



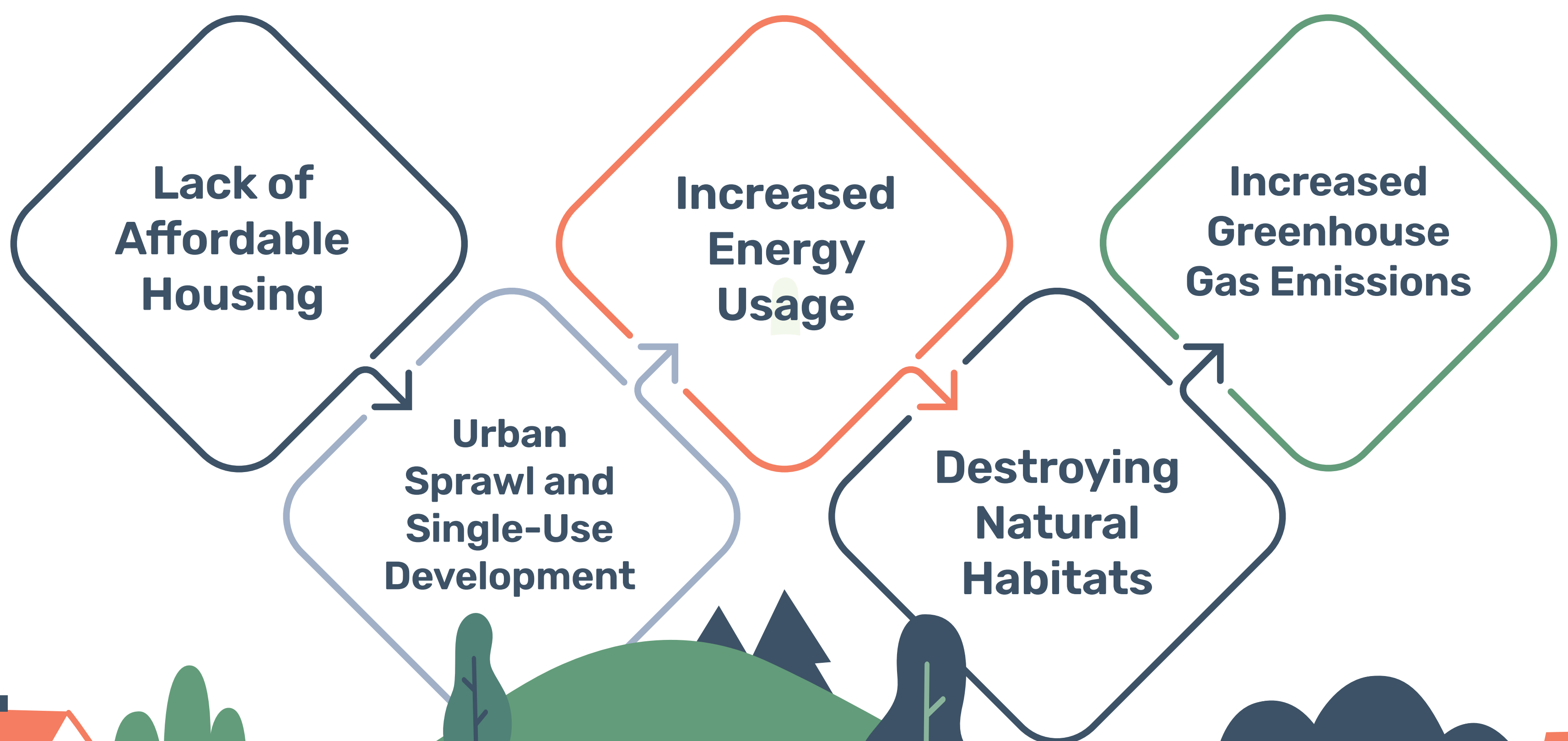
Urban Sprawl + The Environment

Lack of affordable housing in many cities can force households into suburbs and exurbs.

This causes urban sprawl, the rapid expansion of low-density, single-use development on the fringes of cities, which is detrimental to our environment.

Urban sprawl accelerates climate change by encouraging larger homes, which increases energy usage, fosters greater dependency on cars, and destroys natural habitats crucial for biodiversity and carbon sequestration, increasing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing air and water quality.

According to the Urban Land Institute, urban sprawl in the U.S. is responsible for the loss of over two million acres of natural habitat each year.



Responsibly increasing available affordable housing will encourage the development of more energy efficient and climate-friendly homes, and expand needed housing options in our community.