



Community Collaboration Situation Assessment

1. Select one of your partnerships or collaboratives to focus on for this exercise.
2. Consider your partners and interested parties. Where do they fall on the IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation? Which groups do you inform or consult? Are others providing consistent input (Involve) or collaborating to identify issues and alternatives?

Put an asterisk next to those you consider “key players” (high interest, high power).

	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate
Goal	Provide information to improve understanding	Obtain feedback on issues, alternatives or decisions	Consistently include and consider stakeholder input	Engage in joint decision making to develop solutions
Your Partners or Interested Parties				

3. Are there parties who may have been overlooked? Consider opinion leaders, those impacted or perceiving impact, potential opponents, and groups not yet engaged who are part of the community of place or interest.

4. What is the scope (scale and nature) of the issues?

How is the partnership or collaborative making decisions? Are you engaged in a consensus process, or seeking a consensus (or modified consensus) decision?

	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate
Decisions	By agency or organization with minimal input	By agency or organization with some input	By agency with coordination around common goals	Shared decision making in context of authorities

5. What types of outreach/communication tools are you using (circle below)?

Are there other tools you might explore (add an asterisk)?

	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate
Process and Communication Tools	Fact Sheets Newsletter Web Site Open House Panel Presentation/s Public Meetings	Public Comment Surveys Focus Groups Consultation: Tribal, State Public Meetings Advisory committee	Collaboration Clinics Advisory Committee Workshops Joint Fact-Finding Deliberate Polling Consultation	Consensus-building Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee Mediation Consultation

6. What are you taking away from this exercise? Did you identify new partners or interested parties? Clarify the level of engagement you are seeking, or your decision process? Notice tools you could be using for your process or communications? Share your takeaway on the [Self-Study Form](#).