Changing Our Mindset: Thinking Like a Network (Part 2)

EPA/BAY PROGRAM: HABITAT GIT FALL MEETING

2 AND 3 OCT 2024

Build partnership and network science literacy to support nearand long-term Habitat GIT goals



Common language: working with others is a spectrum



A high-level overview of systems thinking and network science



An interactive exercise to inspire some out-of-the-box thinking and conversation around what we might learn from nature and apply to how Habitat GIT teams/work groups think and operate



Shifting our mindset

Each level requires an increase in time, trust, and capacity/resources

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Competition between or among partners for clients, resources, partners, Board members, and/or public attention and credit.	Neutral relationship or connections with partners, aware of their work but no systematic connection between or among partners	Partners share information for mutual benefit – to improve understanding of and awareness about issues, alternatives, and/or decisions made	Partners agree to adjust and align organizational strategic priorities and work with each other for greater outcomes	Partners interact (formally and informally) on discrete projects or activities (time bound)	Partners engage in collective impact to achieve jointly identified issues, co-develop outcomes and alternatives, and implement solutions. Work is based on shared mission, goals, and decision making, share funding, staff, and expertise	Completely merging operations, administrative structures, and budgets to form new entity. The individual partners/orgs involved are not discernable – decision making lies entirely with new entity

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Reflections and Take Aways



Mindsets: Organization v. Network

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