

Components for an inclusive and participatory methodology for the planning process

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1. Stakeholders

planners
 community members
 government
 business sector
 academia
demographics, behavior, feelings, ideas.

2. Natural resources

natural resources
 weather
biodiversity, soil, water, wind, sunlight, air, geography; what they provide to the site and how the site affects them.

3. Government policies

laws
 existing organization
 current plans
to be know, analyzed, and if necessary, changed.



4. Finance

funding
obtained and spent, community needs financial decisions

5. Technology

local possibilities
 research
 green solutions
provides a wide range of possibilities to upgrade communities in diverse ways

6. Theory and ethics of planning

knowledge
 applications
related to the field in order to develop a site or community

All these categories must be connected not only to each other but to the goals of communities. Everything that a city needs could be summarized in one word: beauty. If beauty is at the core of the city system it makes sense to approach the participatory methodology based upon the six categories, where each one must have an equal weight.