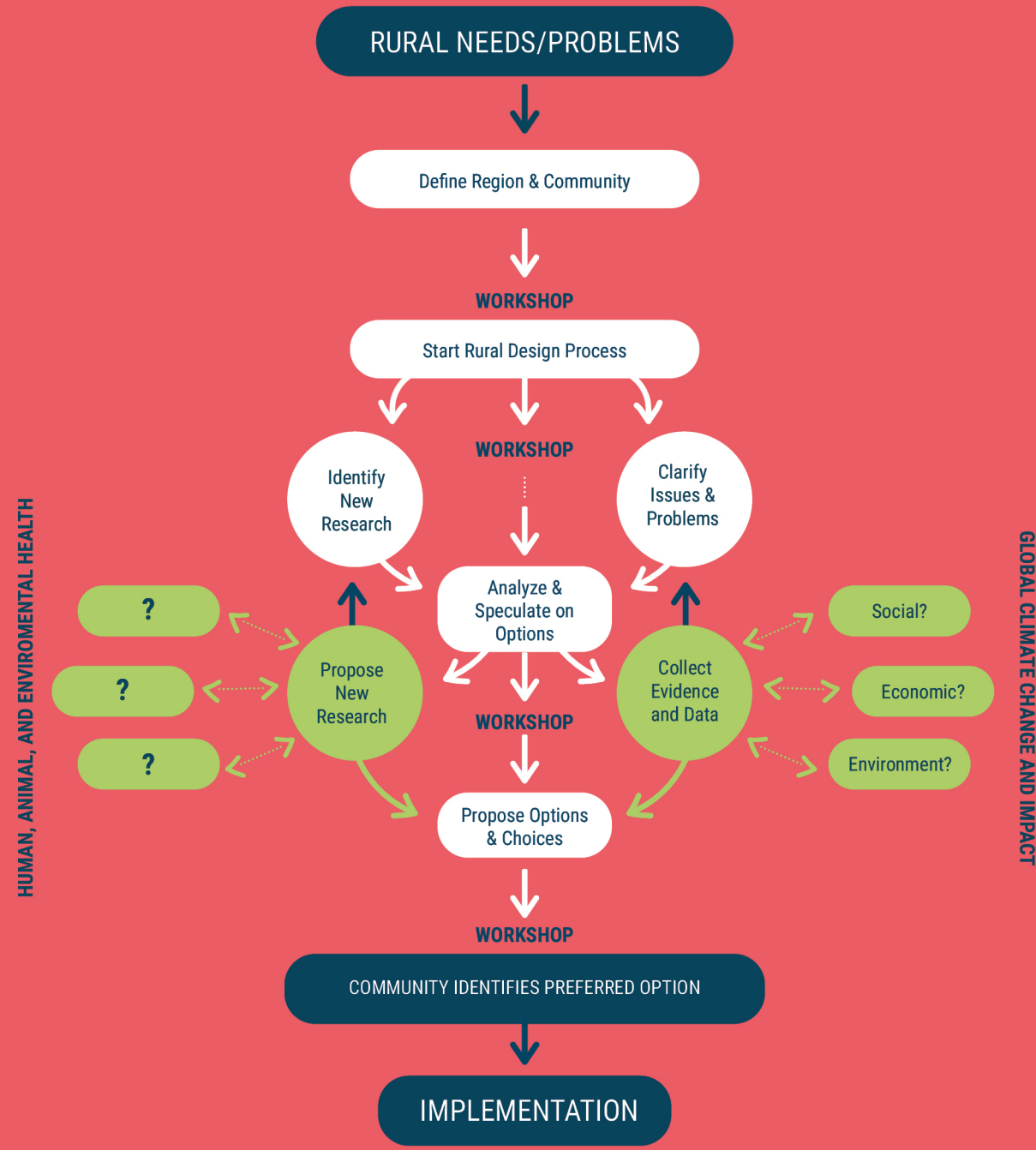


Rural Design Process

Rural design is a methodology to bring design thinking and the problem-solving process of design to rural regions to nurture human ingenuity, entrepreneurship, creativity, and innovation. Rural design expert, Dewey Thorbeck, explains that it promotes economic development, improves the environment, and enhances quality of life. This community-based design process empowers rural citizens.



Citizens' Institute for Rural Design Cohort Communities 2019-2020

The National Endowment for the Arts' CIRD initiative is training rural leaders from 23 communities in rural design and creative placemaking, as well as offering support in navigating funding opportunities to make their communities better places to live, work, and play.



- Learn more about rural design:
- [Citizens' Institute on Rural Design](#)
 - [Rural Prosperity Through the Arts & Creative Sector](#)
 - [Rural Design & Rural Futures](#)
 - [Rural Design: Establishing the Research Foundation for a New Design Discipline](#)
 - [Connecting Urban and Rural Futures Through Rural Design](#)

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