

Plight of the Homeless in Norfolk County

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Chair of R.I.S.E.

Birth of RISE

- In 2017, a meeting was held between the staff of the Norfolk County Public Library, Simcoe Branch and social service providers, on how to better address the social issues facing library clientele.
- A retired Public Health Nurse, Marilyn Antkiw, volunteered to run a weekly group offering social inclusion, nourishment and a place to talk about issues. The group was called “Muffins with Marilyn.”
- The group discovered that most were living in poverty and wanted a voice and a purpose.
- The group continues to offer social inclusion, however, is now focusing on awareness, advocacy and action for those experiencing poverty.
- This led to the birth of R.I.S.E.



R.I.S.E.

R is to raise awareness of the plight of people living in poverty and reduce stigma.

I is to improve conditions of daily life and tackle inequitable distribution of power, money and resources.

S is for social equity for all.

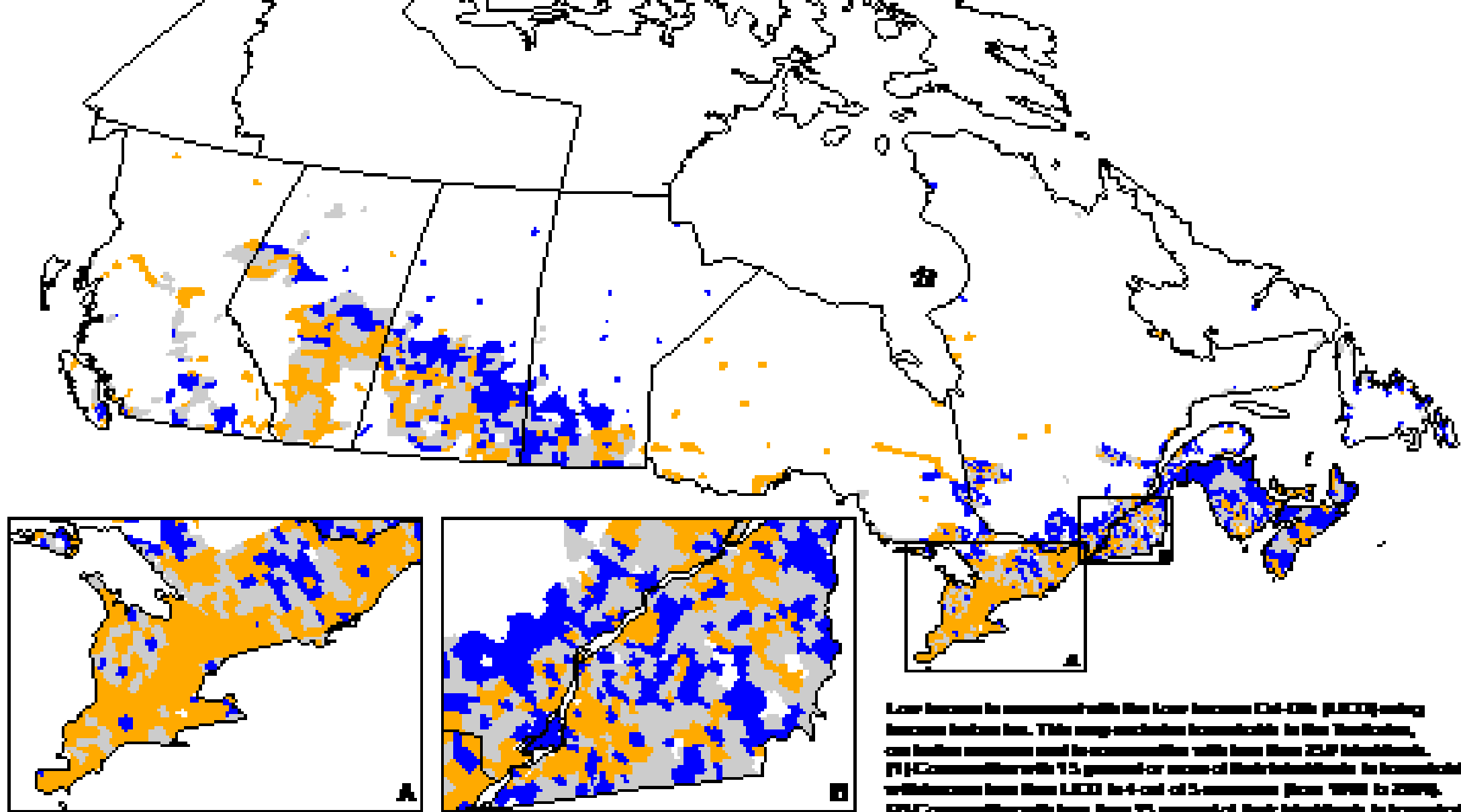
E is to evaluate action and expand the knowledge base after measuring the problem.



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Simcoe...abandoned
encampment







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IS A
HUMAN
RIGHT**





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