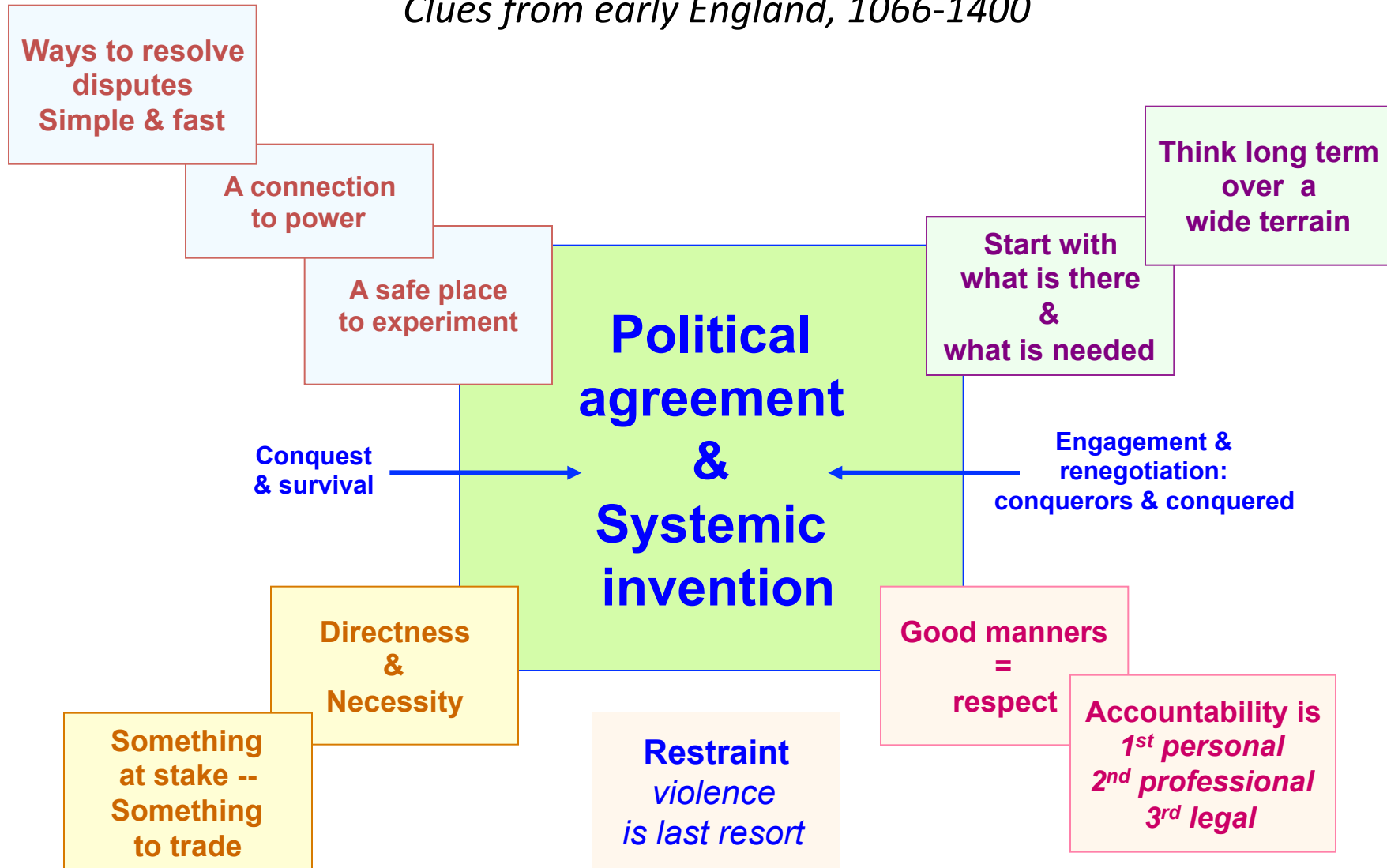
***“Slow Down & Consult”***



***“Your law wholly ignores the goals established by the Comprehensive Plan...”***

# The Politics of Systemic Invention

Clues from early England, 1066-1400





# Preamble

- Cognizant of the interdependence of all life,*
- Desiring to support its abundance and diversity,*
- Seeking more conscious self-organisation of human activity,*
- Recognising that the whole must support the well-being of each part & that each part must support the well-being of the whole,*
- Accepting human responsibility to maintain the integrity of the whole,*
- And in humble recognition of human fallibility,*

***We hereby declare that all ecosystems, species and humans have political and moral standing in our governance.***

