

Worksheet 2:

Part 1--Building a monitoring map—drawing a picture of where we are

Each of us sees the “big” picture of monitoring in our state through the eyes of our own experiences and piece of the big picture. An important part of building a collaborative council is connecting the various pieces of the big picture. But before you can connect the pieces, you have to be able to see what your piece really looks like and compare it to the other pieces.

SOCIAL NETWORK MAP is a diagram that shows relationships and patterns between and among community members and stakeholders.

Everyone needs:

- ✓ 1 clean piece of newsprint
- ✓ post-it notes of various colors and shapes
- ✓ pens & pencils
- ✓ cut blue paper rectangles

Workshop participants who are from the same state or watershed can use this exercise to start looking at their maps together, but everyone should create their own initial map.

1. You’ll be using a piece of newsprint and post-it notes of various colors and sizes to create a diagram of what monitoring currently looks like to you. Use the post-it notes to represent various of stakeholder groups and communities.
2. You can use the narrow rectangular paper strips to show connections.
3. Using the lists of monitoring communities and stakeholders you created (Worksheet 1), begin to diagram the relationships and connections among various components of the monitoring world as you see it. Connections might indicate data flow between/within agencies/organizations or specific programs.

Things to think about as you create your map...

- ✓ What does monitoring look like in your state/region?
- ✓ What kind of monitoring is done? By whom? Where does the data go?
- ✓ How does each group contribute? How are decisions made?
- ✓ Which programs/components/members of the monitoring community in your state/region already communicate? coordinate? collaborate? On what type of activities?

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