

OPEN DATA FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN PLANNING

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BACKGROUND

- Open data in cities (SF, NYC, Vancouver, Toronto)
- Green Communities Act
- Open data in municipalities (North Vancouver, Nanaimo, more...?)
- Migration patterns

PLANNING & OPEN DATA

- Proactive: Participatory Mapping & Citizen Science for planning
- crowdsourcing local knowledge (<http://walking-papers.org/>)
- Reactive: competing visions, closed process, “gotcha” journalism

RESEARCH FOCI

- Identifying common goals, methods and areas of knowledge
- Understanding barriers to opening data or having data used meaningfully
- Building capacity & familiarity with online collaboration / visualization tools

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- To what extent are planners aware of or interested in open data for planning activity?
- What positive/negative impacts do they see open data potentially having on their work?

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- What challenges or barriers do they identify...
 - to citizen collaboration in planning through open data?
 - to formalizing collaboration with other municipalities on technical tools?

THANK YOU

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