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SCENARIO:

# LAKE POPULATION CHANGES

(PART 2 – ADAPTATION)

## Setting the scene

The lake community has undergone a transformation. How might your community adapt to welcome newcomers and maintain lake health?

As a group, read the scenario below, then **discuss**:

**5 minutes:** More people are moving to the lake. As the community grows, so does traffic and new development. How would the system change as a result?

**5 minutes:** How could your organization adapt its management actions to support lake health as more people take up residence in the watershed?

Record your thoughts to share with the group.

## Scenario

Imagine it is 2021, and we've been living with COVID-19 for over a year. What seemed like a slow trend of new renters and homeowners moving to the area has sped up. The lake has broadband access, so many people who can work remotely are moving to the lake for the summer. Longtime residents and newcomers have different ideas about how the lake should be used, and this has caused some disagreements out on the water.

If more people continue to move to the lake, consider possible changes. Imagine social as well as ecological outcomes. .

## Consider

- What sorts of education programs or other resources could help all members of the lake community share a deep appreciation for the lake, and better care for it together?
- How could your organization build resilience to ensure harmony within the lake system – both among residents, and between people and the ecosystem?

Keep differences in experience and background in mind. Lake stewardship and etiquette could be new to many of the people moving to the lake. But remember: they love the lake too.

Consider how impacts from other lakes, lake organizations, and management groups (cross-scale linkages) could shape changes in the lake.