



Why Can't We All Just Get Along? Nov. 6, 2008

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Resources

International Association for Public Participation www.iap2.org

Does Consensus Work? By Cary Coglianese, Associate Dean, UPenn Law School
<http://www.law.upenn.edu/cf/faculty/ccoglian/>

Common Sense Initiative Council's Stakeholder Involvement Work Group, EPA 1998
<http://www.epa.gov/stakeholders/pdf/sifindf3.pdf>

EPA Watershed Tools Fact Sheet, January 2008
<http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/watershedtools606.pdf>

Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans, Ch 3 Build Partnerships, March 2008
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National Park Service Community Tool Box
<http://www.nps.gov/phso/rctatoolbox/>

From the IAP2 Technique Framework

A limited number of formats are available for conducting public participation. Formats provide the general structure for conducting public participation. Simply put, we can:

- * Share information
- * Collect and compile input
- * Bring people together

A note for practitioners: It's not the tool or technique we pick that matters, it's:

- Why we pick what we pick
- How we implement the technique
- What behavior and attitude we model when we do it

If we model sincerity, respect, and transparency in selecting and employing our techniques, we are more likely to achieve our aim of creating and maintaining relationships.