

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/CONSENSUS BUILDING

**Land Planning Solutions, Inc. (LPS)** believes strongly that effective public participation is critical to the success of any planning process and should be early, continuous and proactive.

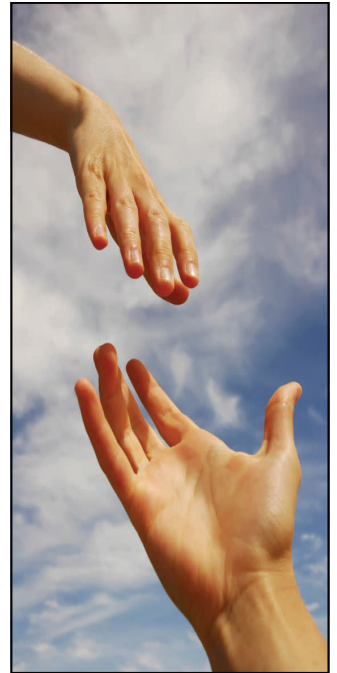
Community involvement and consensus building practices serve the following key functions:

- Builds **partnerships** amongst agencies and stakeholders;
- Enhances **recipient ownership**, accountability, and outcomes;
- Addresses the various **needs of affected people**;
- Utilizes the skills, experiences, and **knowledge of community**, local groups and citizenry;
- Engages community members in **learning about and understanding community planning issues**, and the economic, social, environmental, political, psychological, and other impacts associated with alternative courses of action;
- Incorporates the **diverse interests and cultures** of the community in the community development process; and
- Enhances the **leadership capacity** of both individual community members as well as groups.

**LPS** has extensive experience in the consensus building arena with specific expertise designing Public Involvement Plans, facilitating and directing community outreach meetings and interactive workshops, and integrating stakeholder visions into pragmatic community plans.

Traditionally elderly, ethnic, minority & low-income groups are considered underserved populations that find public participation difficult. **LPS** specializes in stimulating participation amongst these groups through innovative and specialized public involvement strategies, which are implemented throughout the planning process.

For more information on how to employ best practice public participation in your planning project, please contact **Land Planning Solutions** at (239) 405-7983 or [allison@lpsfl.us](mailto:allison@lpsfl.us)



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