**ENR 3500**

**Community Role Play Assignment 3**

**Due March 9 by 11:59pm**

**World News Network Breaking News Report**

**It is “Drill, baby, drill” in Camparise, Olentangia, and Great Kenlyvia!**

After a public hearing was held between the Representatives of the National Government, overseen by the President and the Secretary of Community Development, the National Government has announced that it will allow the extraction of shale oil through horizontal fracturing techniques within the National Park! “Drill, baby, drill” was the call by the President and Secretary of Community Development’s team as they walked out of the hearings last night. While the terms are still somewhat vague, the National Government has approved two private companies the right to drill in the park.

While some Representatives made strong cases against drilling, including several inter-community alliances among Representatives, they failed to convince the President and Secretary of preserving the National Park’s Buckeye Shale Formation from resource extraction. These companies are legally permitted to begin shale-based, horizontal drilling (“fracking”) starting today.

**Let’s have some Fun(ds)**

Some Representatives made a strong case for using national revenues, retrieved from the shale extraction, to go towards addressing community development goals at the community-level. Concerned about public backlash against drilling in the National Park, the respective Presidents in coordination with their Secretaries, agreed to apply a severance tax on the extraction of petroleum from the Buckeye Shale Formation. These funds will be returned to the public sector for broader community development purposes. Based on current global prices for petroleum products and projections of increased demand for shale-based petroleum, the National Government anticipates a large sum of funds to be accrued through this severance tax.

These funds are being set aside for a national grants competition. Details of that grant competition are listed in the Assignment 3 description below. The Presidents are advocating a competitive process, captured best by President Fergen’s remarks, “we want nothing but the best proposals, if it isn’t the best proposal then we don’t want to see it. This grant competition is gonna be huge for Olentangia, really. Great Kenlyvia and Olentangia have no idea how much more huger our competition is going to be. Theirs is great, really I respect President Kenly and President Campbell, we golf together, but Olentangia truly has the best grants.”

**Pipe Dream, Pipe Reality**

Also during the hearings last night, it was revealed that the National Government has approved only two of the three proposed pipelines for construction. These approved pipeline projects are the: nDrect Line and C to Sea Pipeline. The energy firm in community D is disappointed the HAD Express was not approved, but they are willing to move forward with plans for the nDrect Line.

Now their next moves become more complicated. The President and Secretary are willing to claim eminent domain through the court system for the new pipelines, but are hoping that they won’t have to go that far. While local communities cannot prevent private companies from gathering leases on private land, they do have some land use authority over their own community (publically owned) land for pipeline installation. If local communities block pipelines on public and private land then the energy companies will need to reroute their pipelines or find alternative routes of transporting the crude oil from the National Park. Currently the average price for agricultural land for crop production is roughly $1,000 per acre. Speculations place the average price for agricultural land for pipeline leasing to be nearly $8,000 per acre.

**Oiled Up with Places to Go!**

The two competing energy firms, one based in community D and the other in community C, are nearly completed in finalizing their petroleum processing plants. Soon refined petroleum products will be distributed throughout the Nation from these communities, while also being shipped by large oil tankers to various parts of the world. Once (or if…) the nDrect and C to Sea pipelines come online then the capacity to refine petroleum will increase significantly within the Nation.

**Community Role Play Assignment 3 Overview**

This assignment is your opportunity to explain how these policy situations are effecting your local community dynamic, your community’s ability to achieve your community development goals and the series of system effects that are occurring across your interconnected set of community capitals. In addition, it is an opportunity for your community to demonstrate how it is responding to the community development grant program led by the National Government.

The National Government is not going to provide grants to each community. They are explicit in their call for community’s to demonstrate their own ability to contribute financially to achieving their community development goals. The National Government will only provide up to half of your requested funds. Therefore, your team needs to identify how your local community is contributing to the other half. These are also termed “matching funds.” This community match must consist of public and private contributions.

Section 1 = 30 points

* Describe how your community is *responding to* the National Government’s call for a competitive grant funding opportunity; specifically, your team needs to:
  + Identify and differentiate the organizations, businesses and/or individuals that contributed the necessary local matching funds and list how much they contributed (list the % of the total local match contributed by each party),
  + Explain the community development process that your community undertook (drawing on this course’s community power section and other course materials) to build partnerships and other fundraising efforts to solicit and obtain the required local matching funds listed above, as well as the opposition that the plan, funding, and actions have or could meet.
  + List any opposing factions that exist within the community who are individually or collectively organized against the implementation of your community’s funding plans.
* These efforts should draw upon your community’s prior history and context, previous development assignments, development goals and action plans.

Section 2 = 20 points

* Describe how the total sum of your funding will be spent by your community; specifically, your team needs to:
  + Identify the specific community development goal (or goals) that your community would address with these funds and the respective action step (or steps) they align with.
  + Identify the key organizations and/or individuals that will oversee the spending of these funds,
  + Explain how the spending of these matching funds addresses the goals of its funders.

Section 3 = 30 points

* Explain the effect that, if awarded, the financial assistance from the National Government would have on the stock of each of the seven community capitals (natural, cultural, human, social, political, financial and built capital) in your community; specifically, your team needs to address each community capital using bulleted points written in complete sentence form.
* Speculate on how the community will “spiral up” or “spiral down” through cumulative causation following this scenario, paying specific attention to the community’s stock of each of the seven community capitals (natural, cultural, human, social, political, financial and built capital) and the interactions across them.

Section 4 = 20 points

* Provide in-text citations and full references for *at least four* references that influenced your team’s work. A minimum of two course and two non-course materials are required.
* These influences should be used to directly inform and justify your team’s decision-making. References in the form of in-text citations (e.g., Campbell, 2016) should be featured within the body of the document.
* Make sure your speculations are realistic and draw upon course materials, real-world examples and non-course, independent research.