Recently heard this philosophical expression of the continuity of community cultures and realized that the JISC's long-held principle of the interdependence of five different regional projects comes from direct relations to the previous project.

The following evolution of projects and studies demonstrate 25 years of connected community service and the evolution of knowledge for the sustainability of communities:

- A study on growth-management of the thirteenth-county metro region of Omaha, Lincoln, and Council Bluffs in 2005 revealed two prevailing "stories" for the history of JISC's projects. The interdependence of five domains: environment, socio-cultural, technological, and public policies at the community level. JISC strives to make these truths evident and real.

- The next project focused upon public opinion and recommendations for future management of the nexus of natural resources, and climate change for the entire state of Nebraska.

- The next project focused upon communication and learning using the EcoSTEP© methodology and the principles and practices of the Sustainometrics© model for five select focus groups, envisioning Regional Design, demonstrating use of the model to design five different regional projects. The next project was demonstration of the Sustainometrics© tool for revitalization of an urban neighborhood in Omaha, the Drake Court district.

- The next project grew from a realization that affordable housing and accessible food were the keystones to sustainable communities, a feasibility investigation of a Lincoln-based local food hub and 12-month public market.

- The next project was a USDA-sponsored Urban Thinkers' Campus in Omaha, and realized that the JISC's long-held principle of the evolution of a new project comes from direct relations to the previous project. Creation of the Lincoln Climate Action Plan; the Drake Court, of community policies and attitudes toward environmental and social justice for vulnerable populations in community contexts; partnership study, with Legal Aid of Nebraska, of community policies and attitudes toward vulnerable populations in community contexts; and participation on the Steering Committee of the University of Nebraska, with a special constituent representation for the interests, needs, and community sustainability of older persons in the vitality of their community.

- Our current projects stem from the pause and reassessment of the JISC mission, and they include four interlinked and interdependent quests:
  - A sustainability comparison of five international communities being overrun with cruise ship tourists in the warming Arctic region of North America and Europe;
  - A pilot study of a community Center for Resilience and Conservation containing two public markets, one for local food and local arts, and a second market for reusable building materials.
  - The CRC will be an implementation facility for the Lincoln Climate Action Plan;
  - A partnership study, with Legal Aid of Nebraska, of community policies and attitudes toward vulnerable populations in community contexts;
  - And participation on the Steering Committee of the University of Nebraska, with a special constituent representation for the interests, needs, and community sustainability of older persons in the vitality of their community.

The expansion of our mission and the new post-25 quest for the design, planning, and administration of community life and functions, locally, regionally, and nationally, and internationally, will continue to be guided by the proprietary EcoSTEP© and Sustainometrics© principles and methods.

The future of American democracy, the prosperity and vitality of all communities, and the health, dignity and freedom of individuals depends upon the depth, equity, quality, and active administration of stakeholder-determined community level. JISC strives to make these truths evident and real.

Together, we can be united for good, well-being and long-term sustainability and prosperity.

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