Learning & Evaluation Tool to Move up the Spectrum of Community Engagement to Ownership

National Adaptation Forum
April 24, 2019
★ Welcome, Intros & Overview
★ What is Collaborative Governance and why is it important?
★ City Project Overviews: DC, Portland, Providence
★ Case Study Breakout Groups
★ Debrief
★ Applying the Spectrum of Community Engagement to Ownership to your work
★ Closing
Group Agreements

Take space, make space (W.A.I.T).

Avoid generalizations. Use “I” statements.

Build and maintain brave space.

What is said stays, what is learned leaves.

One mic.

Others?
Collaborative Governance

- Builds leadership outside of local government agencies
- Increases capacity through collaboration
- Advances a multi-sectoral approach for more holistic and effective solutions
- Strengthens social infrastructure to inform and improve development and distribution of physical infrastructure
Portland, Providence, Seattle, and D.C. came together for a 1 year learning & evaluation of the community-centered committees.

Objective to improve their collaborative governance work and contribute to field building towards more effective climate solutions.
Engagement to Ownership Project

- 3 Phases:
  1. Research & Learning
  2. Convening & Strategizing
  3. Resource/tool development & sharing to support replication

- Resulted in: deepened strategies and relationships for this work, emerging community of practice, four in-depth case studies, evaluation tool, high-impact practices for stakeholders tool, an more...
# Spectrum of Community Engagement to Ownership

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Vision: Know Where We’re Going

- Spectrum as a path for a more equitable future
- A vision where communities manage and own essential life resources and decision-making processes
- Knowing where we want to go can break the status quo cycle to achieve transformative change
Use the Spectrum to:
● Identify what is working and where there are gaps
● To inventory practices, protocols, processes
● Course correct during a process or to evaluate at the end of process
- Spectrum builds from status quo to community ownership over time
- Key Shifts: information flow and decision-making as procedural, distributional, and structural equity increases
- We must know where we are to understand where we are going
- Using current context as learnings & inspiration to develop capacities to move up the spectrum
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Social Indicators:
• Unemployment
• Educational attainment
• Poverty prevalence
• Obesity
• Adult asthma
• Age (65+)
THE EQUITY ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERSHIP

**Age**
- Under 25 - 7%
- Ages 25-39 - 54%
- Ages 40-64 - 23%
- Over 65 - 16%

**Race**
- Black - 92%
- White - 8%

**Longevity**
- 45% < 5 years
- 27% - Multigenerational
- 27% - In between

**Engagement**
- Mix of existing leaders and emerging leaders
**EAG MEETING SCHEDULE**

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### Information Session
- Share the purpose of the project
- Gather feedback on membership for the EAG
- Share a draft charter and project schedule

### Building Climate Knowledge
- Review the Clean Energy DC and Climate Ready DC plans.
- Refine EAG priorities

### Recommendations Development
- Develop recommendations in top three priority areas—jobs, youth programming, and resilience hubs
- Work with resource partners to better understand key issues.

### Final Consensus Vote
- Review final EAG recommendations
- Make any final revisions
- Vote on recommendations
- Discuss next steps and public meeting

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**DEC**

- **Laying the Foundation**
  - Create a shared understanding of equity, vulnerability, and resilience.
  - Share thoughts on vision and priorities for Ward 7

**JAN**

- **Refining EAG Scope**
  - Define EAG role in Climate Ready DC and Clean Energy DC implementation planning
  - Identify areas of alignment between EAG priorities and plans

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- **Recommendations Refinement**
  - Revisit and refine recommendations
  - Work with resource partners to hone recommendations for short-term and long-term goals
QUESTIONS?

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ELECT CIANCI MAYOR

He never stopped caring about Providence.
Environmental burden is not equally shared

Providence ranks:
- 5th highest in nation for income inequality (Brookings)
- 5th highest in nation for low-income energy burden (ACEEE)
- Most polluted county for air quality in the Boston-Worcester-Providence metro area. Received an F for high ozone days (American Lung Association)
Providence Mayoral Race

- 38%
- 32%
- 6%
- 21%

Margin of Error: +/- 4.38%
Write your answers on sticky note (one answer per sticky). Use one color for question one and another color for question two. When ready, add them to the spectrum.

1. Where might this case study fall on the spectrum and why? (see handout for supporting questions)

2. Given the challenge(s) named, what are some possible ways forward to move up the spectrum towards more community-government collaboration?
Pair Share: Applying the Spectrum to Your Work

- *Now, where would you put your work (or your department) on the spectrum?*

- *What are some ways to move forward on spectrum?*

  OR

- *Do you have any potential ideas for answering the question you wrote down earlier in the session?*