

“Farmer A” vs. “Farmer B”: Can We Settle These Disputes Locally

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Context for Conflict

↑ Agricultural Intensification



↑ Rural Non-farm Residents



↑ Environmental Awareness



The Dirty Dozen - Sources of Conflict

(Carter and Owen, 2000)

- **1) Air pollution**
- **2) Water pollution**
- **3) Waste management**
- **4) Chemicals**
- **5) Land degradation**
- **6) Wildlife & fish protection**

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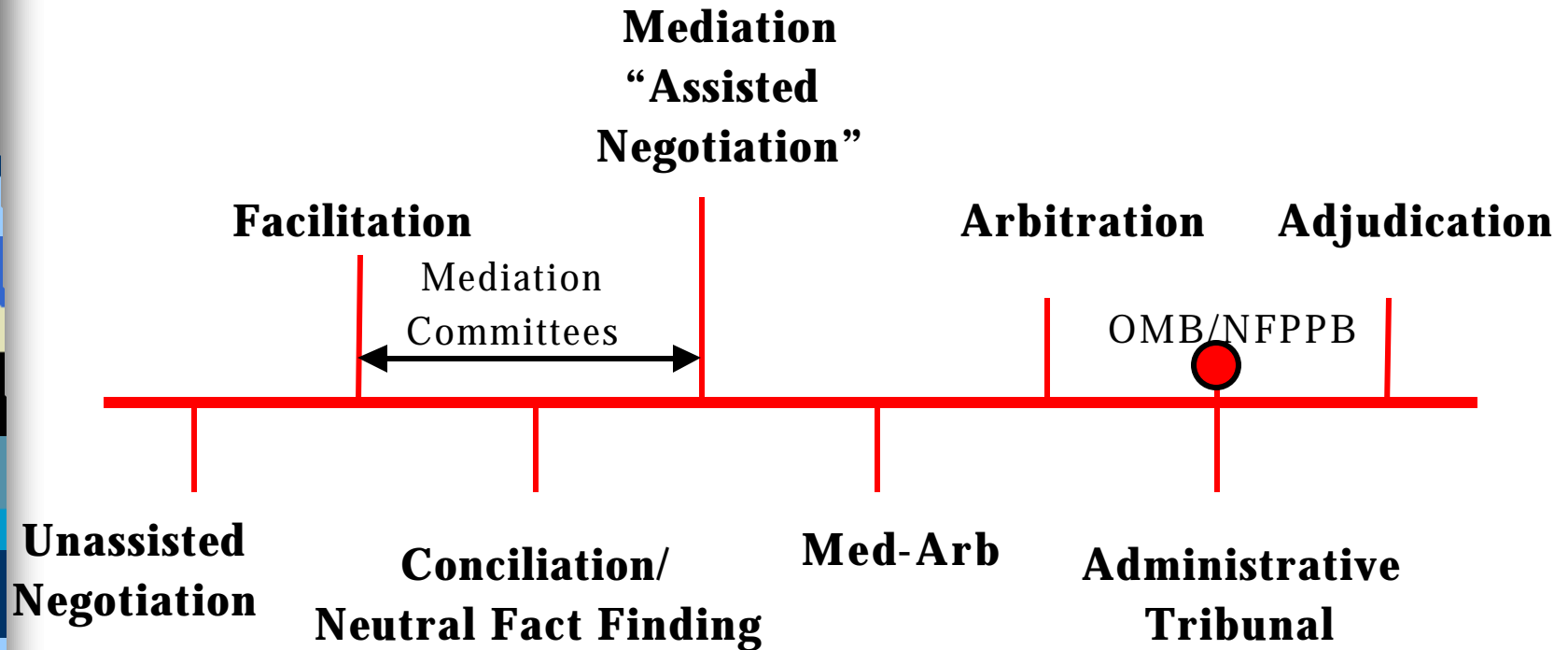
- **7) Biodiversity**
- **8) Resource management**
- **9) Public access**
- **10) Zoning and planning**
- **11) Unkempt farmsteads**
- **12) Aesthetic despoilment**



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- “providing for the establishment and operation of **local committees** to assist in the doing of any prescribed matters including **mediation of disputes** in connection with the management of materials containing nutrients on lands.”

Alternative Dispute Resolution Continuum





Types of Committees

- Nutrient Management Plan Review Committees
- Agricultural Advisory Committees
- Mediation Committees



Existing Mediation Committees

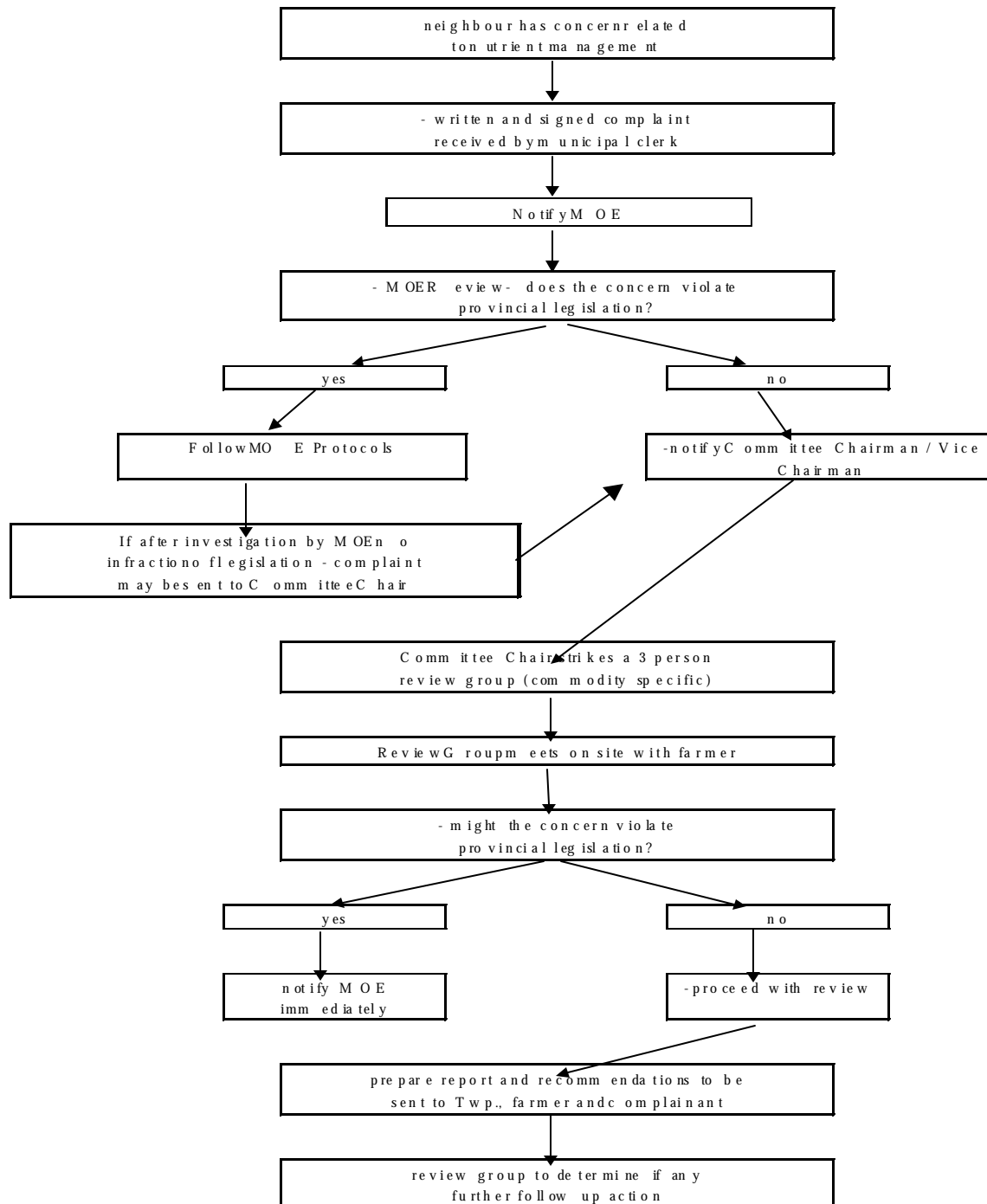
- Perth County Agricultural Review Committee
- Oxford County Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Huron County Farm Mediation Committee
- Norfolk Irrigation Advisory Committee*

Committee Members:

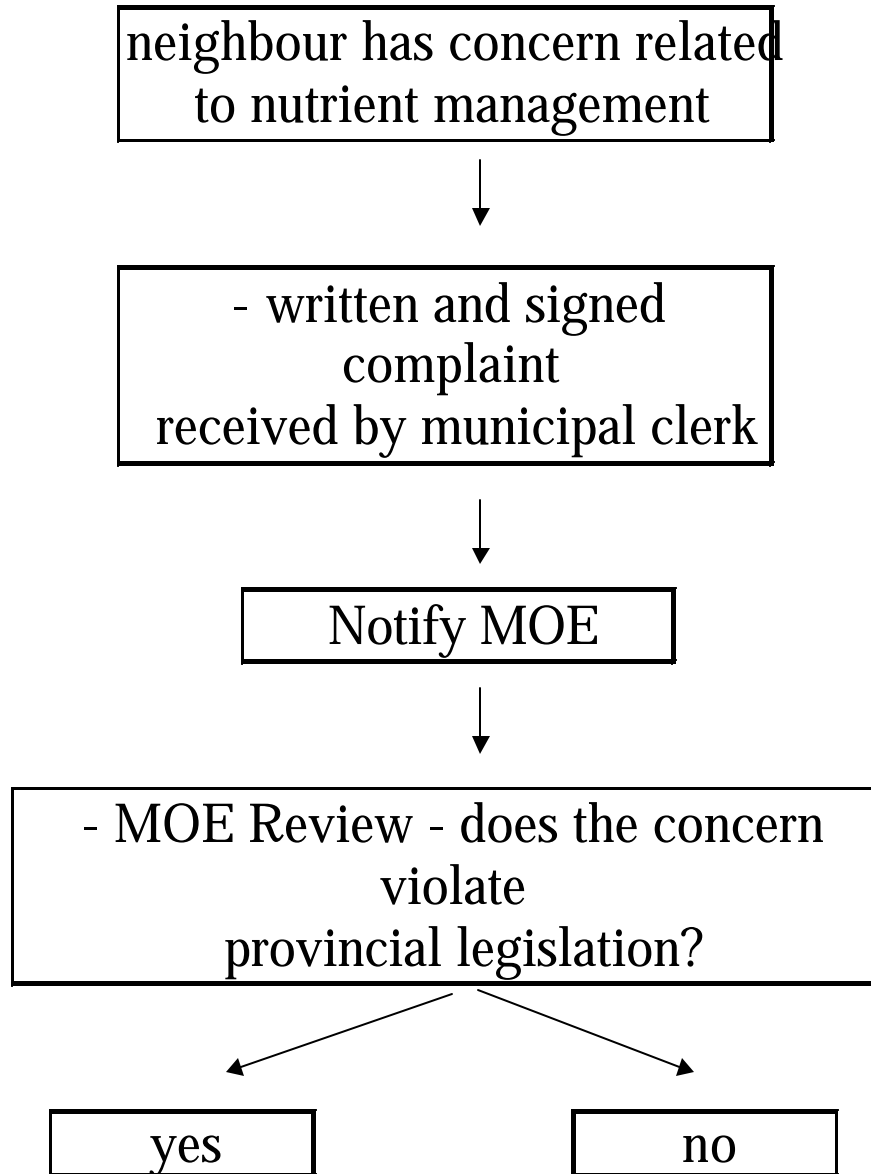
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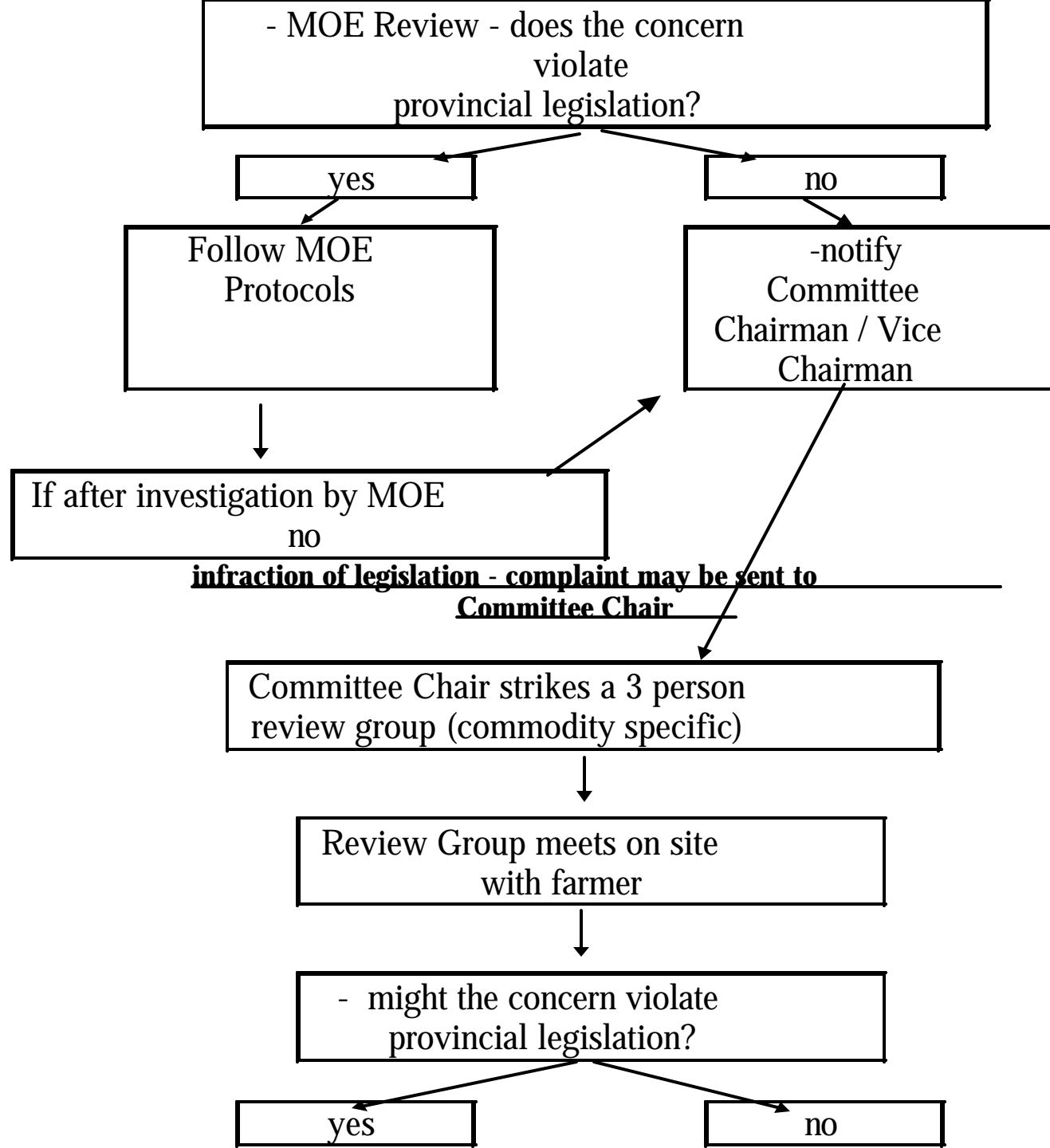
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■ OFA	★	★	★
■ CFFO	★	★	★
■ County Councillors *	★		★
■ OMAF			★
■ Huron Farm Env't'l Coalition			★
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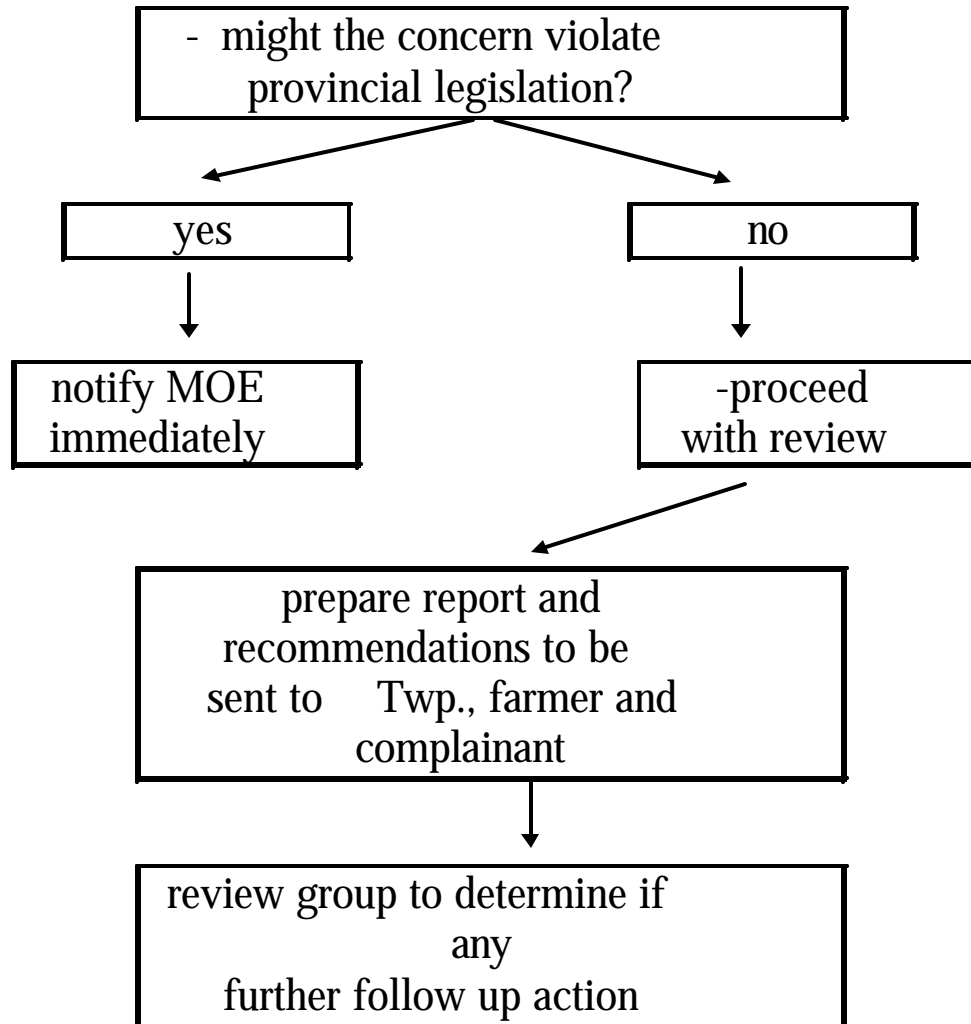
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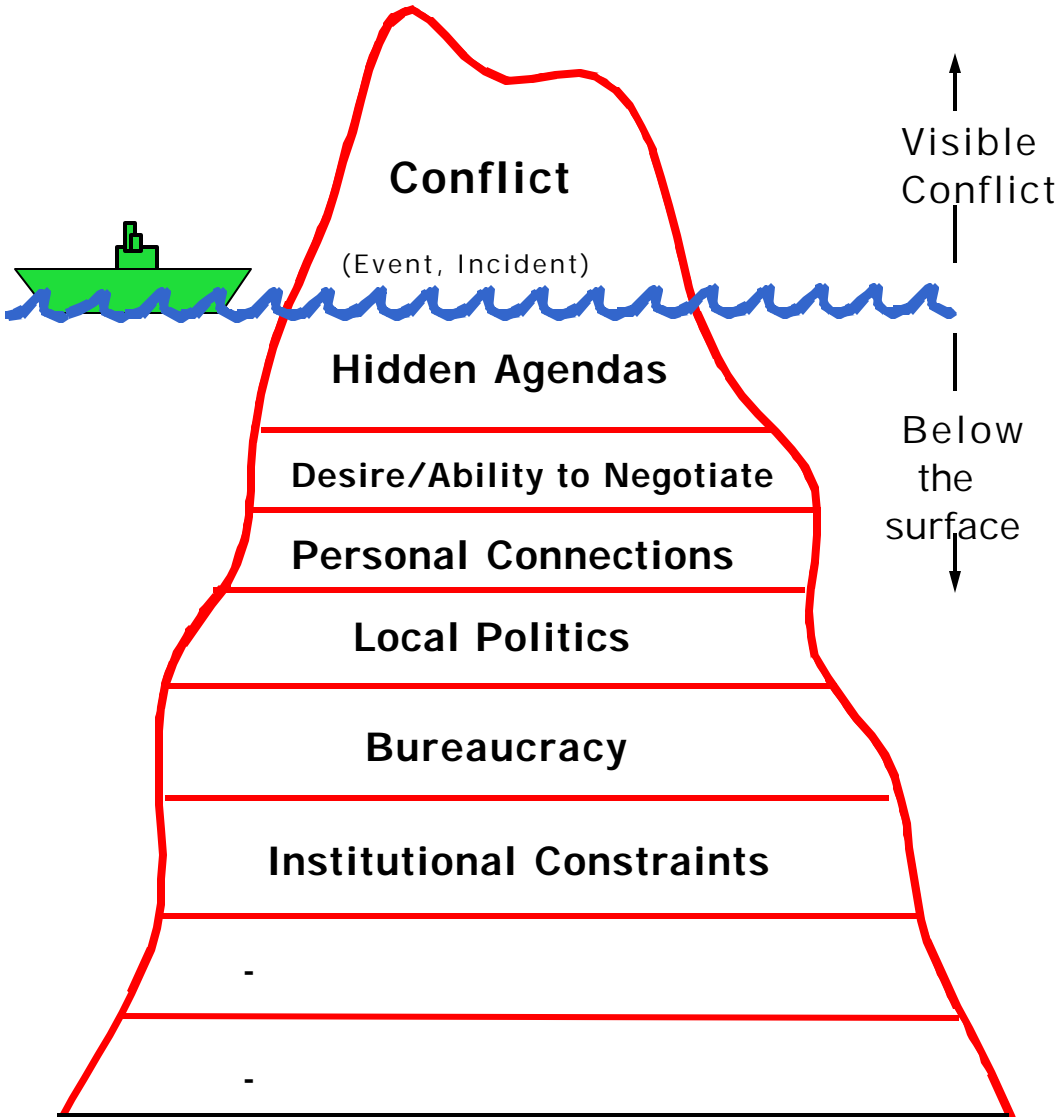
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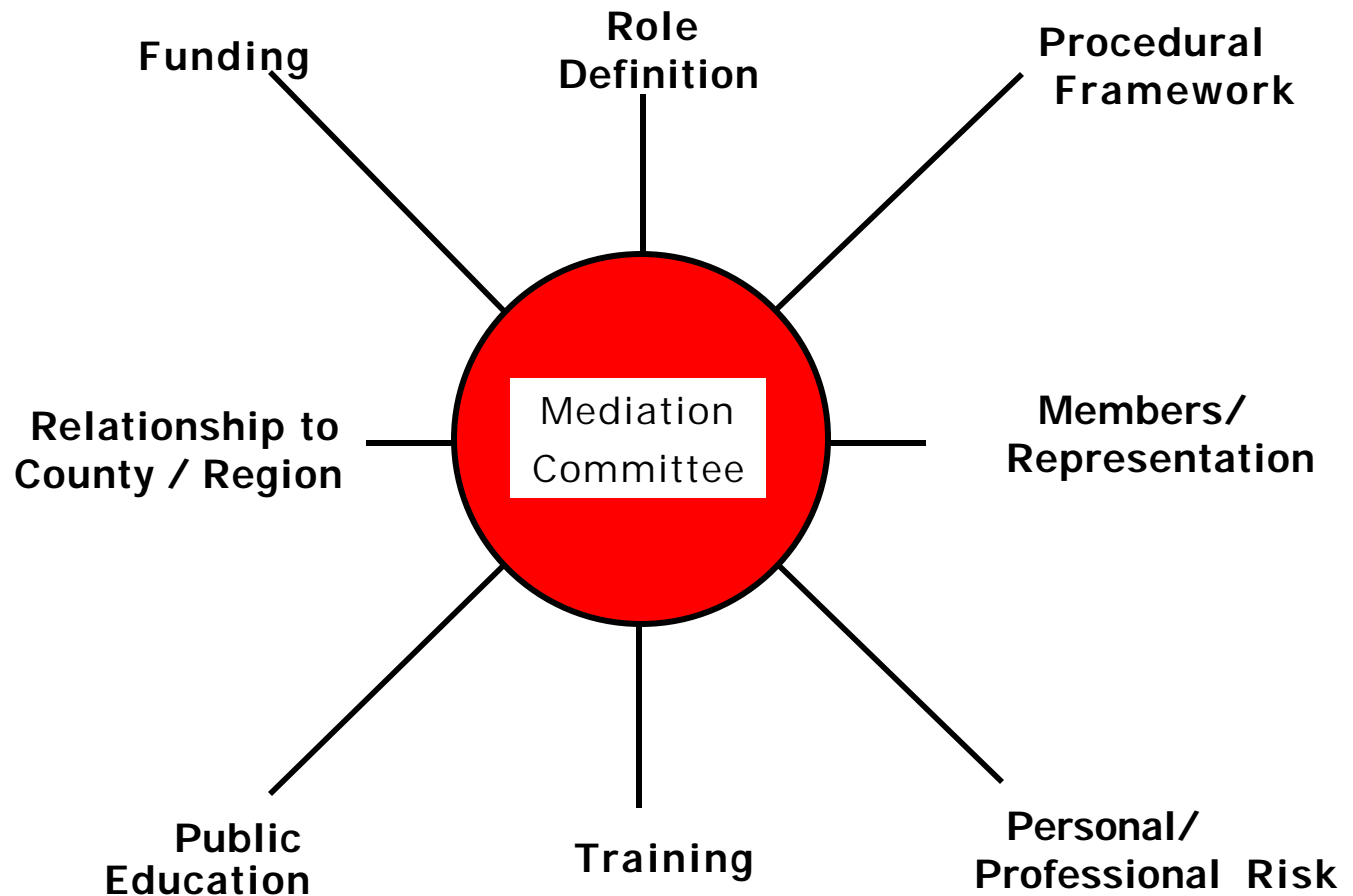


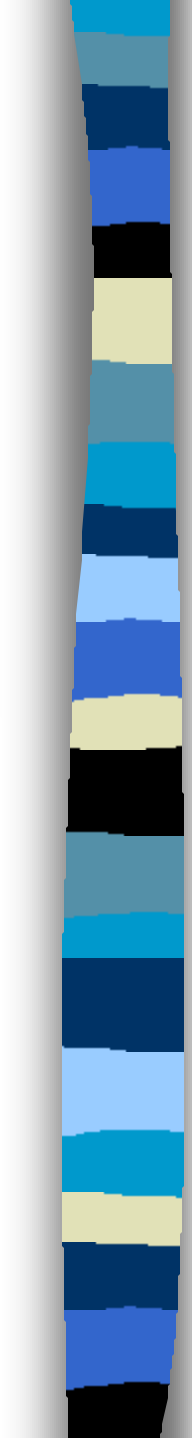


Levels of Complexity in Resolving Conflict



Issues to Consider in Establishing Mediation Committees





“The most valuable aspect of conflict is the energy that it generates and conflict management is not an attempt to suppress the energy but to use it constructively.”

(Sherman and Livey, 1992)