Resource Mapping

1. Draw a map of your neighborhood. Within your neighborhood, place marks on your map where there are key resources (churches, schools, community development corporations, banks, block clubs, recreational programs, police and fire departments, hospitals, homes where key community leaders live, businesses, community organizations, non-profit organizations, etc.).

2. Reflect on what your project/organization is seeking to accomplish and reflect on how each of the resources identified could help you achieve your objectives and make a list of what each could provide to your effort. Mark a star by each of the organizations you think can get a lot out of without much difficulty. Mark a (-) by each of the organizations you think you would have a difficult time getting to help you, and reflect on why it would be difficult. Is there an organization with a star by it that has enough influence over a group with a (-) that they could help you enlist the participation of this group?

3. Reflect on why these resources may be interested in what you are doing. What can they get out of working with you?

4. Seek to find out the extent to which community institutions are already working together, and determine how you might be able to build on existing relationships.