

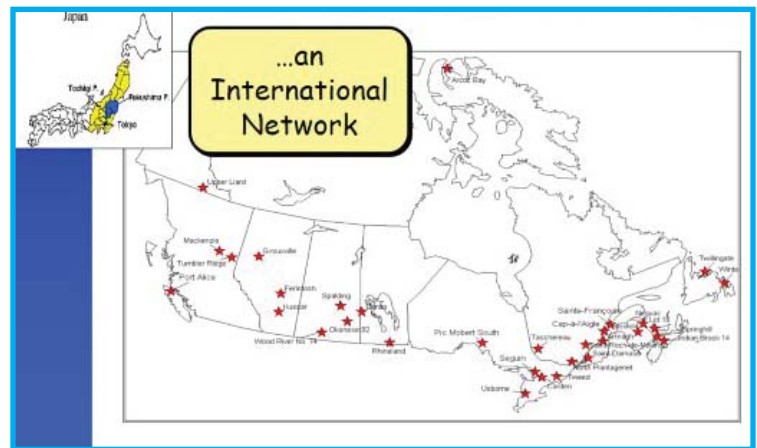
25 years.
Looking back.
Looking forward.

The New Rural Economy

Consider the New Rural Economy Project for:

- Initiatives
- Information and data
- Insights
- Interconnections
- Inspiration

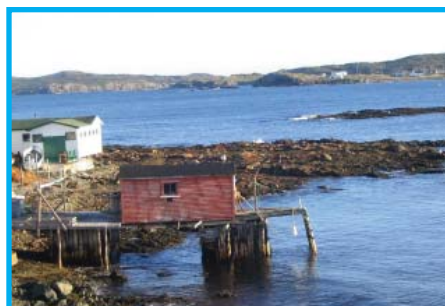
- Select a thesis, research, or paper topic
- Identify strategic community case studies
- Enhance your case study or research project
- Access qualitative, quantitative, time-series information, and data regarding rural and remote places
- Access tested information and methodological instruments
- Learn about managing large research projects, working with students, community members, practitioners, and policy-makers
- Access insights, policy proposals, community action regarding issues such as:
 - Social Cohesion
 - Social Capital
 - Governance
 - Services
 - Environment
 - Communications
 - Economic Development
 - Disaster management
 - and many others



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The New Rural Economy project (NRE) was a ground-breaking initiative of researchers, rural people, policy-analysts, practitioners, and community groups to identify and address vital rural issues. For 11 years, we exchanged experiences and perspectives, conducted research, met in rural and remote places, produced reports, media materials, and publications, and assessed policy options to improve the lives of rural people and places. In the process the project left legacies that can serve as bases for current research and action.

Initiatives

- In partnership with rural communities and CRRF we conducted annual conferences and workshops in rural and remote places.
- We were supported by research and knowledge mobilization grants on topics such as social cohesion, community capacity, wildfires, community transitions, and partnerships. This included the largest SSHRC grant to the date of its awarding.
- We supported an international collaboration project with researchers and communities in Japan (the CJ Project) (see <https://revitalization.brandonu.ca/>)

Information and Data

The Rural Observatory: Using systematic sampling, we identified 34 rural and remote communities across Canada (plus 2 in Japan). From 1997 to 2008 we collaborated with these communities to design and produce stories, field notes, multi-year site profiles, respondent-generated maps of their community boundaries, site history descriptions, and structured surveys regarding the availability and use of services, economic fortunes, resource base and amenities, demographic and social changes, the voluntary sector, entrepreneurship, small businesses, key institutions, local perceptions of the communities, community events, cooperatives, and communications. Additional data included municipal finances, and taxfiler information. (see: <http://nre.concordia.ca> > Study Sites, Resources>Research Instruments, and Resources>NREData)

The Canadian Longitudinal CSD datafile: This is an integrated database of all Census Subdivisions in Canada from 1986 to 2016 using constant 2006 geographical boundaries. It can be used for longitudinal analysis without the complexity created by changing municipal boundaries.

Insights

NRE insights cover a wide range of topics—from abstract, theoretical topics to pragmatic, specific suggestions (see <http://nre.concordia.ca> > Research Findings)

Interconnection

Interconnections and collaboration were fundamental to the NRE. They included researchers, community members and groups, policy-makers at federal, provincial, regional, and municipal levels, practitioners, business-people, and learners of all ages and disciplines. Our record of accomplishments confirms the value of such an inclusive approach even where differing experiences and opinion abound.

Inspiration

These legacies are available to you to continue this tradition for the advancement of your career, improve community and regional capacities, create better policy, extend your networks, assess insights, and generate new initiatives.

To discover more--or make suggestions

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