

RVS' Community Engagement Model

Since 2008, RVS has fostered citizen involvement through the implementation of a Community Engagement Model, based on the International Association for Public Participation's (IAP2) Spectrum of Public Participation. This model, as illustrated below, has guided our jurisdiction in its interactions with our communities - whether the purpose was to inform (Level 1), consult (Level 2), involve (Level 3), collaborate (Level 4), or empower (Level 5). In example, the Board would consider the tabling and distribution of our Annual Education Results Report as a Level 1 initiative, as the report serves to inform the community on the success of our system. At the other end of the spectrum, we employ a Level 4 community engagement process to roll forward our Four Year Plan, as we strongly believe the goals, priorities, and direction of our system need to reflect the hopes and desires of our entire community.

LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT					
	1	2	3	4	5
AIM	<p>Inform</p> <p>To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.</p>	<p>Consult</p> <p>To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives, and/or decisions.</p>	<p>Involve</p> <p>To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.</p>	<p>Collaborate</p> <p>To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision, including the development of alternatives and identification delegated to the public.</p>	<p>Empower</p> <p>To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.</p>
PLEDGE	RVS will keep you informed.	RVS will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	RVS will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	RVS will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	RVS will implement what you decide.
FINAL DECISION	Rests with the Board of Trustees				Delegated
ACCOUNTABILITY	Rests with the Board of Trustees				Delegated
TOOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blogs • Tweets • Videos • Media Releases • Fact Sheets • Reports • Websites • Advertisements • Open Houses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Meetings • Coffee Klatches • Focus Groups • Online Surveys • Discussion Threads • Facebook • Google Docs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Groups • Public Forums • Interviews • Polling • Public Hearings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design Charrettes • Consensus Building Techniques • Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Forces • Ballots • Working Committees

*For RVS Policy Statement on Community Engagement see Policy 25: Community Engagement under Board/Policies on RVS' main website.