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Abstract

My action plan for my first-year seminar is centered on eliminating the unjust requirement for the Gettysburg College Cross Country team to have a permit to run on the battlefields. Currently, the cross country team, and other sports teams, are not allowed to run on the battlefield grounds because the former superintendent, Steven Sims, claimed that organized activities, such as athletic practices, need a permit to operate on park land. Steven Sims has a history of unjustly regulating the use of the park, such as shutting down long-running races and prohibiting college sports teams from running.

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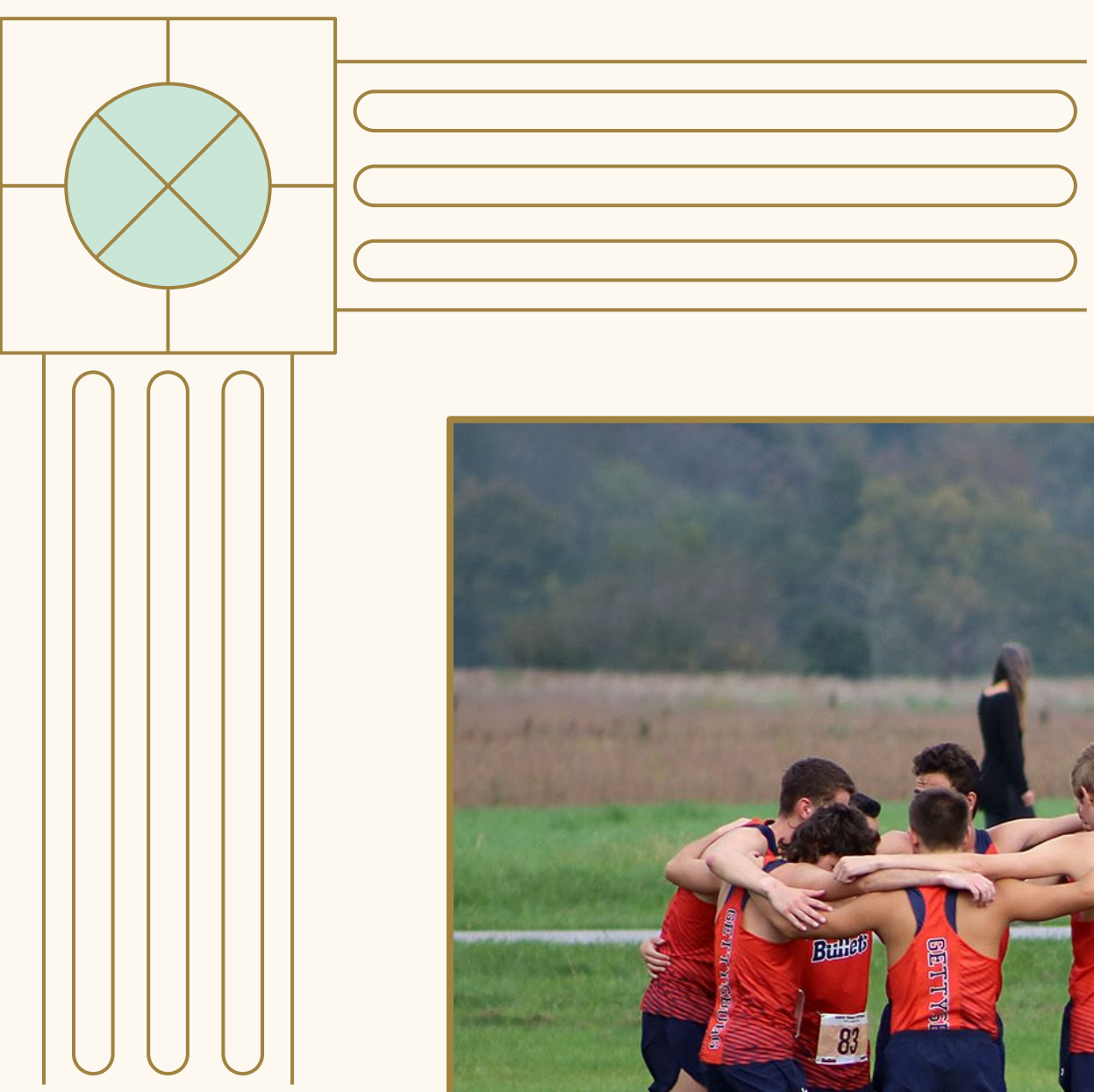
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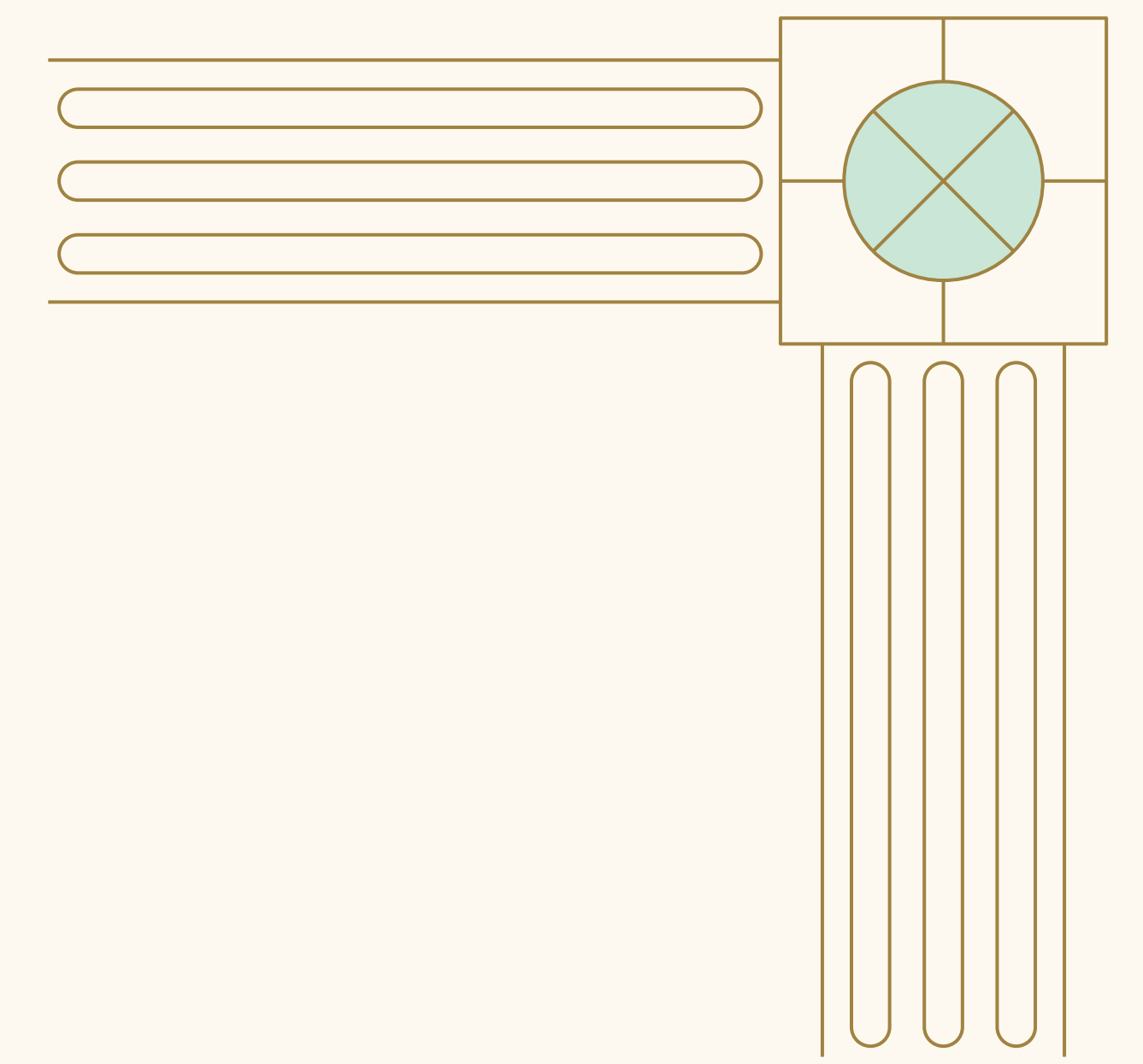
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How can we improve the relationship between the national military park and the college?



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Introduction

Gettysburg college sports teams need a permit to run on the park land. While investigating, local concerns about park usage also arose.

Research

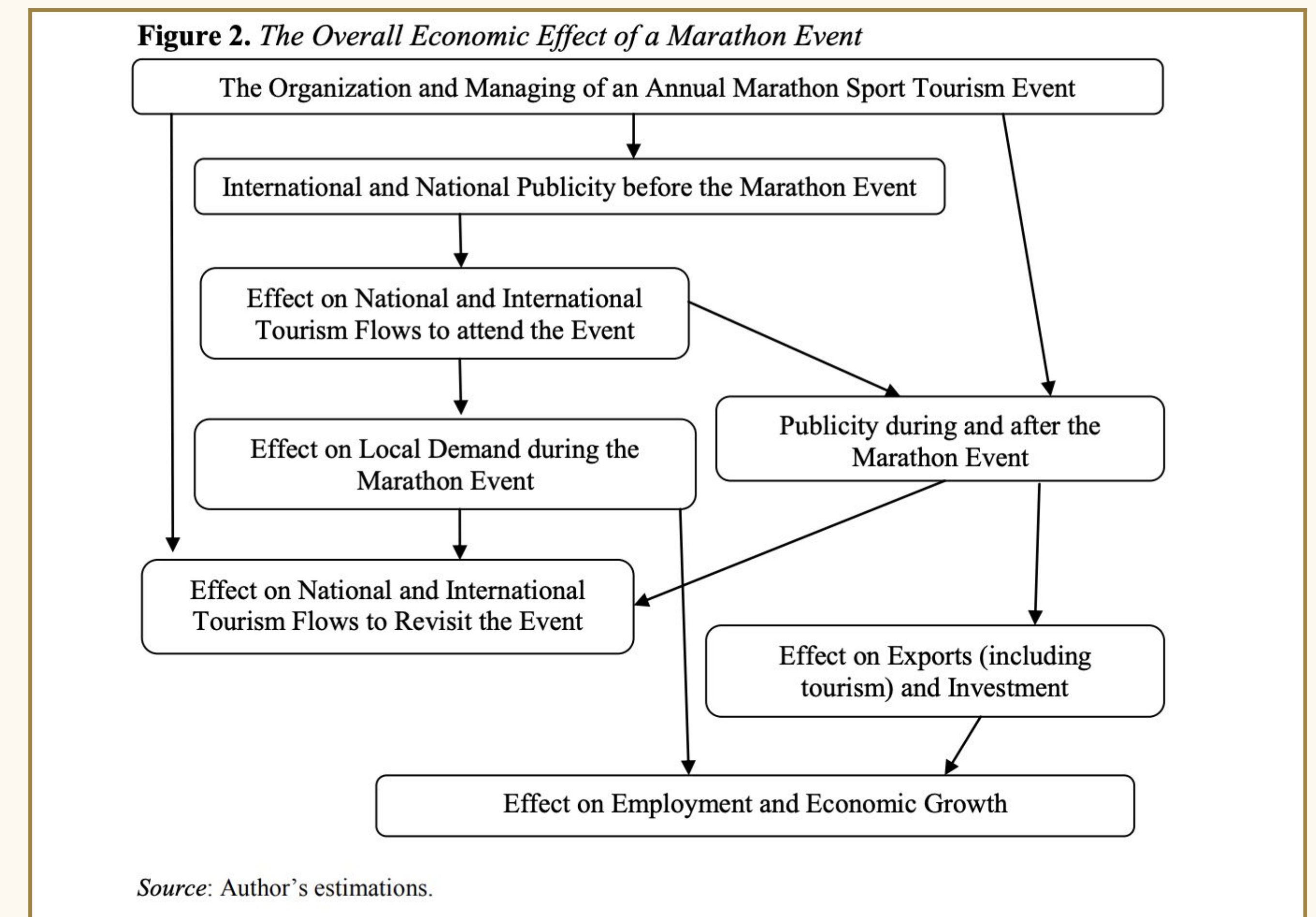
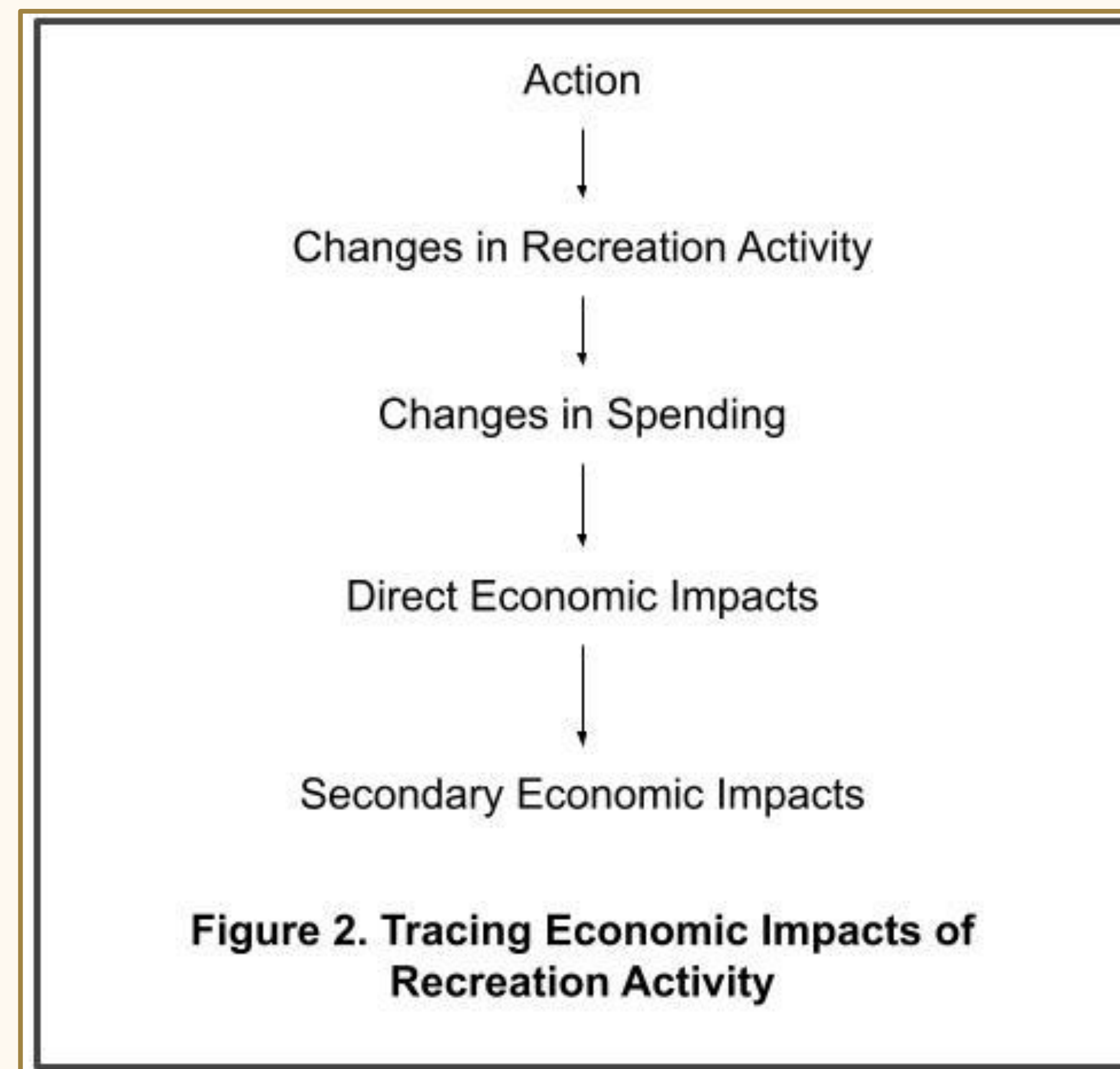
Interviews with

- Mark Purdy: organizer of a local run group
- Bryson Hartzler & Amanda Kerno: Gettysburg Track And Cross Country coaches
- Local middle school and high school coaches
- Gettysburg National Military Park personnel

Superintendent's Compendium and the Director's Order

Looking into the benefits of increased park usage:

- Money
- Safety
- Respect
- Town Unity



Moving Forward

1. Gather a coalition of community partners to draft a more fair compendium
2. Present this idea to superintendent

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