

## Weaving The Social Network: Effects of Neighborhood Participation On Collective Efficacy and the Sustainability of Community Projects

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### ABSTRACT

This documentary study analyzes the crucial role of neighborhood participation in community development, examining how it influences collective efficacy and the sustainability of projects. The overall objective was to analyze the effects of active neighborhood participation on strengthening collective efficacy and ensuring the sustainability of community projects through a systematic review of specialized literature. Regarding the methodology: A qualitative documentary research design was adopted, based on a systematic review of published primary and secondary sources. The process included four phases: planning, research, critical analysis using documentary records and thematic analysis, and interpretive synthesis. Results: Community participation, especially at higher levels of power (association and citizen oversight), strengthens collective effectiveness by building trust and capacity. Project sustainability depends more on community ownership than on financial resources and is favored by the institutionalization of collective action in formal structures. Discussion: A virtuous circle between participation and collective effectiveness is identified, where initial successes motivate greater involvement. Symbolic participation proves insufficient and even counterproductive. Sustainability is reinterpreted as a process of empowerment and collective learning. Conclusions: Active community participation is a key driver for building social networks and strengthening community capacity. External interventions should facilitate, not impose, granting real decision-making power to the community to ensure sustainability.

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