

Riverbank Instability: A Draft Guide for Communities



1 Recognize the Problem

- Identify what's at risk
- Observe changes
- Gather local knowledge
- Watch for warning signs
- Understand the causes



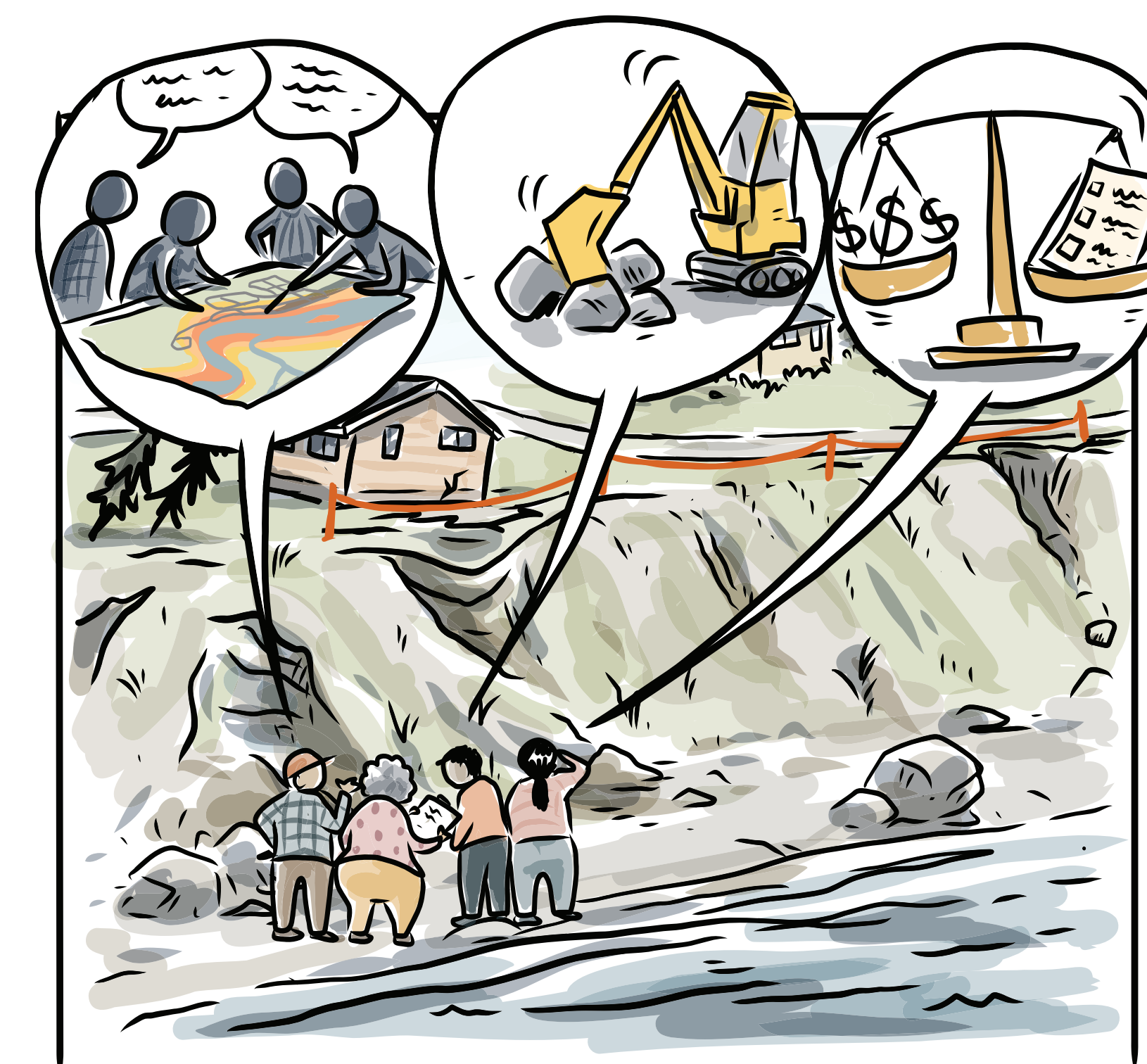
2 Manage the Threat Right Away

- Keep people and assets safe
- Communicate with the community
- Seek expert advice
- Monitor regularly
- Use short-term fixes
- Plan what you will do if things get worse quickly



3 Gather and Assess Initial Information

- Work with qualified experts
- Gather and review the right data
- Do field checks
- Get an assessment report
- Think about next steps



4 Evaluation Options and Make a Plan

- Compare solutions with technical specialists
- Talk with your community
- Understand what approvals you will need and what funding is available
- Make a decision and a plan



5 Take Action

- Put the plan into action
 - Give the river space
 - Take direction action on the riverbank
 - Reinforce/protect structure
- Make the connection to community planning

Keep monitoring

- Track and document changes
- Identify and address new risks
- Measure how well your actions are working

