

# IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum



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## IAP2 Core Values

- Public participation is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.
- Public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will influence the decision.
- Public participation promotes sustainable decisions by recognizing and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers.
- Public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision.
- Public participation seeks input from participants in designing how they participate.
- Public participation provides participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
- Public participation communicates to participants how their input affected the decision.

Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
<p><b>P2 Goal:</b> To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives and/or solutions.</p>	<p><b>P2 Goal:</b> To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.</p>	<p><b>P2 Goal:</b> To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public issues and concerns are consistently understood and considered.</p>	<p><b>P2 Goal:</b> To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.</p>	<p><b>P2 Goal:</b> To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.</p>
<p><b>Promise to the Public:</b> We will keep you informed.</p>	<p><b>Promise to the Public:</b> We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.</p>	<p><b>Promise to the Public:</b> We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and issues are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.</p>	<p><b>Promise to the Public:</b> We will look to you for direct advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.</p>	<p><b>Promise to the Public:</b> We will implement what you decide.</p>
<p><b>Example Tools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Fact sheets</li> <li>◆ Web sites</li> <li>◆ Open houses</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example Tools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Public comment</li> <li>◆ Focus groups</li> <li>◆ Surveys</li> <li>◆ Public meetings</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example Tools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Workshops</li> <li>◆ Deliberative polling</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example Tools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Citizen Advisory Committees</li> <li>◆ Consensus-building</li> <li>◆ Participatory decision-making</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example Tools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Citizen Juries</li> <li>◆ Ballots</li> <li>◆ Delegated decisions</li> </ul>