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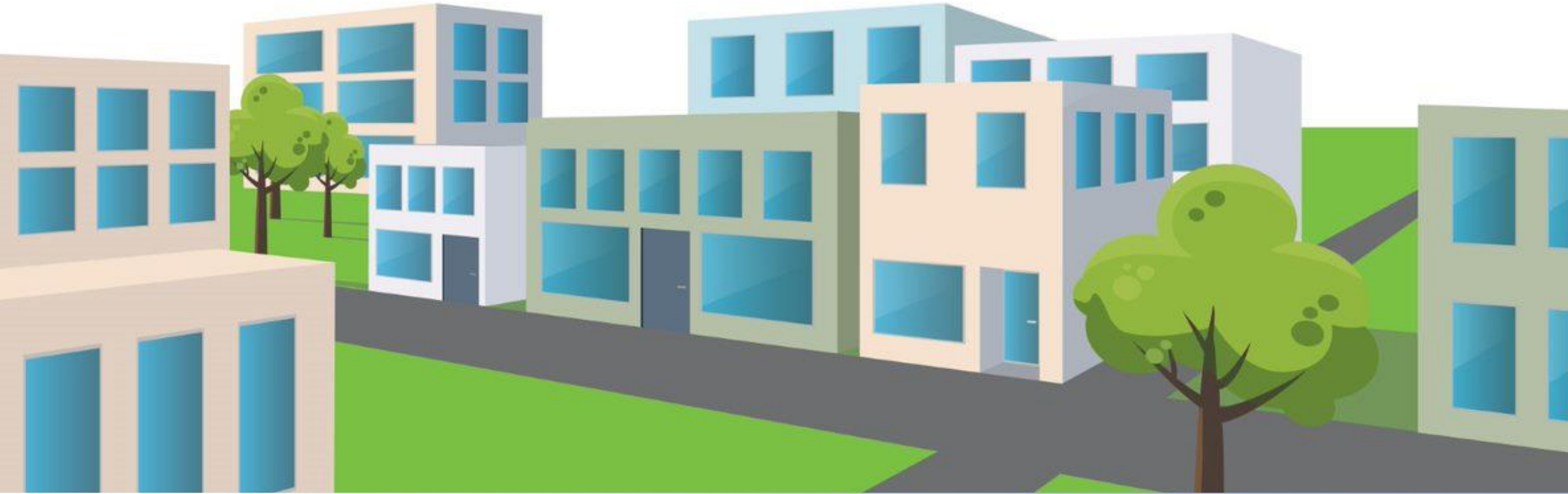


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*Consent-based Siting Consortia – Quarterly Meeting #4
May 22 and 23, 2024*

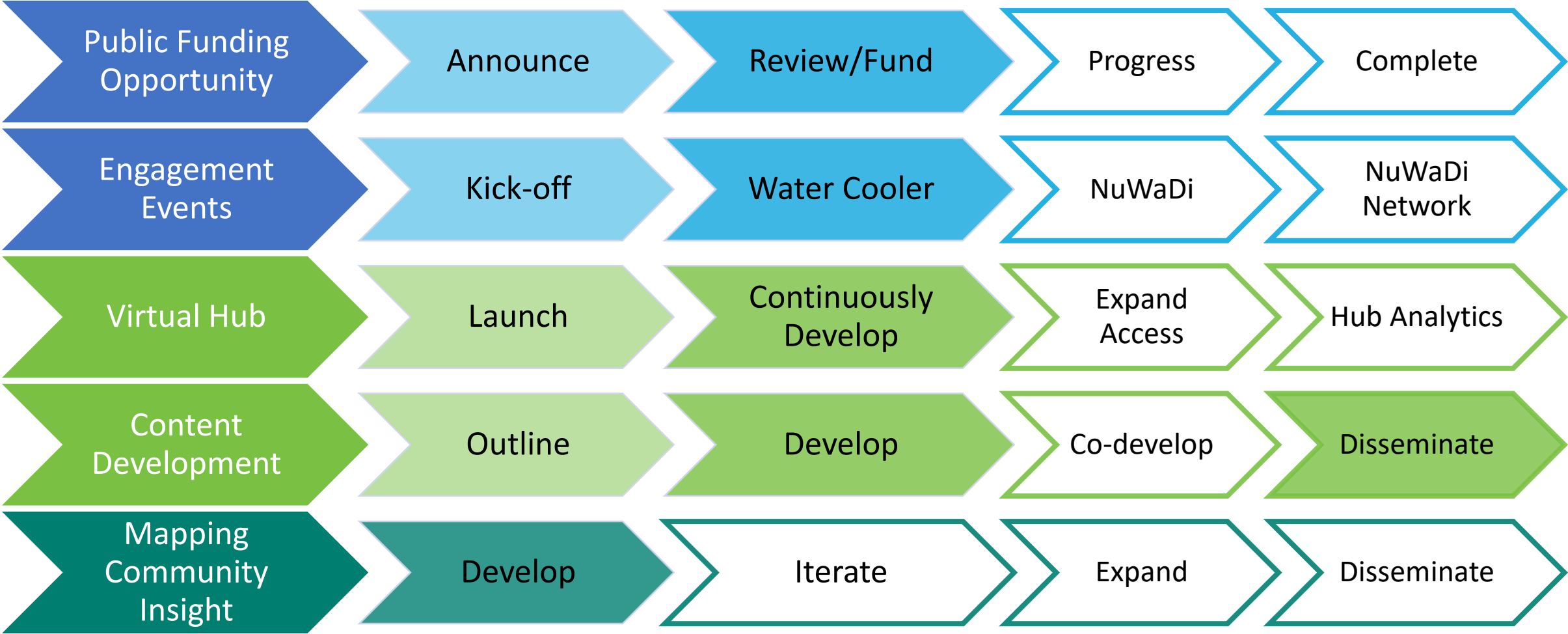


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Overall Project Progress



Key Developments

FA1: Public Funding and Engagement

- Launched FOA (March 2024) and began reviewing applications (May 2024)
- Engaged with a LOT of people/organizations
 - Open House (March 2024)
 - NuWaDi @ Artisphere (May 2024)

FA2: Mapping Community Insight

- Developed initial “pulse” survey questions
- Developed survey(s) for Artisphere

FA3: Content Development

- Updated Hub to include Events
- Reviewed the *Nuclear Waste Primer*
- Initiated discussions for a Nuclear Lib Guide
- Began developing STEAM modules

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Funding

Open House (virtual)
March 18th, 2024
9 attendees

Engagement

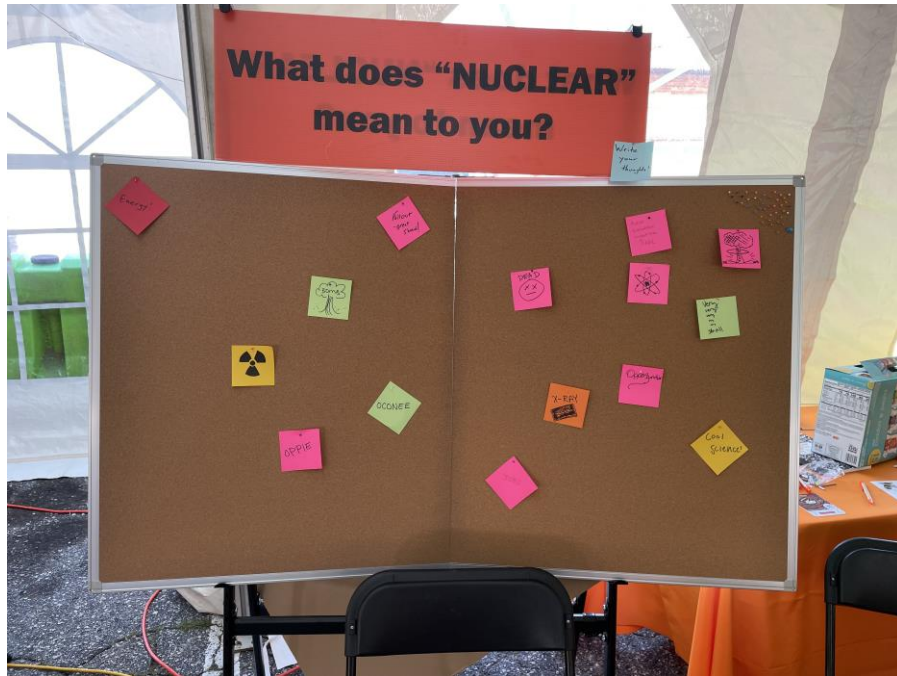
Artisphere
May 10-12th, 2024
2000+ attendees

Keystone – NuWaDi Collaboration
(virtual and in-person) ongoing
3-25 attendees

Connections

Key Observations

- Preparation and planning are important...and stay flexible and open-minded



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- Authentic engagement enabled each of us to interact with participants in unique and rewarding ways.



Key Observations

- Investing in the NuWaDi Region
- Focus efforts on forming lasting connections.
 - Thriving Communities – Technical Assistance Center (University of South Carolina)
 - Informal Conversations with other Consortia
 - Shifting towards formal collaborations with other Consortia



Engagement



Next Steps

- FA1: Round 1 and Round 2 Awards disbursed.
- FA1: Up and Atom Event
- FA1: Water Cooler Chats (up to 20 hours)
- FA2: “Pulse” Survey added to HUB
- FA2: Develop framework for SNA
- FA3: Disseminate Content via two peer-reviewed articles and on HUB
 - Nuclear Culture for Graduate Engineering and Science Students
 - Reflection on Engagement at Large Festivals (Artisphere)

General: Additional technical and programmatic support personnel will enable more efficient disbursement of resources to communities



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