## Rural Homelessness

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### **Broad Context**

Where are rural communities situated in the overall picture?

- Elephant/Mouse
- Colonial mindset?

# Salt Spring Island Context

- Geographical
- Political
- Historical

SSI as an exemplar/model

### Rural vs Urban

- What homelessness looks like
- How homelessness impacts a community
- People's connection to their community
- Identifying and understanding the issues
- Framework vs Patchwork

## Responses to Rural Homelessness

- Community specific priorities
- Housing
- Supports
- Access
- Best practices and scaling

#### Rural Solutions

- Underlying context, narratives and beliefs
- Relationship with urban
- Local empowerment and capacity building
- Rural interests at the policy table

## Thank You

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