

Definitions of Collaborative Governance

The term "collaborative governance" refers to a relatively new and emerging field, and thus academics, practitioners and participants engage in discussions on how to best define collaborative governance. Members of UNCG draw from a variety of descriptions to describe the work their centers do. We have collected the most widely used definitions that encapsulates collaborative governance.

<u>Collaborative Governance Definition</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Citation</u>
<p>The process of facilitating and operating in multi-organizational arrangements to solve problems that cannot be solved, or solved easily, by single organizations.</p>	<p>Agranoff and McGuire (2003)</p>	<p>Agranoff, Robert and Michael McGuire (2003). <i>Collaborative Public Management: New Strategies for Local Government</i>. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.</p>
<p>A governing arrangement where one or more public agencies directly engage non-state stakeholders in a collective decision-making process that is formal, consensus-oriented, and deliberative and that aims to make or implement public policy or manage public programs or assets.</p>	<p>Ansell and Gash (2008)</p>	<p>Ansell, Chris and Alison Gash (2008). "Collaborative Governance in Theory and Practice." <i>Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory</i>, 18(4), 543-571.</p>
<p>The processes and structures of public policy decision making and management that engage people constructively across the boundaries of public agencies, levels of government, and/or the public, private and civic spheres in order to carry out a public</p>	<p>Emerson, Nabatchi, and Balogh (2011)</p>	<p>Emerson, Kirk, Tina Nabatchi, and Stephen Balogh (2011). "An integrative framework for collaborative governance." <i>Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory</i>, 22, 1-29.</p>

purpose that could not otherwise be accomplished.

Leaders engaging with all sectors—public, private, non-profit, citizens, and others—to develop effective, lasting solutions to public problems that go beyond what any sector could achieve on its own.

Policy Consensus Initiative (2007)

Carlson, Christine (2007). *A Practical Guide to Collaborative Governance*. Policy Consensus Initiative.

A concept that addresses the process of establishing, steering, facilitating, operating, and monitoring cross-sector organizational arrangements to address public policy problems that cannot be easily addressed by a single organization or the public sector alone. This mode of governance focuses on public issues and brings multiple stakeholders from different sectors together in common forum to engage in consensus-oriented solution seeking, problem solving and decision-making in order to leverage and build on the unique attributes and resources of each.

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