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Practical Engagement Tools for Community Forests

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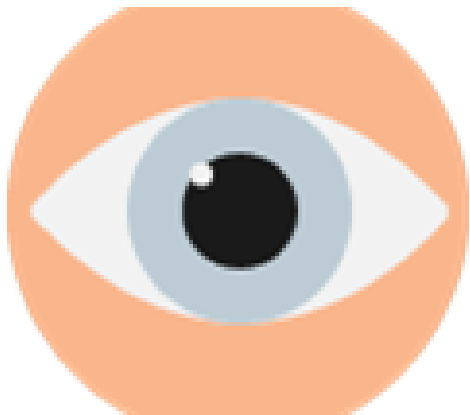
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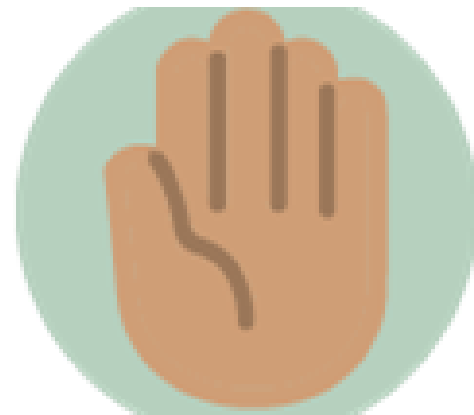
What does BAD community engagement



look like,



sound like,



or feel like?



tiny tools

Connect before
diving into content





Ask a powerful, juicy
question that ignites curiosity



Structure the conversation
so every voice is heard

Welcome opposing views



Use a transparent
decision-making process



Turn conflict into a
learning moment



Harvest and share
the insights







your turn!

table participatory discussions

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what are your feelings about pineapple on pizza?

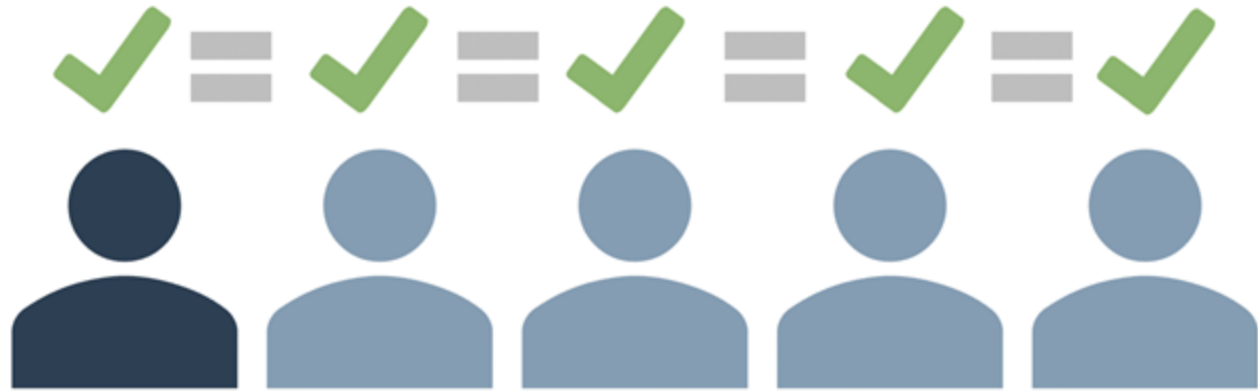


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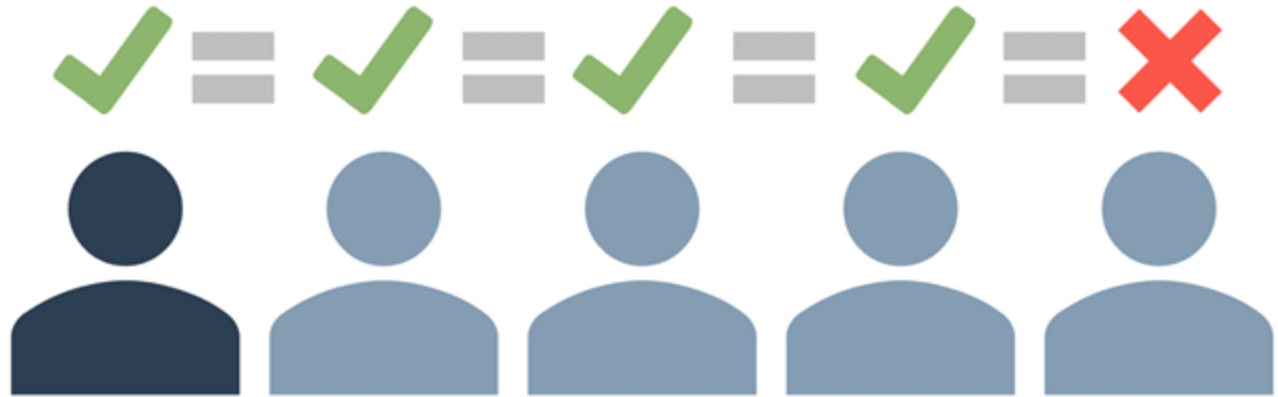
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after the vote: consensus



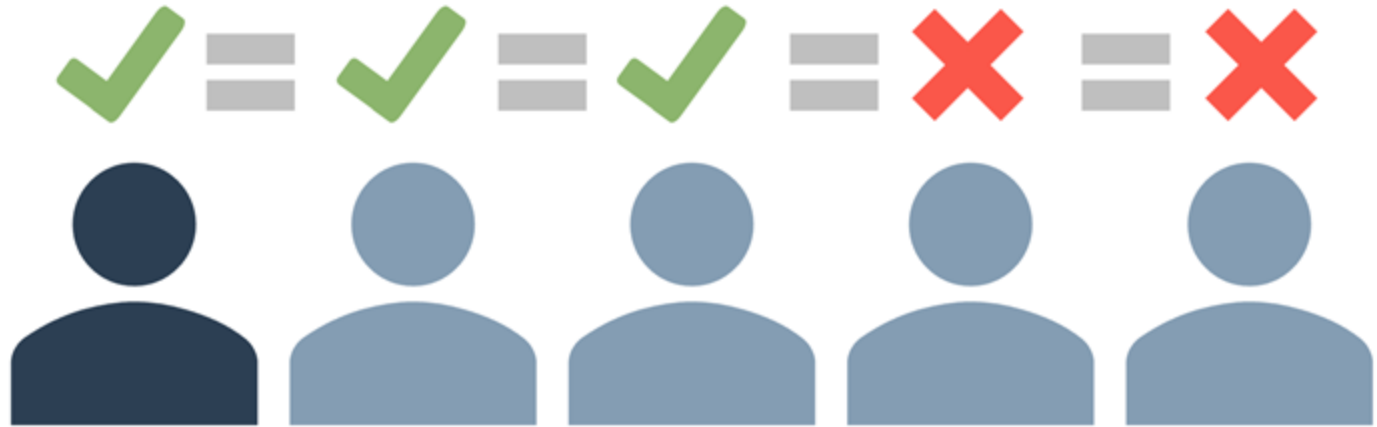
after the vote: majority with minority





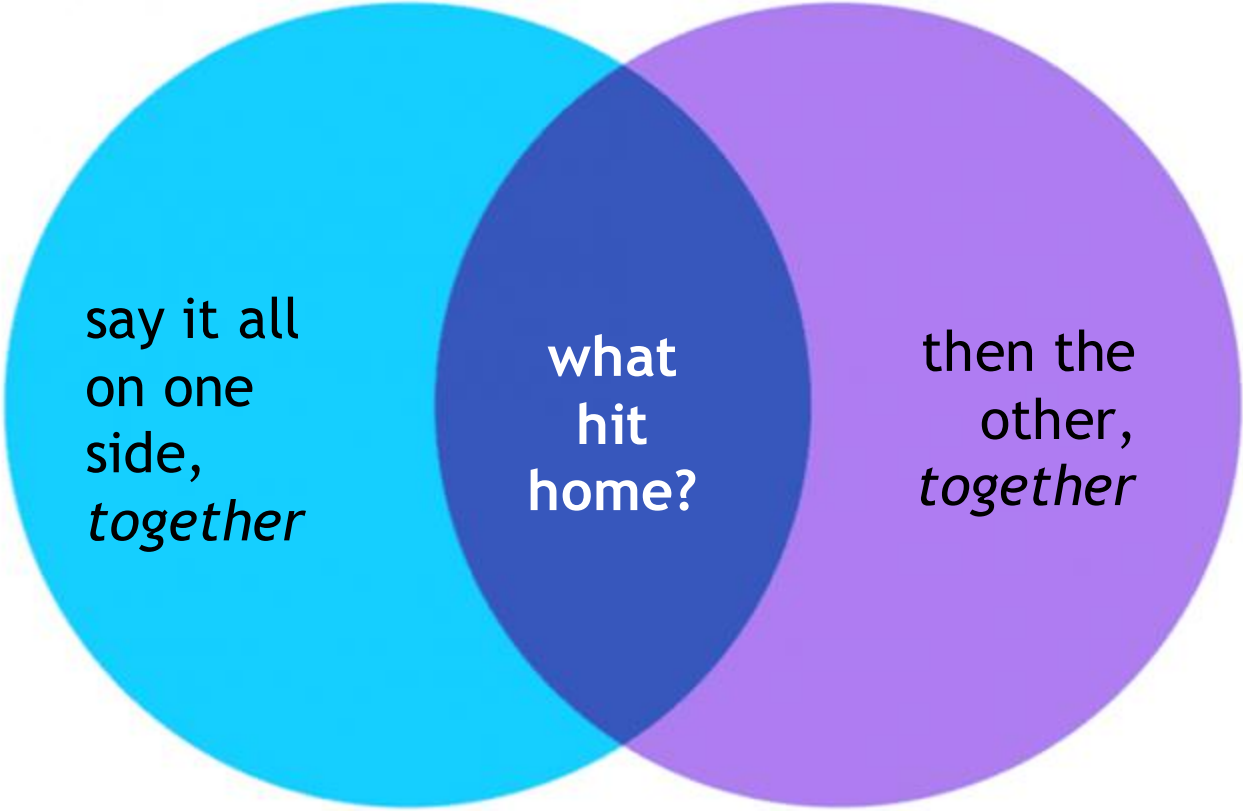
**what do you
need to come
along?**

after the vote: polarity



- **We're here to learn**
 - **We want to stay in relationship**
 - **No one has a monopoly on the truth**





say it all
on one
side,
together

what
hit
home?

then the
other,
together



**what “hit home”
for you?**

recap: tiny tools

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 5. Use a transparent decision-making process
 6. Turn conflict into a learning moment
 7. Harvest and share the insights
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taking it home



- How does what you learned at this workshop connect with your home context?
 - What tools can you see yourself, your team, or your community forest using?
 - What is your insight, commitment, or question leaving here?
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