

Collaborative Stewardship

Again, the key terms are:

Accountability

Discrepancy

Change

Collaborative stewardship occurs in three overlapping stages. The first consists of the establishment of accountability for the collective impact of efforts performed within the jurisdiction. This entails not only identifying all of the actors for specific jurisdiction but also identifying or otherwise securing a detailed account the functions performed and to what consequence. It also means identifying the obstacles to optimal performance. And it involves the implications associated with performance deficiencies within the organization, recognizing that the impact those deficiencies may have as a rippling effect throughout the full tapestry of organizations serving a geographical area.

Once identified the organizations need to recognize not only the operative status of their individual organization but also the consequences of their operations on other organizations; and, ultimately on the quality of life for the entire community.

It is not sufficient for organizations to know their status and the status of other organizations without tangible commitment to a strategic plan or shared vision of the direction in which the community is to move. That also means identifying the