The Web of Governance

DISCOVER WHO ARE THE:

• FORMAL LEADER/ORGANIZATIONS
• INFORMAL LEADERS/ORGANIZATIONS
• THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THEM

DETERMINE:

• THE STAKEHOLDERS IN AN ISSUE
• WHO ARE THE INTERESTED PARTIES IN AN ISSUE
• WHO IS AFFECTED BY DECISIONS ON AN ISSUE
• HOW DO THEY ALL FIT TOGETHER?

THIS WILL HELP YOU DISCOVER THE WEB OF GOVERNANCE
FOR YOUR COMMUNITY AND ON A SPECIFIC ISSUE

Building a healthy community is impossible without the active participation of the web of governance. At times you may just need their sanction or approval to go forward on a community effort, but it is always best to have them as active partners. In some cases the healthy community partnership has become the community governance. This can be both beneficial and detrimental. It is good in the sense that the community is governing itself at the grass roots, but it can also challenge an existing governance structure and cause community chaos. It is always best to merge community governance with your efforts.

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