

Collaborative Stewardship

collective review of operations that impact the community. The evaluation becomes one of existing functional positioning of organizations compared to what would be the more appropriate configuration given the internal dynamics of the community and best practices uncovered via evidence-based research.

These evaluation efforts will allow for the development of most appropriate recommendations for change for the betterment of the community. And, individual organizations will benefit because there will be a true assessment of the relative contribution each of the organizations actually makes to quality of life.

When these things occur, collaborative stewardship will be in effect.

What can go wrong?

Challenges can occur within a community for which there is such a political backlash that organizations will be reluctant to partner or share information with other organizations and the public in the jurisdiction.

Periods of increased competitiveness for extremely limited resources may prove to be an obstacle to efforts for collaboration as each organization pursues survival as over favorable collective impact as the primary goal.

Also, some organizations may perceive themselves as having intellectual property that they may not wish for others to view especially if that intellectual property is