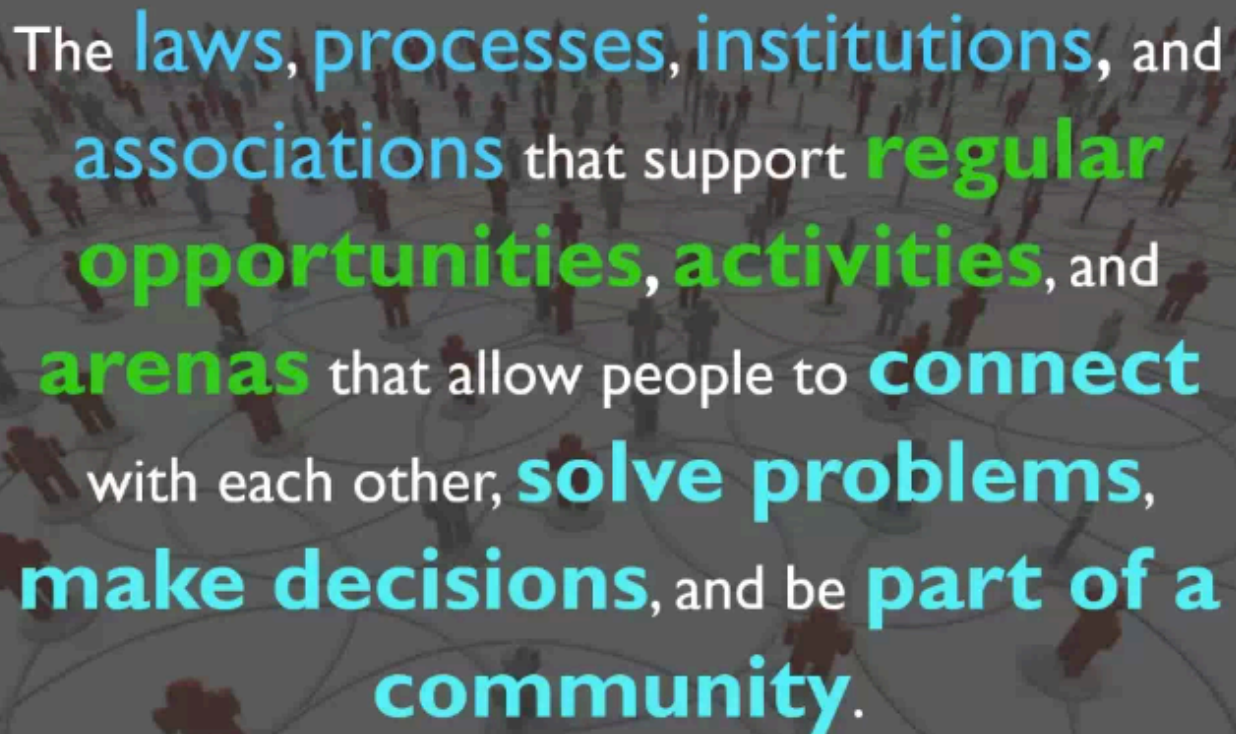


Participation Infrastructure



The laws, processes, institutions, and associations that support regular opportunities, activities, and arenas that allow people to connect with each other, solve problems, make decisions, and be part of a community.

How can we improve our public participation infrastructure?

1. **Give Good Process!** Treat citizens like adults.
 2. Understand **Thick and Thin Participation** (and how to combine them).
 3. Empower and activate **Participation Leaders and Networks**
 4. Assemble the **Building Blocks** of Participation
 5. Provide **Systemic Supports**
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Assemble Participation Building Blocks

**Enabling
Small-Scale
Decision
Making**

**Enabling
Large-Scale
Decision
Making**

**Encouraging
Public Work**

Gathering Input and Data

Discussing and Connecting

Disseminating Information

Provide Systemic Supports

- ▶ Incentives for participation leaders
- ▶ Training and skill development
- ▶ Financial and other resources

- ▶ Policies and procedures

- ▶ Evaluation measures and benchmarks