NORTH CENTRAL
Climate Adaptation
Science Center

Working Toward Our Shared Vision

What is our Theory of Change?

Developed collaboratively by staff and partners, the North Central Climate Adaptation Science Center's Theory of Change describes how our activities contribute to our long-term vision. It guides our activities, helps us identify opportunities for improvement, and provides a framework for evaluating our progress.

Our activities generate three types of outputs:

- Partnerships
- Capacity Building
- Science Development & Support

These help create conditions for:

Shared Literacy
Scientists and managers build shared understanding

Co-Identified Needs & Solutions
Scientists and managers identify relevant needs together

Knowledge Production & Capacity Building
Scientists and managers produce actionable knowledge and strengthen capacity

Translation & Application
Managers understand, apply, and institutionalize climate-adapted management practices

Together, these outcomes contribute to our long-term vision:

Natural and cultural resource managers use actionable science to make climate-informed decisions that support resilient ecosystems and the communities that rely on them.