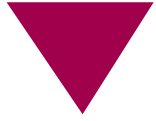




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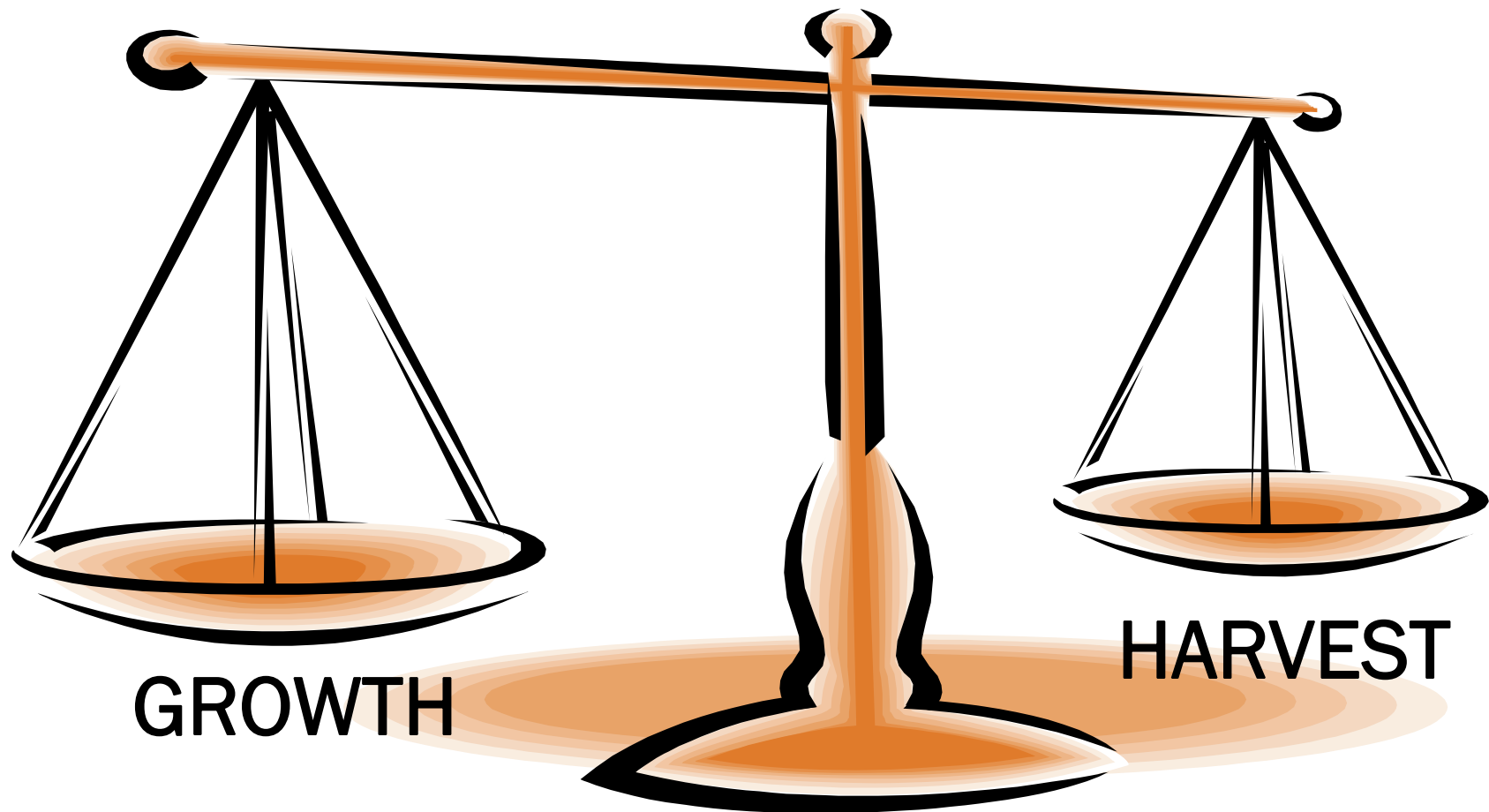
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- Recent history
- How Maine addresses forest sustainability
- Questions



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# Sustainability – Traditional View





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## Forest Sustainability – Recent History

1987: Brundtland Report

1992: Rio Earth Summit

1994: Northern Forest Lands Council

1995: Montreal Process/Santiago Declaration

1995: "Measures of Growth" (Maine Economic Growth Council)

1996: Maine Council on Sustainable Forest Management

1998: Maine Legislature takes action

1998 on: Criteria and Indicators



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# Brundtland Report - 1987

## Sustainable development

“Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”



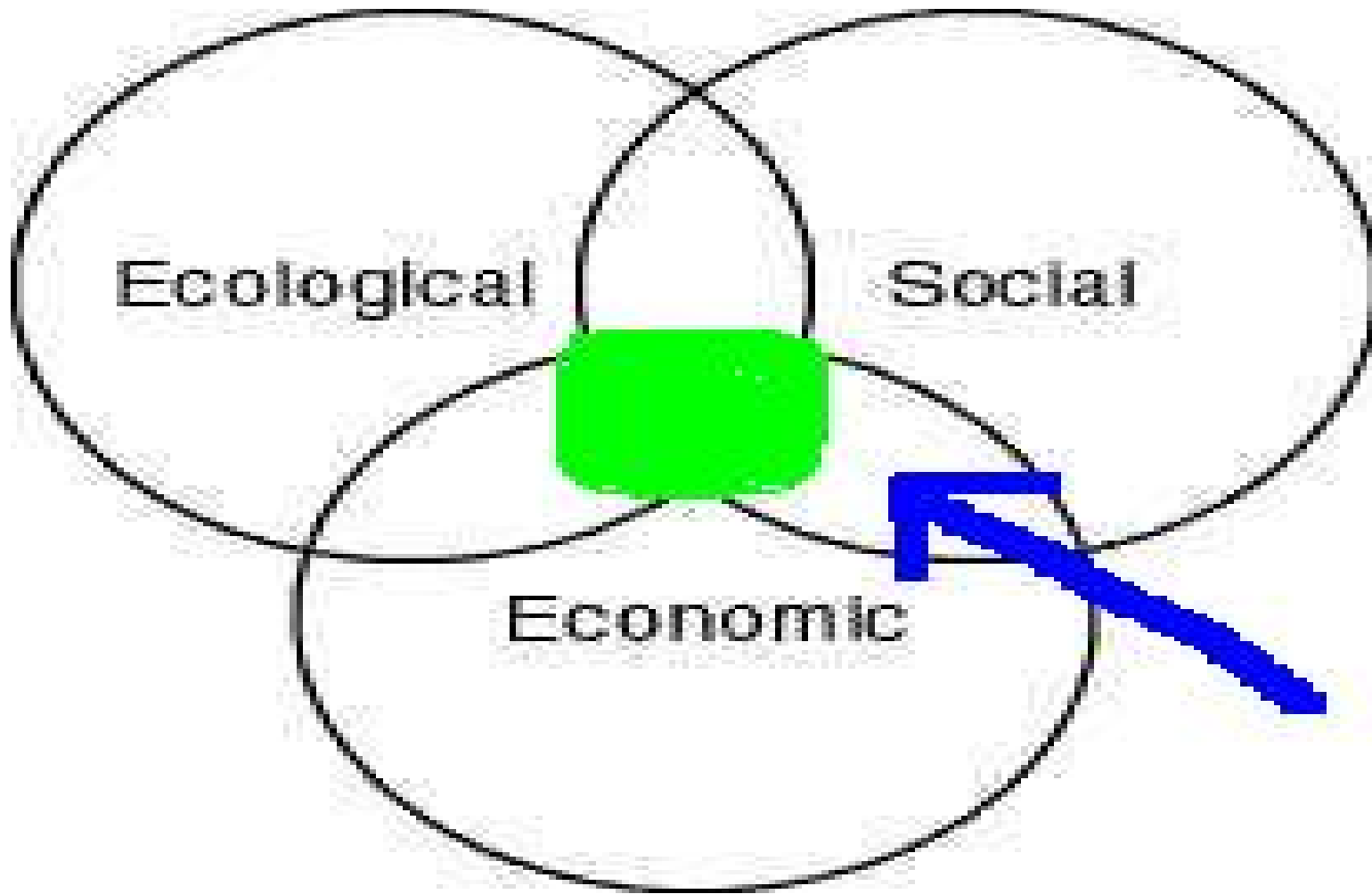
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## Forest Sustainability – Recent History

- 1992 Rio Earth Summit – Statement of Forest Principles
- 1995 Montreal Process/Santiago Declaration – Criteria and Indicators



# Sustainability – Contemporary View





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## Forest Sustainability – Recent History

- **1994 Northern Forest Lands Council**
- **1995 Maine Economic Growth Council**
- **1996 Maine Council on Sustainable Forest Management**
- **1998 Maine Legislature takes action**



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# Defining Sustainable Forest Management

**“Sustainable forest management enhances and maintains the biological productivity and diversity of Maine’s forests, thereby assuring economic and social opportunities for this and future generations. It takes place in a large ecological and social context and achieves a balance between landowners’ objectives and society’s needs.”**



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## Maine Forest Sustainability Criteria

- **Soil Productivity**
- **Water Quality, Wetlands and Riparian Zones**
- **Timber Supply and Quality**
- **Aesthetic Impacts of Timber Harvesting**
- **Biological Diversity**
- **Public Accountability of Forest Owners and Managers**
- **Traditional Recreation**



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## More Information:

[www.state.me.us/doc/mfs/pubs.htm](http://www.state.me.us/doc/mfs/pubs.htm)

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# QUESTIONS?

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