Collaborative Community Planning Amid Controversy: Siting and Fracking

Glenwood Springs Community Center
November 12-13, 2015

Workshop goals:
1. Provide a venue for sharing and networking on the topic of collaborative community planning amid controversy.
2. Discuss local cases, research, and lessons learned related to siting facilities and fracking as key topical examples while ensuring the workshop has broader applicability to collaboration on any controversial issue.
3. Provide skill-building training to participants to increase collaboration capacity in Colorado.

Key topics and activities for Thursday, November 12 (9:00am – 5:45pm)

- Welcome, CCLI review & overview of this workshop and guidelines for the workshop discussion (Tamra Pearson d’Estrée, Conflict Resolution Institute, DU)
- Participant introductions & setting the stage (Paul Alexander, Institute on the Common Good, Regis University; Laura Kaplan, independent facilitator and mediator)
- Activism and contentious meetings: Training, discussion, and stories (Laura Kaplan)
- Negotiation and informal communication: Training, discussion, and scenarios (Tamra Pearson d’ Estrée and Bob Melvin, DU)
- Applying lessons learned
- Networking opportunities at group breakfast, lunch, and dinner
Key topics and activities for Friday, November 13 (8:30am – 4:00pm)

- Field trip / issue discussion with community representatives

- Ongoing collaborative stakeholder groups: Presentation of research findings and case studies, group exercise, and discussion (Tanya Heikkila, Chris Weible and Sam Gallaher, CU Denver)
  - How can we achieve “healthy” political systems around contentious issues and what role do stakeholder groups play in this?
  - What are the principles of successful long-term stakeholder collaboration?
  - What case study examples related to hydraulic fracturing in Colorado help us illustrate this?

- Networking opportunities at group breakfast and lunch

- Reflection and wrap up