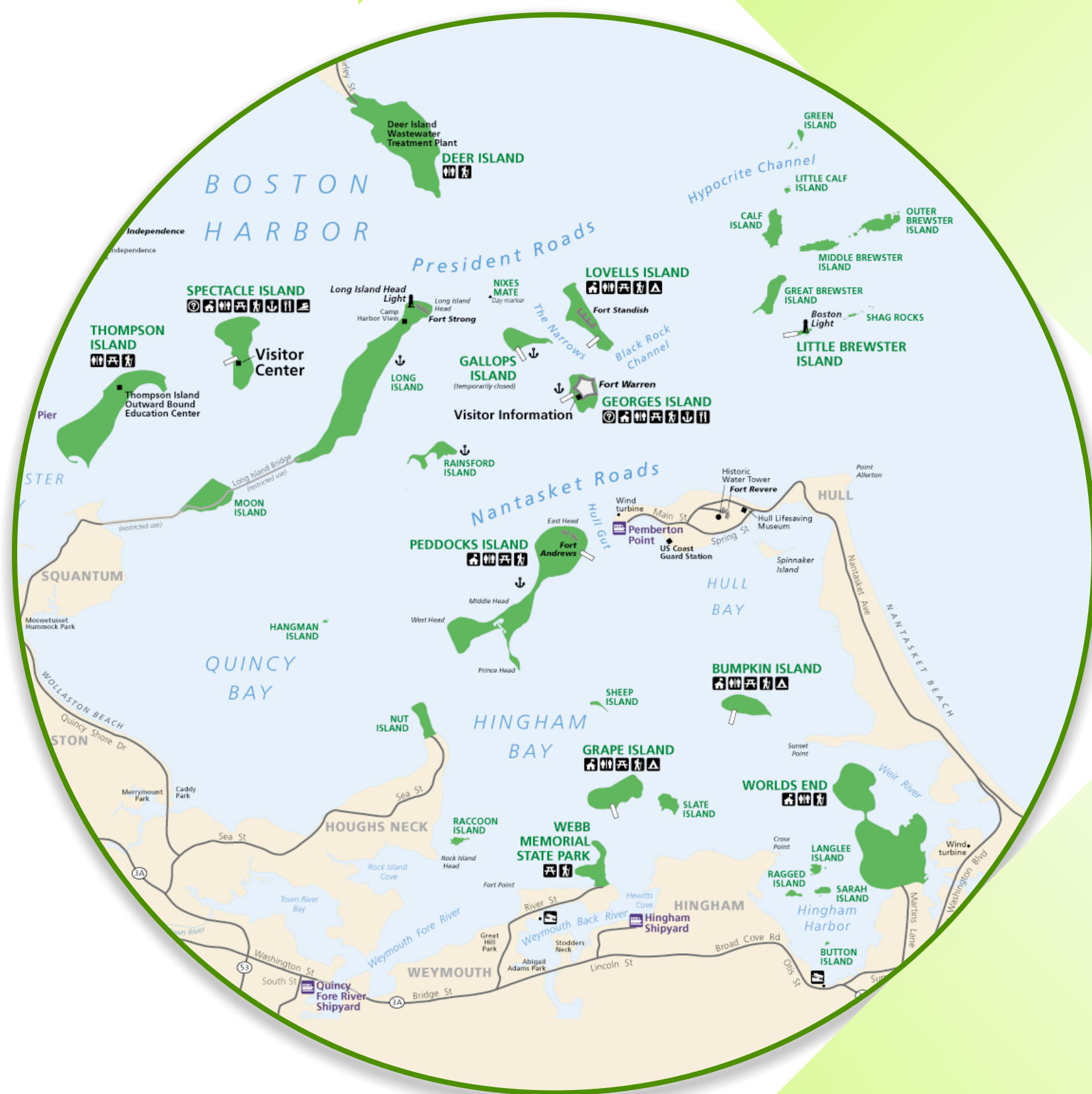


Organizing from the Middle Out

Citizen Science in the National Parks

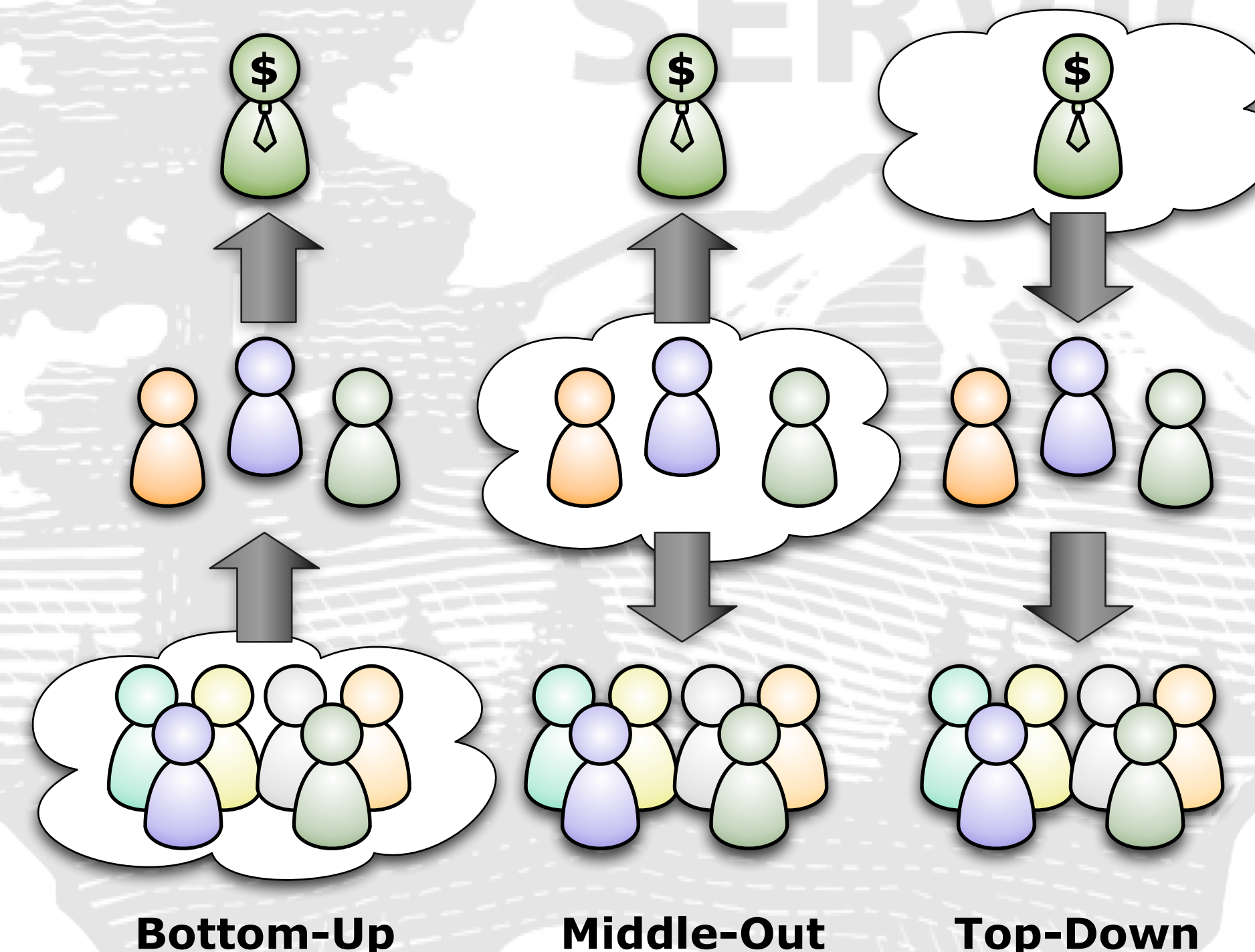
Boston Harbor Islands

34 islands in Boston's harbor



No dominant stakeholder:
"Typically in a project like this, you'd have a primary source of funding kind of providing structure to it all. But we don't have that here at all."

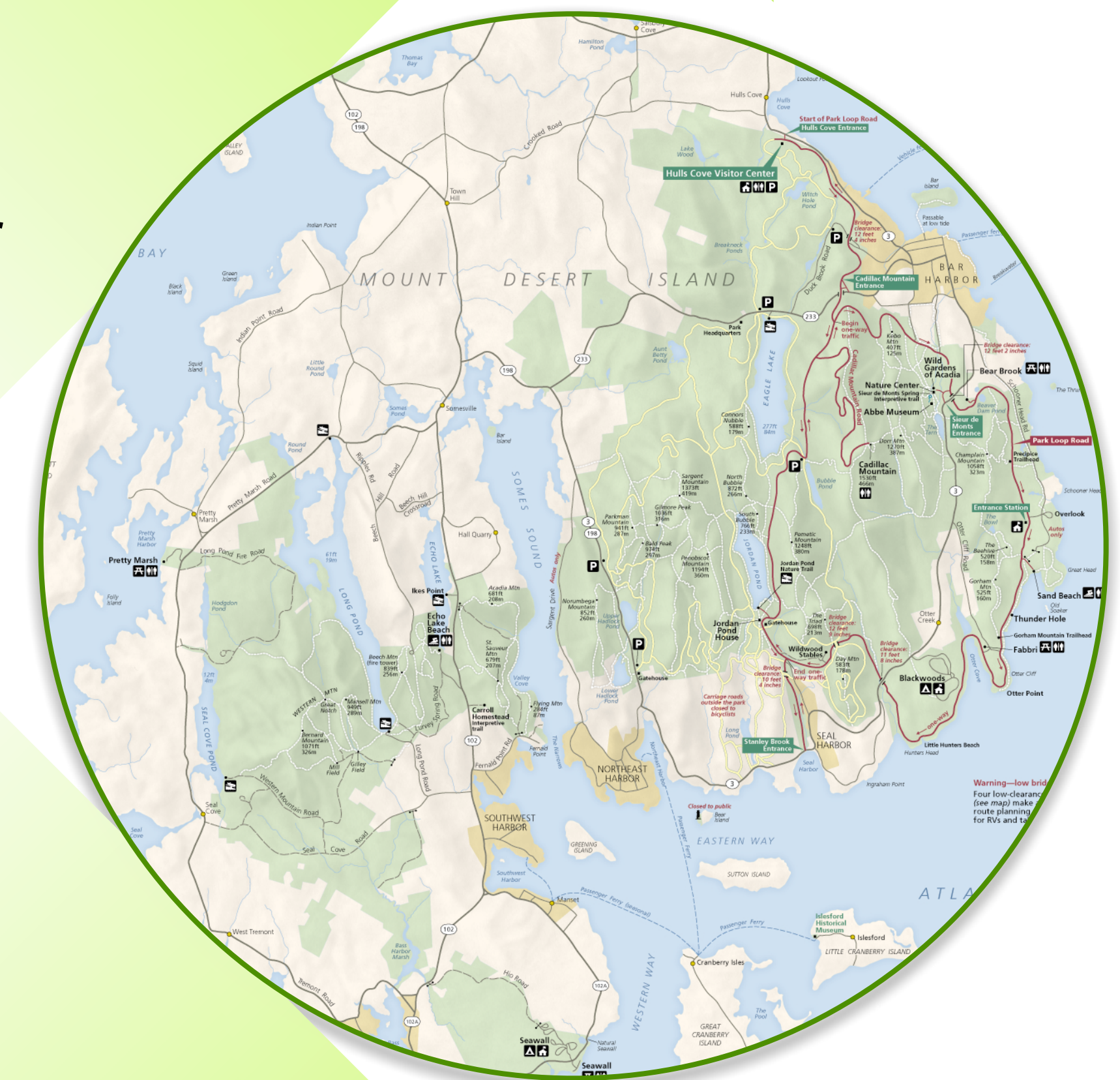
This pilot study follows an inter-organizational network of partners from across the US as they collaborate virtually to create a regionally-coordinated citizen science project in the National Parks.



The view from the middle:
"A number of people will just make it happen, and that's how, in a sense, it's a ground-up instead of top-down sort of a thing."

Acadia National Park

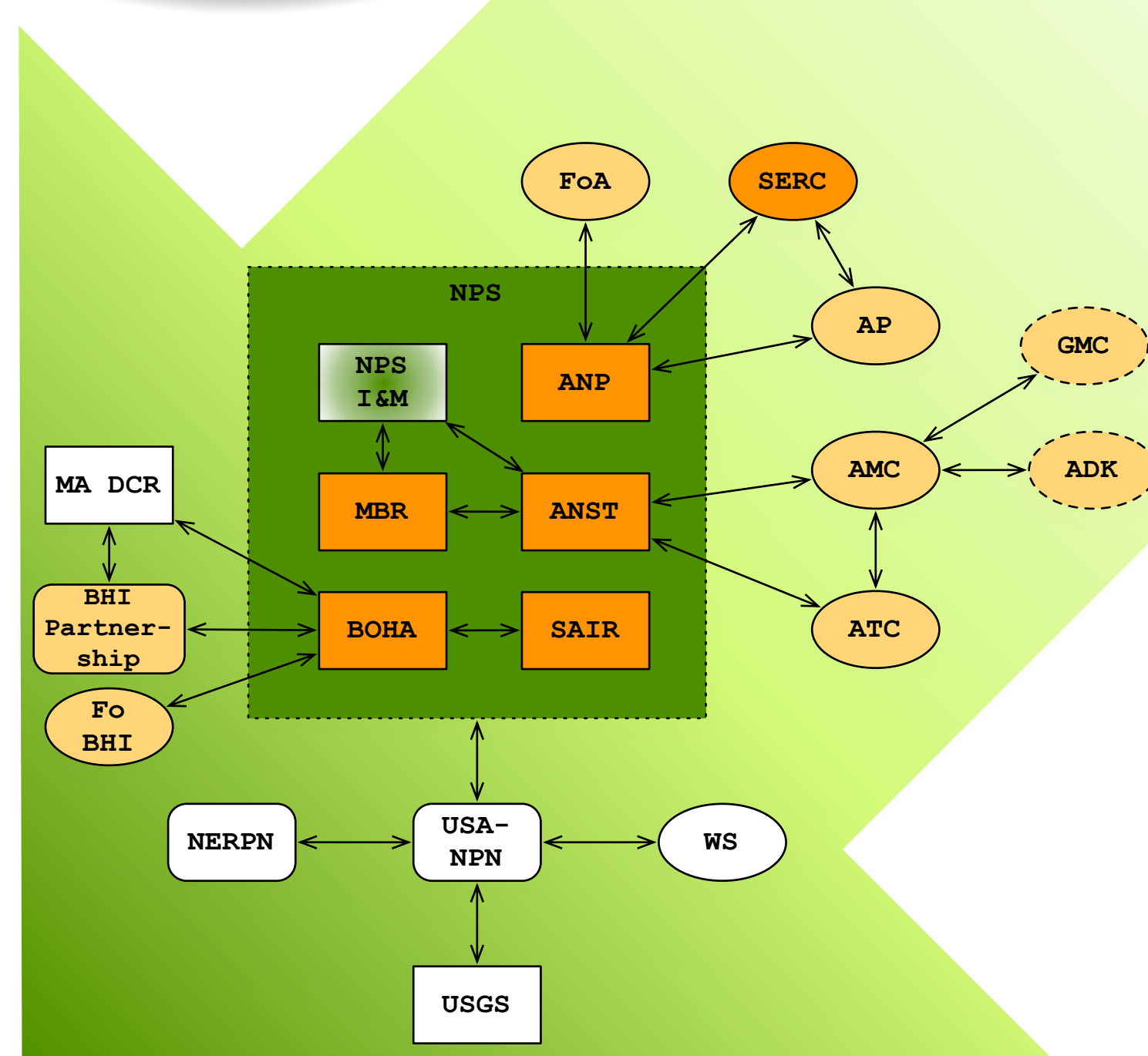
47,000 acres on Maine's coast



RQ: What factors influence the way a citizen science project develops?

Methods: hybrid virtual/physical field research

Next steps: Evaluate several projects in one place; compare to entirely virtual projects



Decentralized Partnership



Collaborative Conditions