

Coming Together as a Community

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SUSTAINABLE
HUDSON
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Sustainability

- "...to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Resiliency

- "Able to recover quickly from misfortune; able to return to original form after being bent, compressed, or stretched out of shape. A human ability to recover quickly from disruptive change without being overwhelmed or acting in dysfunctional or harmful ways. "

Elements of a functioning community:

- Food
- Energy
- Transportation
- Buildings
- Water supply
- Solid waste system
- Sewer
- Communication
- Organization

How will your community function in the face of these challenges?

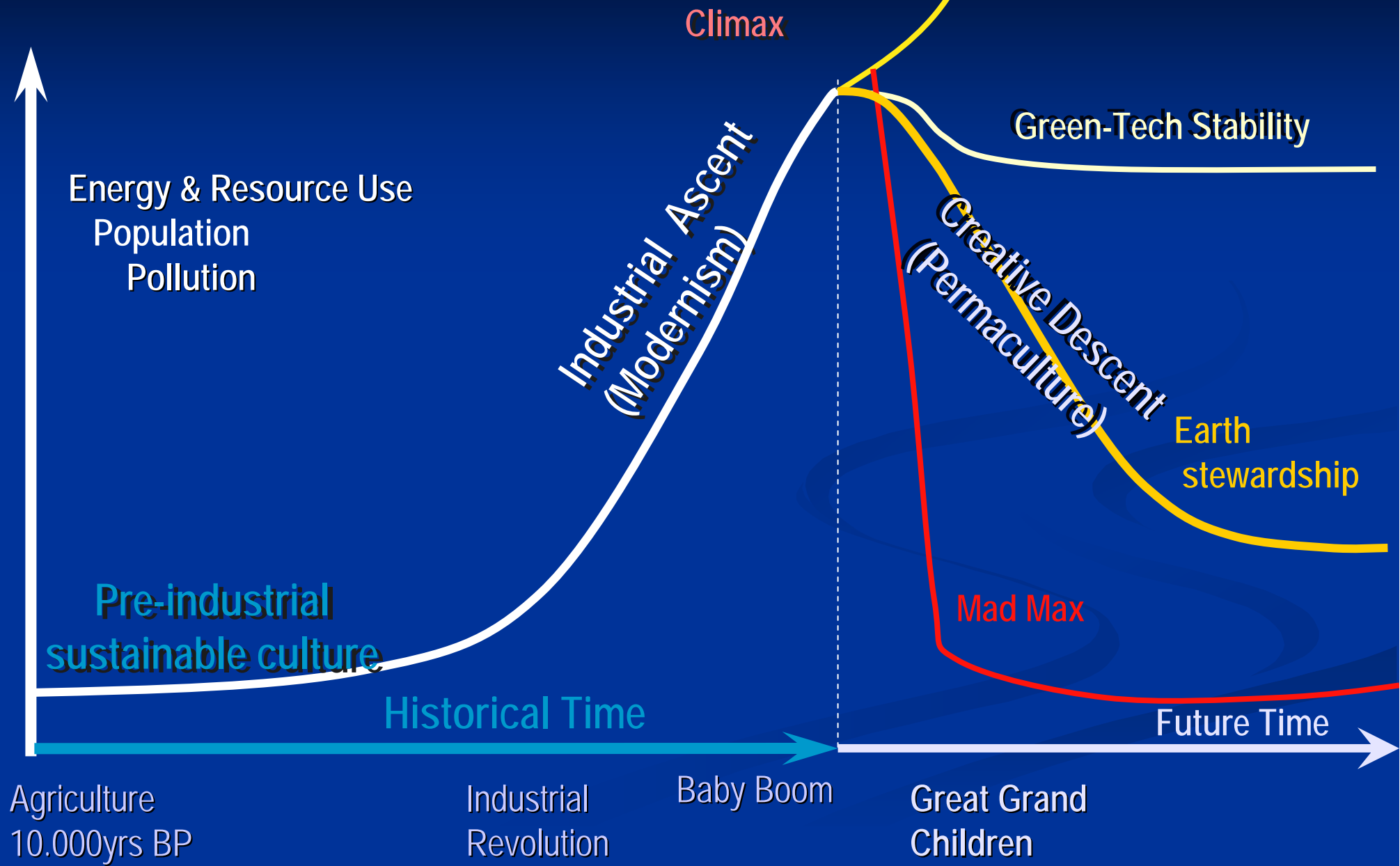
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| Economic insecurity | Tax revenue reduction Operation cost increases Material cost increases Bonding finance limits |
| Climate change | Water / sewer problems Heating and cooling Public health |
| Energy insecurity | Energy cost/supply problems |

Visioning our Future....

What would a post carbon, energy scarce world look like?



Where are we going?



Begin with the end in mind



A positive vision creates its own call to action and self selects an initiating group



A community initiative with three essential components:

- A Vision
- Pathways that create the transition from where we are now to our Vision
- A set of principles that guide and inform pathways and plans