Towards an Ecology of Environmental Education:

Feedback Loops, EE, and Resilience

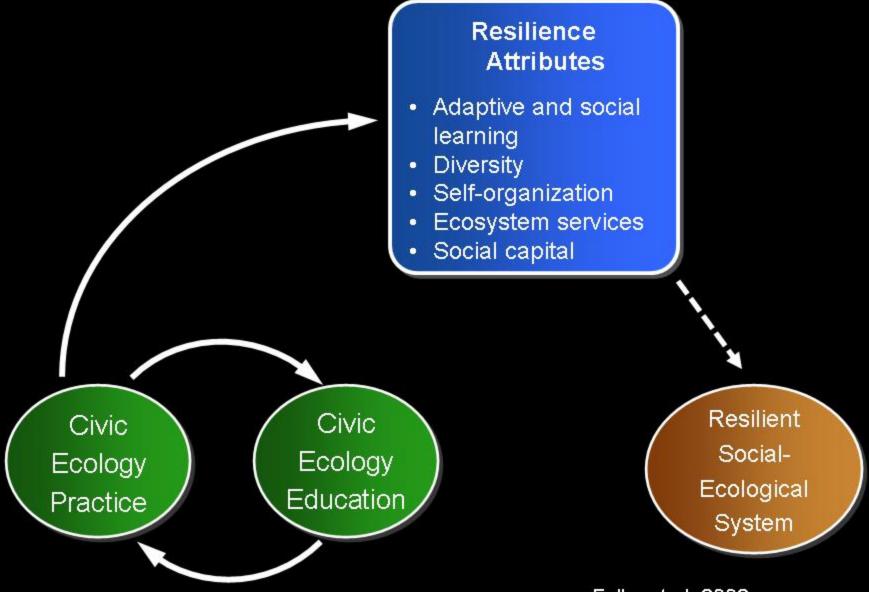
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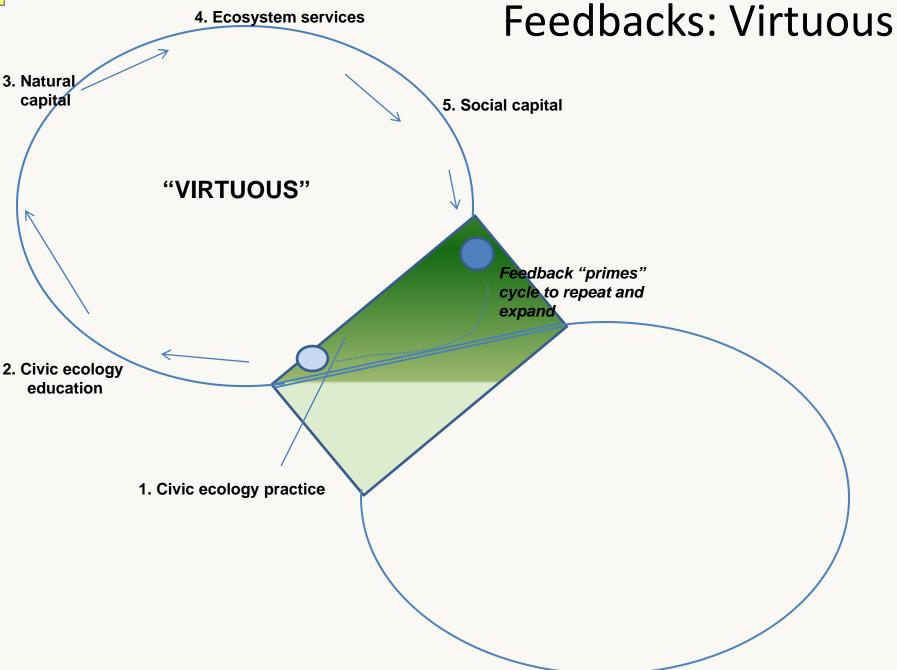
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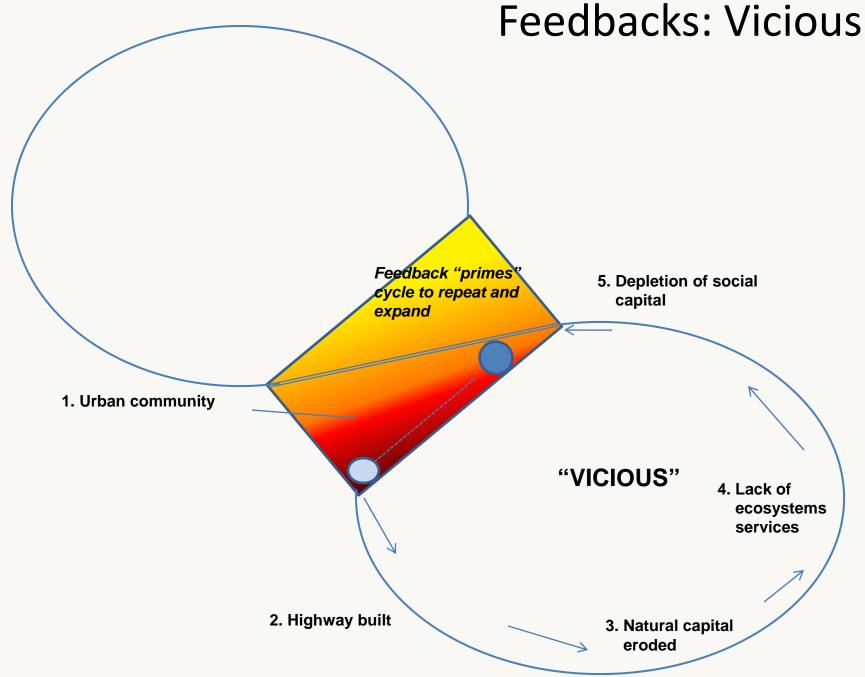


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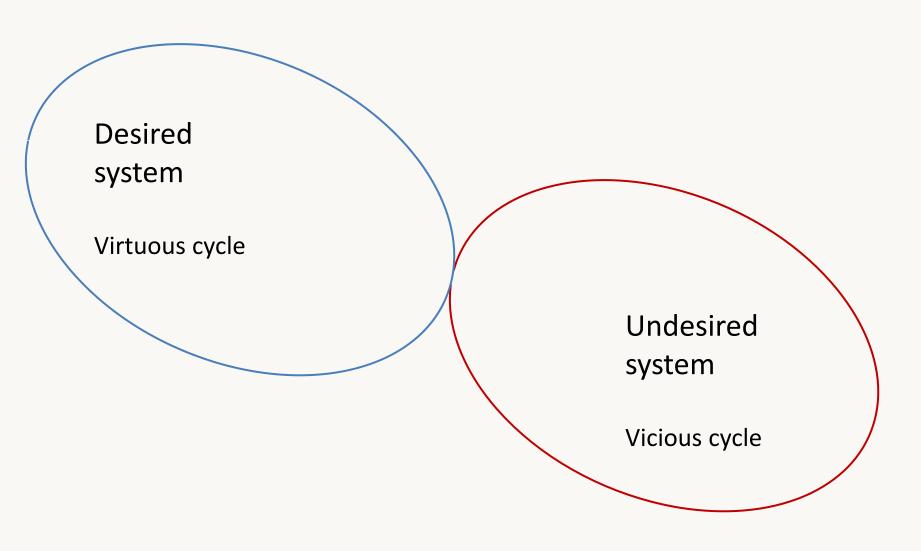




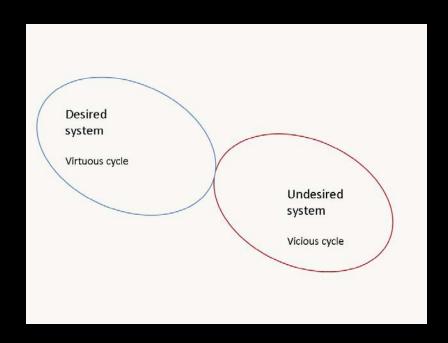




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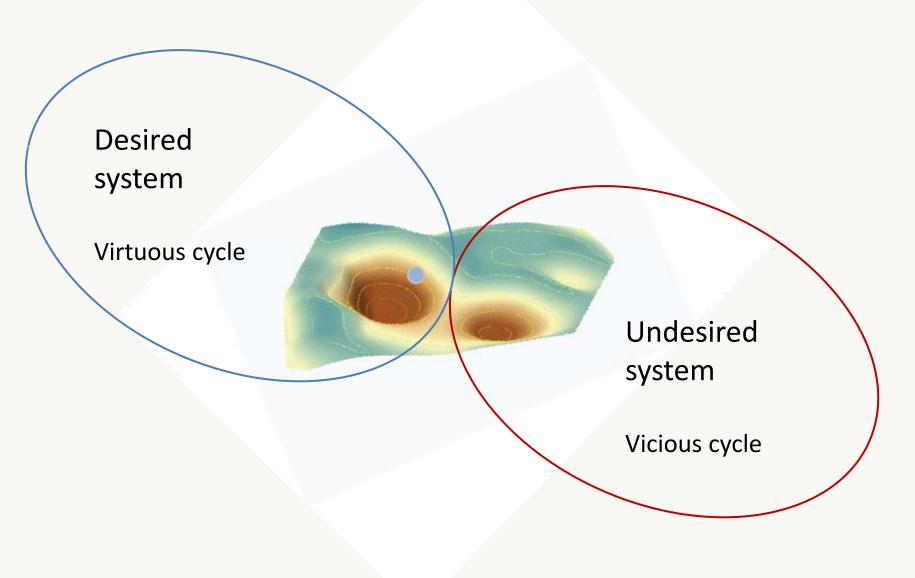


How can EE Help in Managing a System for a Desirable Resilient State?



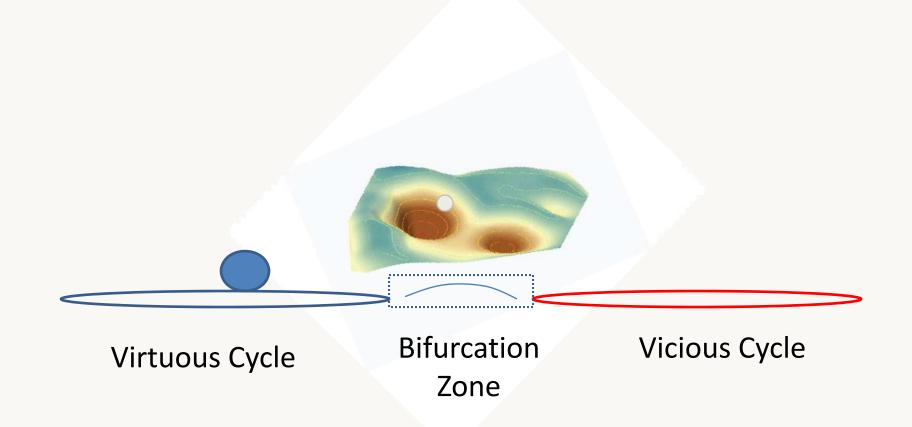


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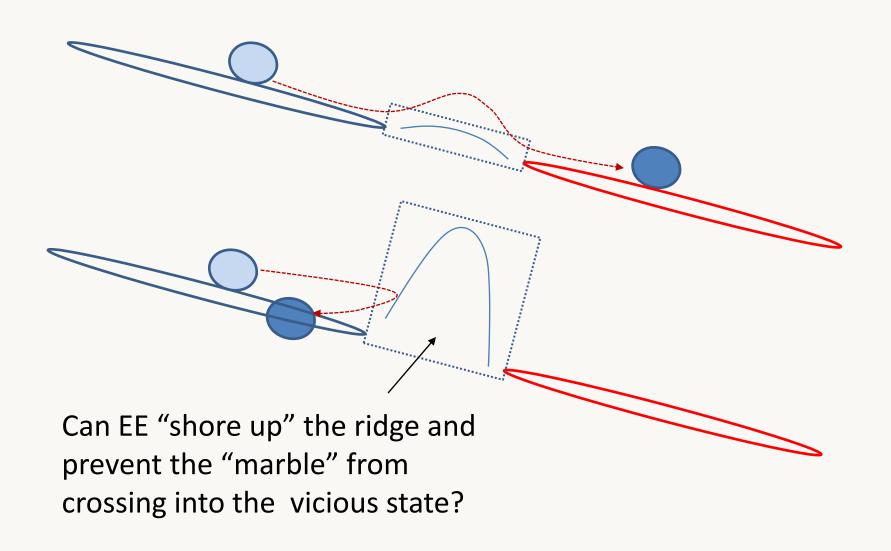


Bifurcation Zones and Resilient Cycles

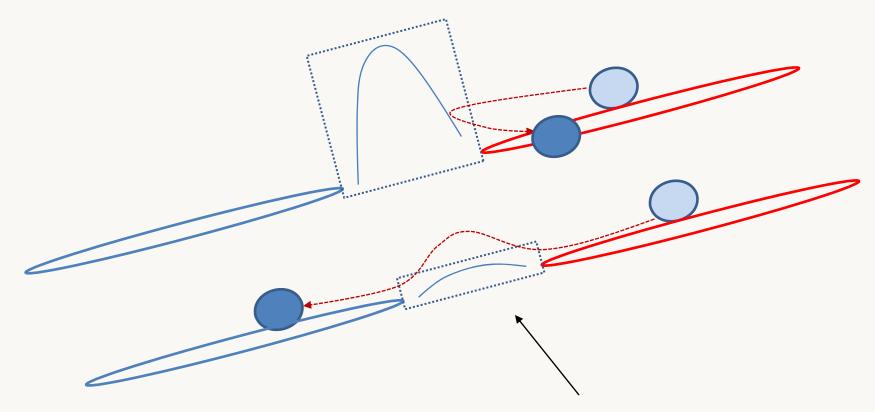




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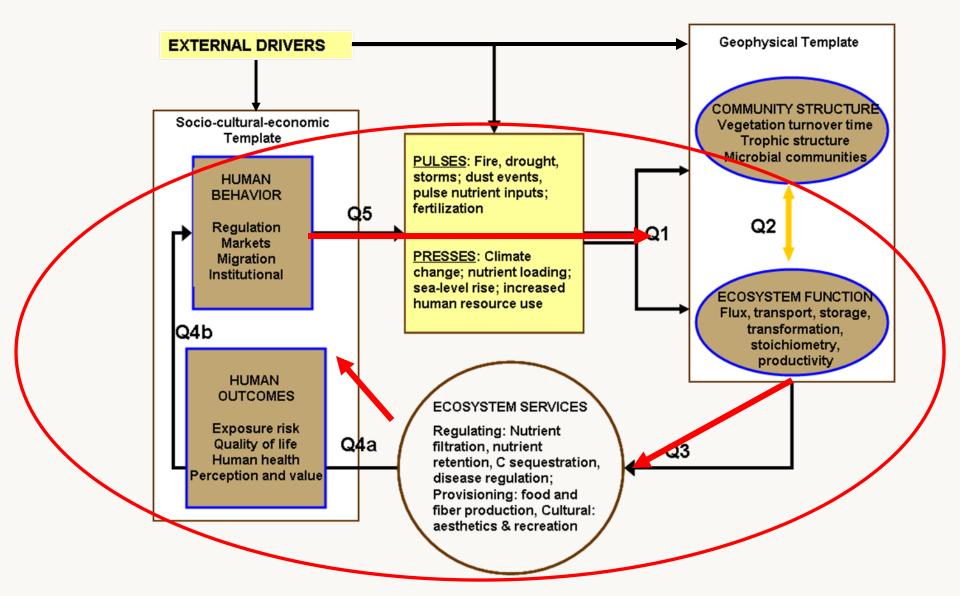
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Can EE "diminish" the ridge and help the "marble" cross from the vicious into the virtuous state?

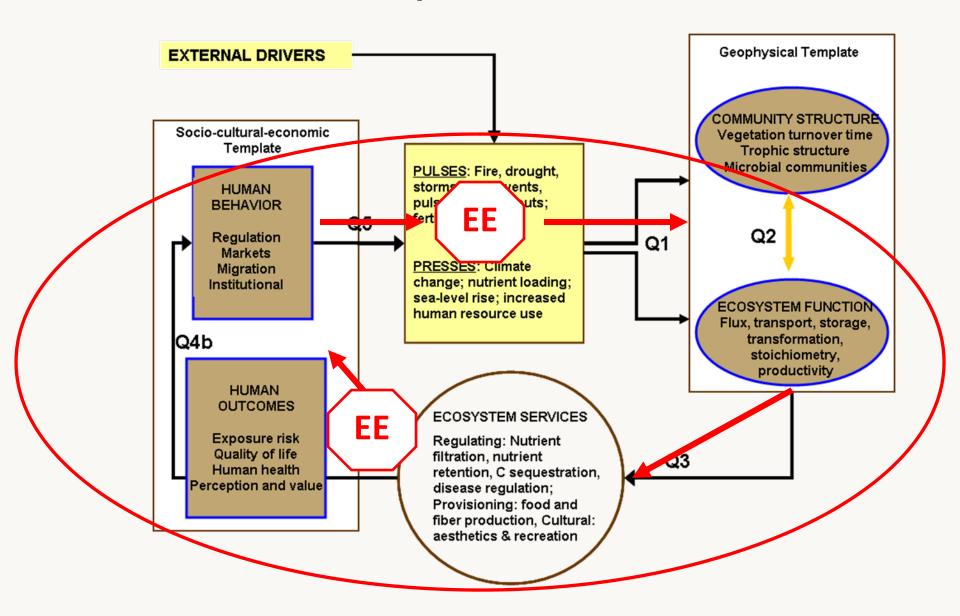


Feedback Loop between Social and Ecological Systems





EE Role in Feedback Loop?





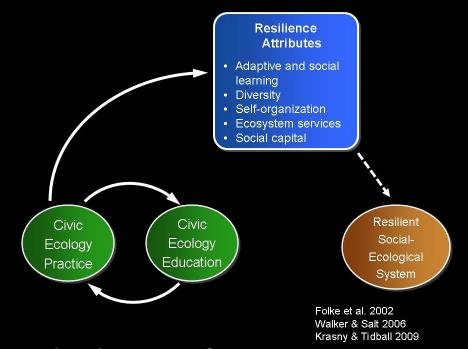
Conclusions

- EE may become part of feedback loops in social-ecological systems.
- An "ecology of EE" explains how EE relates to other parts of the social-ecological system.
- •An "ecology of EE" helps us:
 - to theorize the role of EE in fostering desirable resilience.
 - eventually to better manage socialecological systems for resilience.



Recap

 Resilience: capacity of system to respond to and to grow from disturbance.



- Civic ecology practices can help confer resilience.
- EE can be situated in and enhance civic ecology practices.
- Thus, EE may help confer resilience.