

The American Institute of Architects:

**SDAT Program**

**Pittsfield, Massachusetts**

**“Creative Pittsfield”**

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# Center for Communities by Design

The AIA's Center for Communities by Design is a catalyst, convener, and source of information that helps AIA members work with citizens and other stakeholders to envision and create more livable, healthy, safe, and sustainable communities.



# SDAT

## Sustainable Design Assessment Team

- SDATs bring a team of experts to work with community decision-makers.
- The SDAT program provides broad assessments to help frame future policies or design solutions in the context of sustainability and help communities plan the first steps of implementation.



# Program Principles

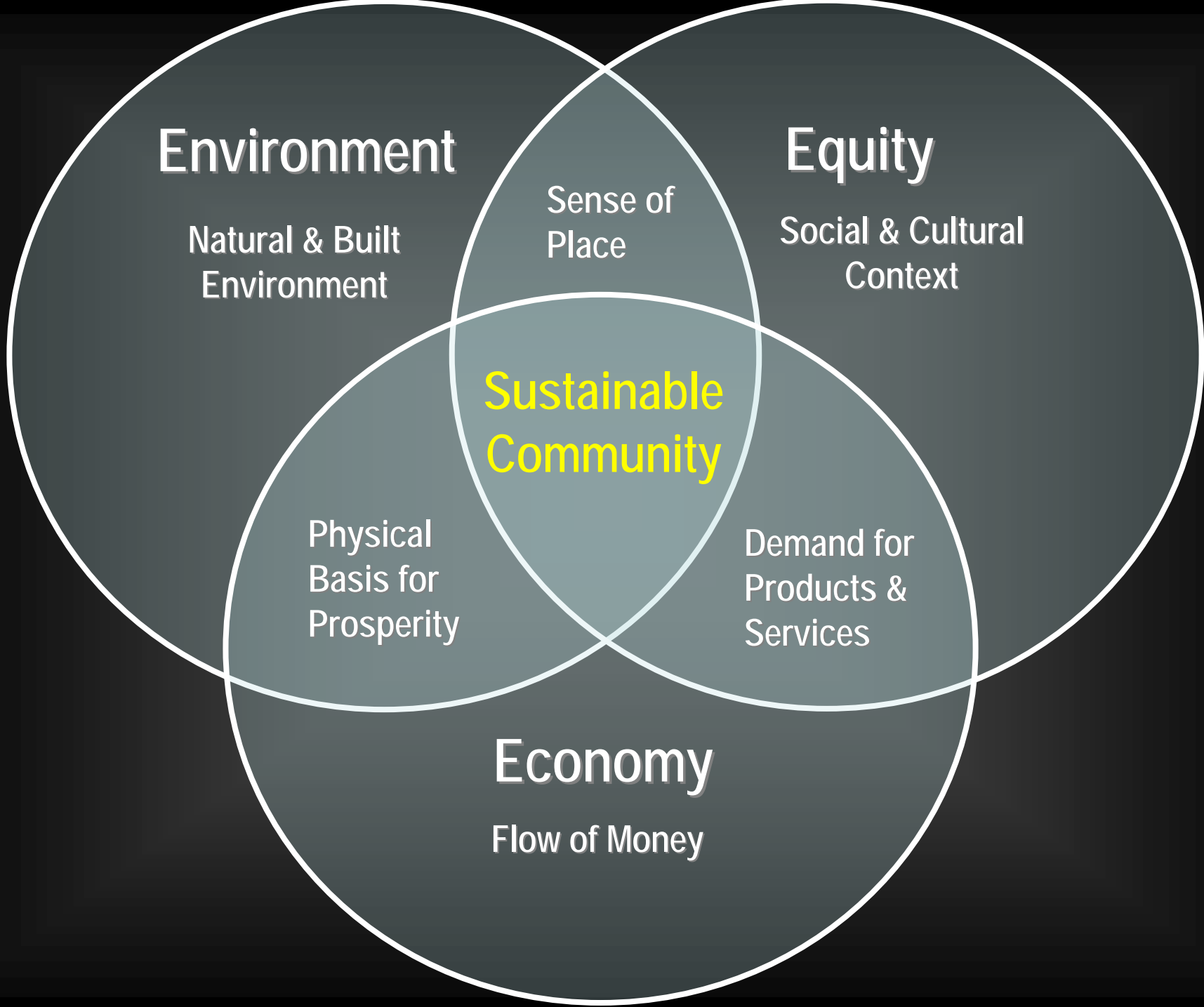
- Multidisciplinary expertise
- Objectivity
- Community participation



# Sustainability

Building a community on principles of equality, respect for the environment and a strong economy, not just for today, but for your grandchildren's children.





# Environment

Natural & Built  
Environment

# Equity

Social & Cultural  
Context

Sense of  
Place

**Sustainable  
Community**

Physical  
Basis for  
Prosperity

Demand for  
Products &  
Services

# Economy

Flow of Money

# Pittsfield's Goals



# Sustainability Components

- Natural Resources
- Heritage/ Preservation
- Managing and Shaping Growth
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