

A Framework for Linking Food System Networks:

The Experiment in Central Appalachia

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Why Networks?

“....Those interviewed described the alchemy that occurs when passion for change mixes with total frustration with the status quo. The network mindset ensues as a sort of chemical reaction. Frustration and vision push leaders toward an approach that is more likely to deliver results at the massive scale they seek.”

*From Cracking the Network Code:
Four Principles for Grantmakers, 2013*

Intentional Networks

“An intentional network is a network of people and organizations working on the same issue or vision, along with structures designed and created to mobilize the energy of the group.”

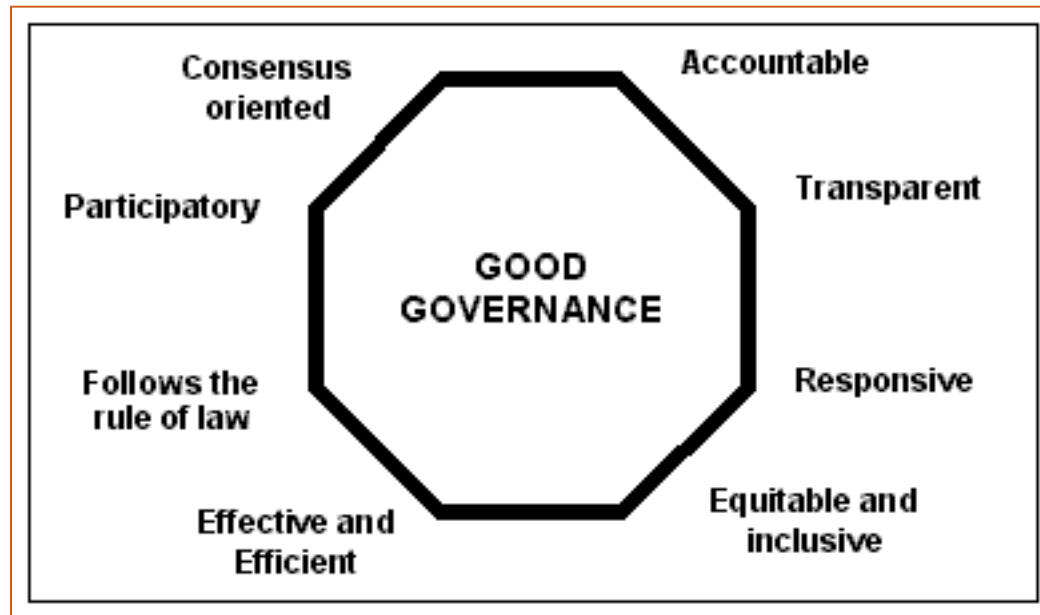
From Network Weavers Handbook

For example,

- Common purpose
- Consistency in group members
- Organizational Structure

Intentional Networks Think About Governance

Governance is the process of decision-making and the systems by which decisions are implemented.



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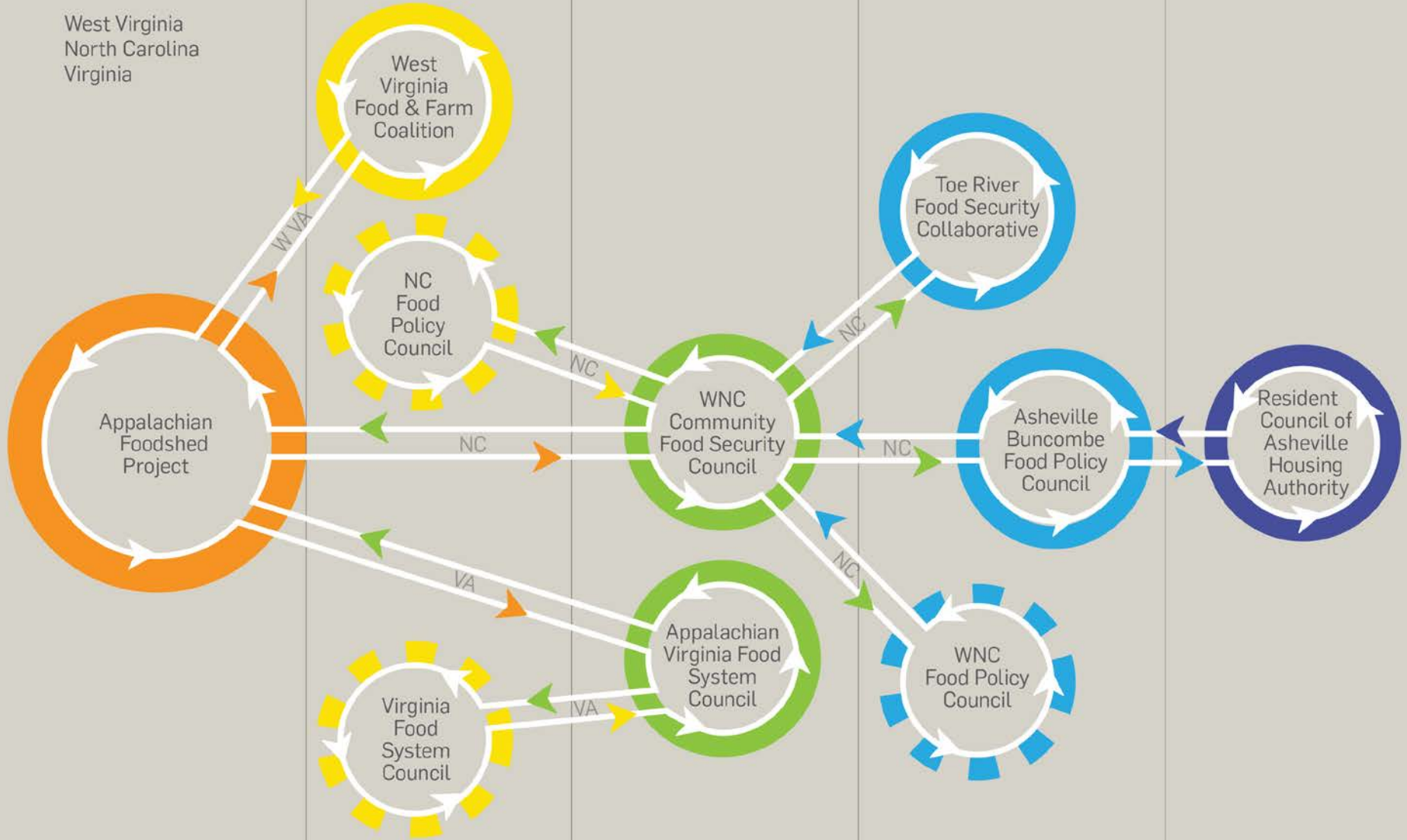
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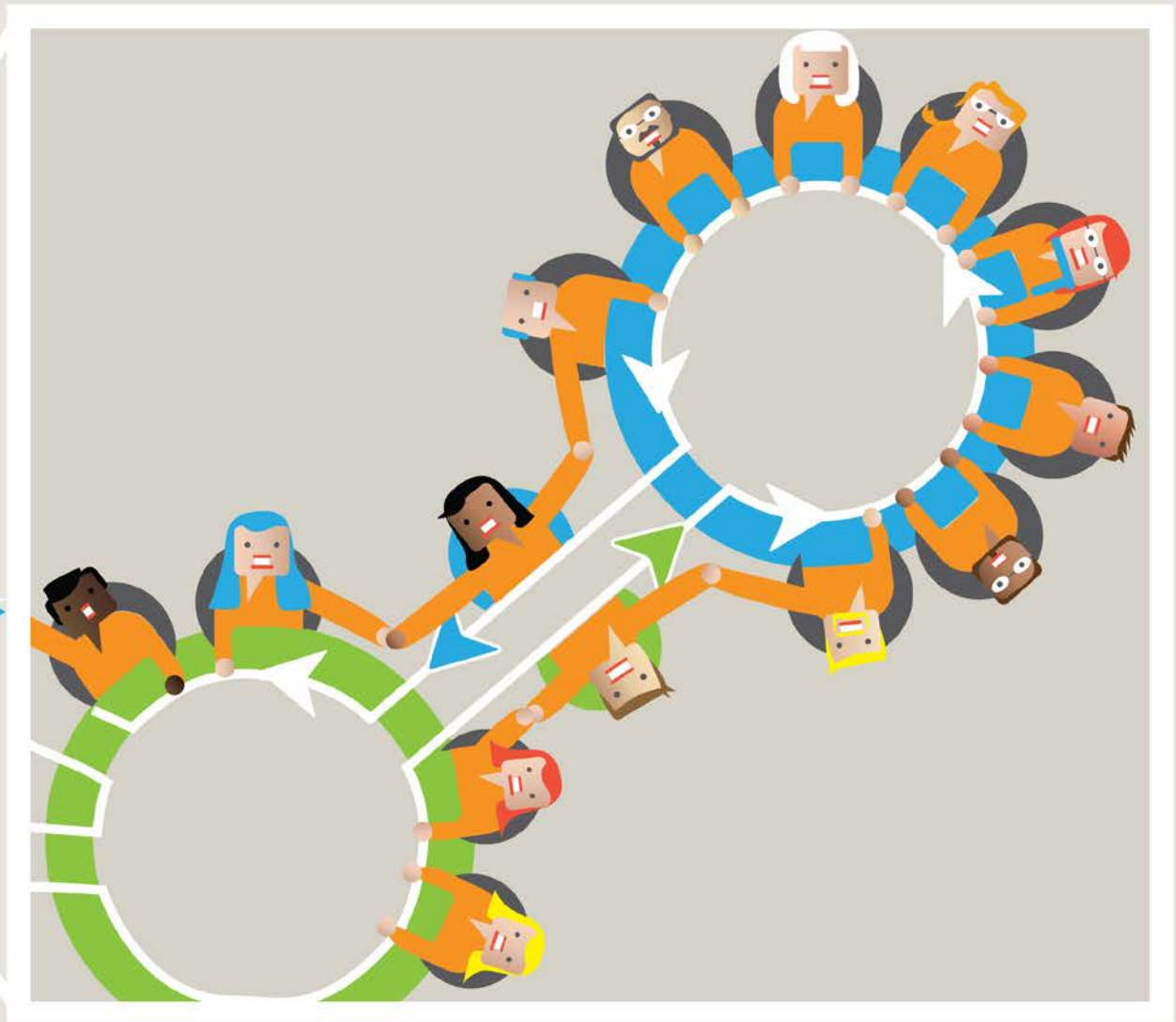
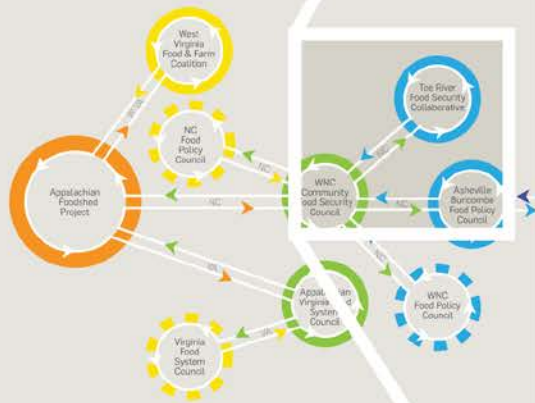
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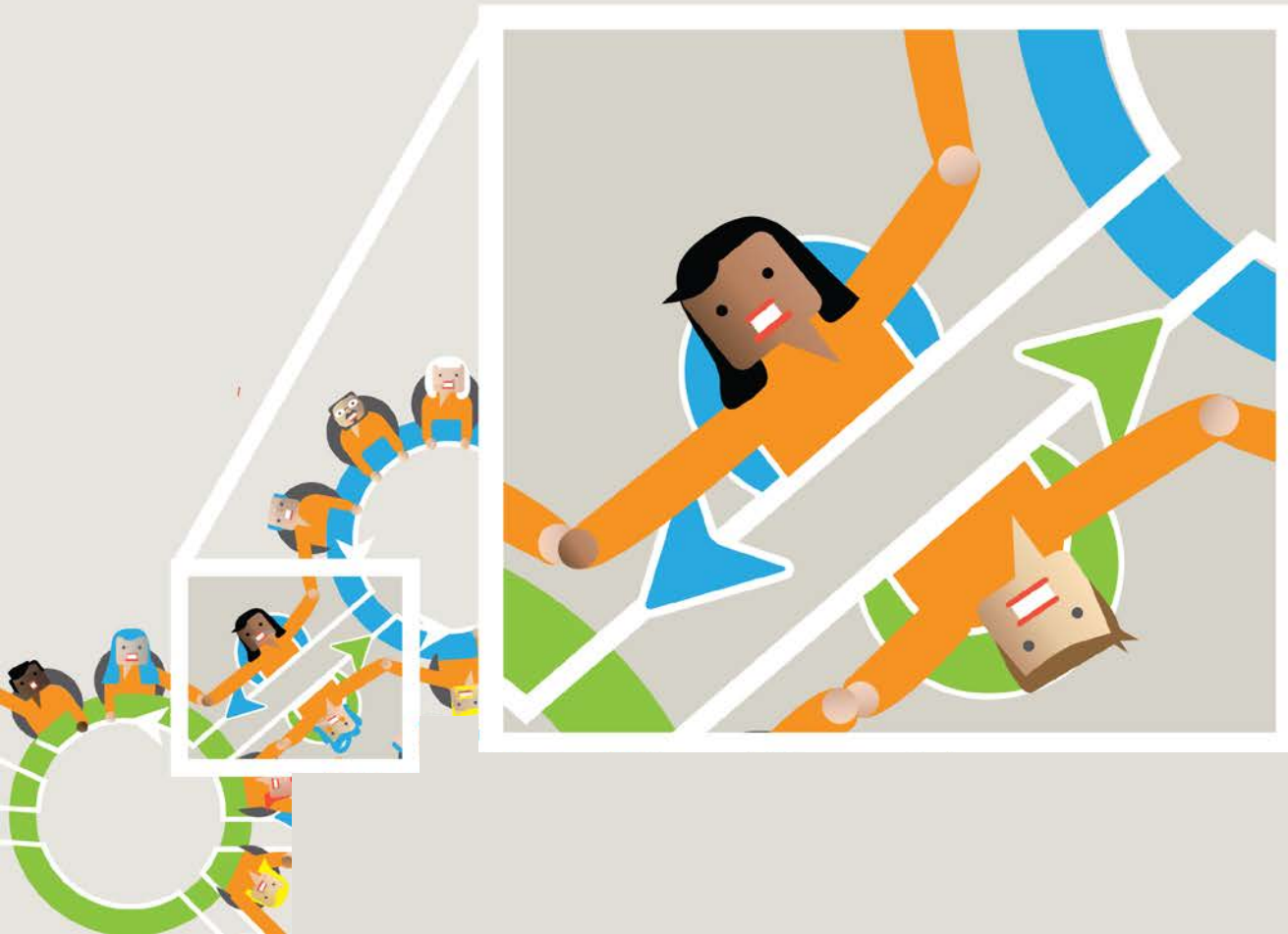


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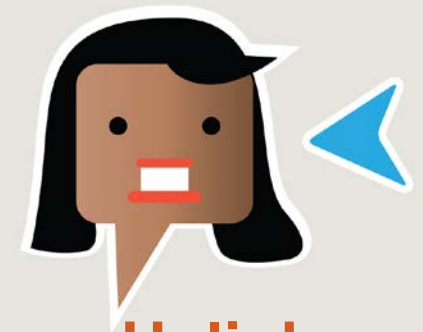
Two different leadership roles...

connect circles that work at different levels of scope. Both people have consent in the decisions of both circles.



Outlink:

Carries the bigger picture perspective out



Uplink:

Ensures home-circle perspectives are brought up to decision-making at the next level

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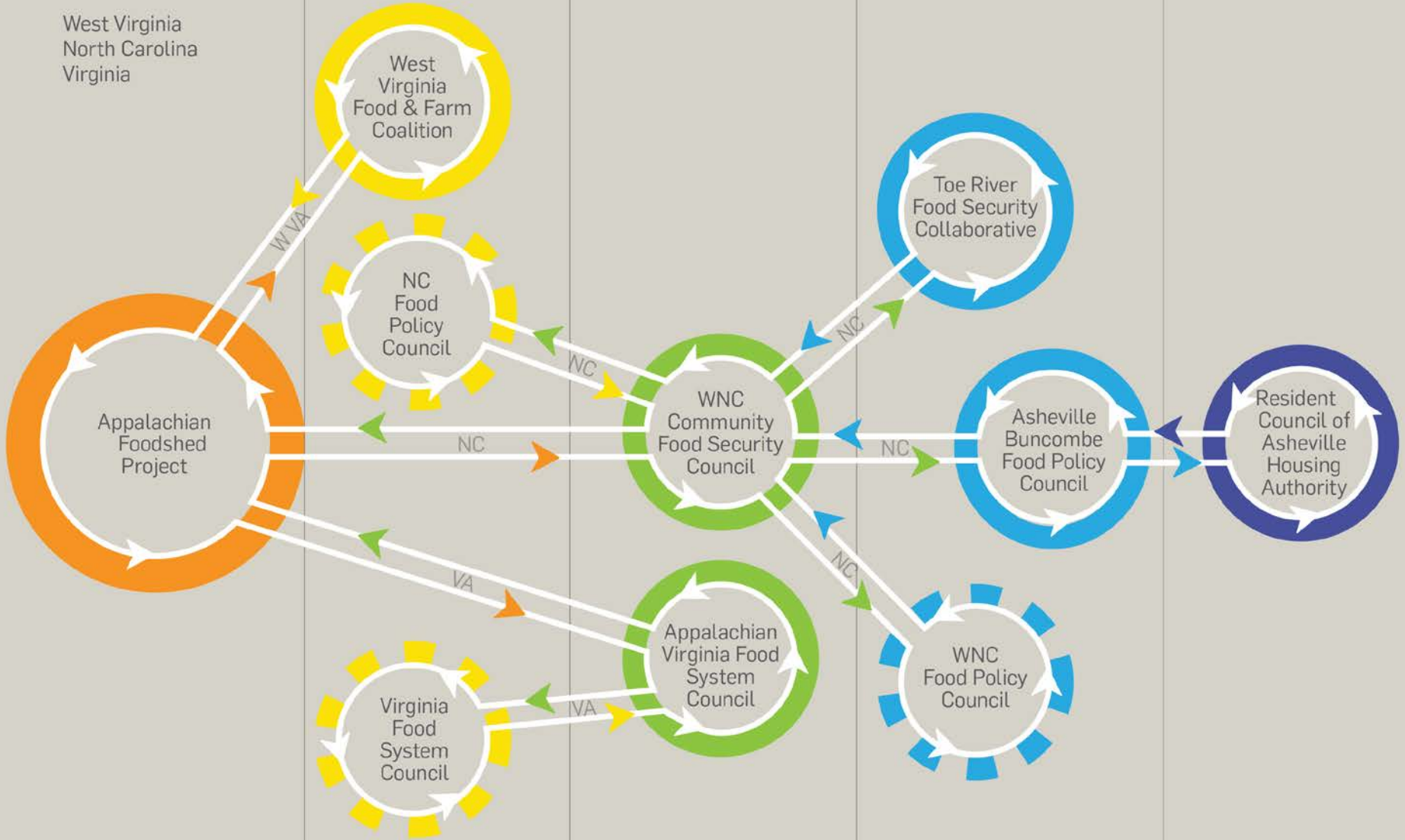
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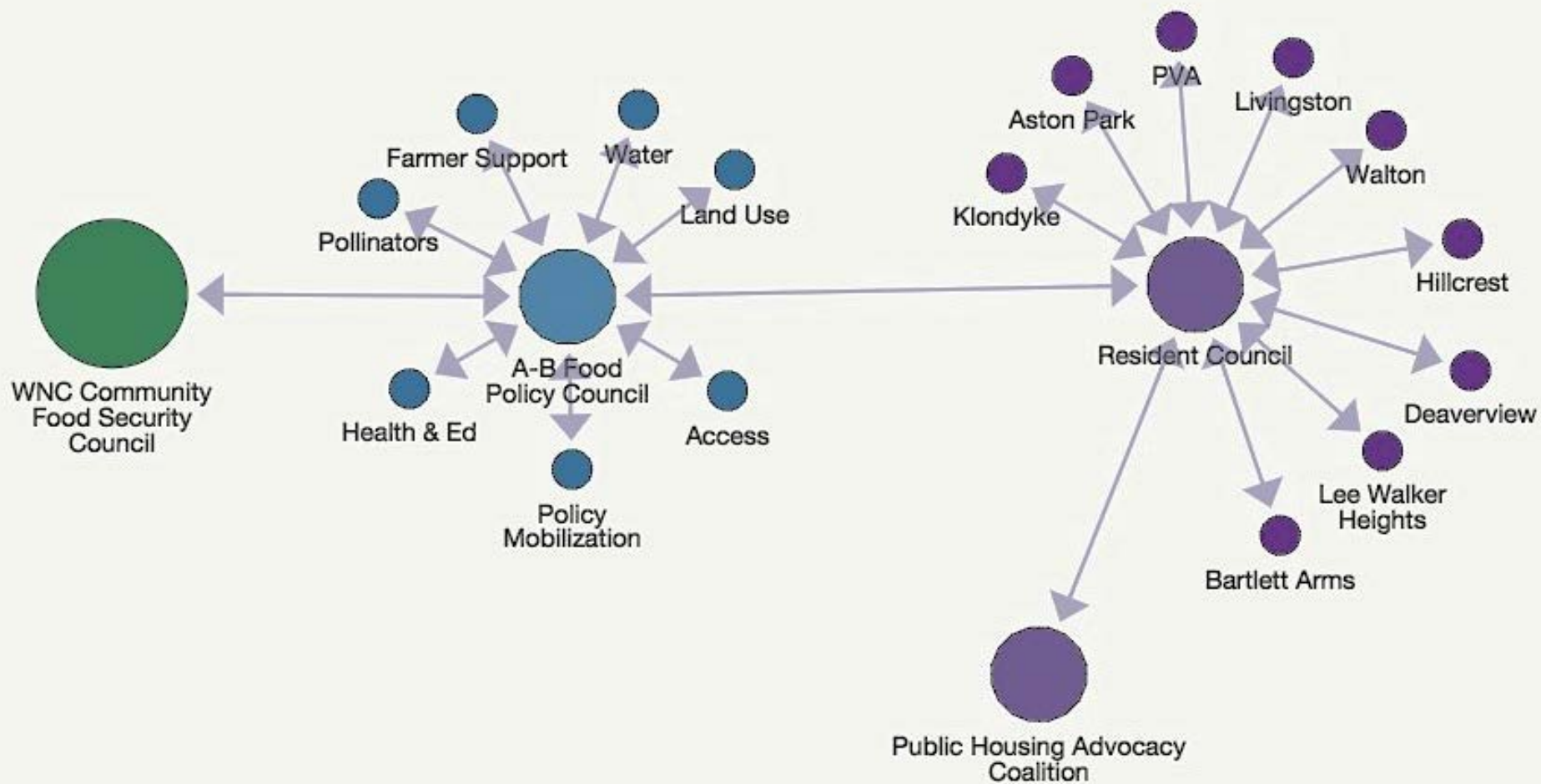
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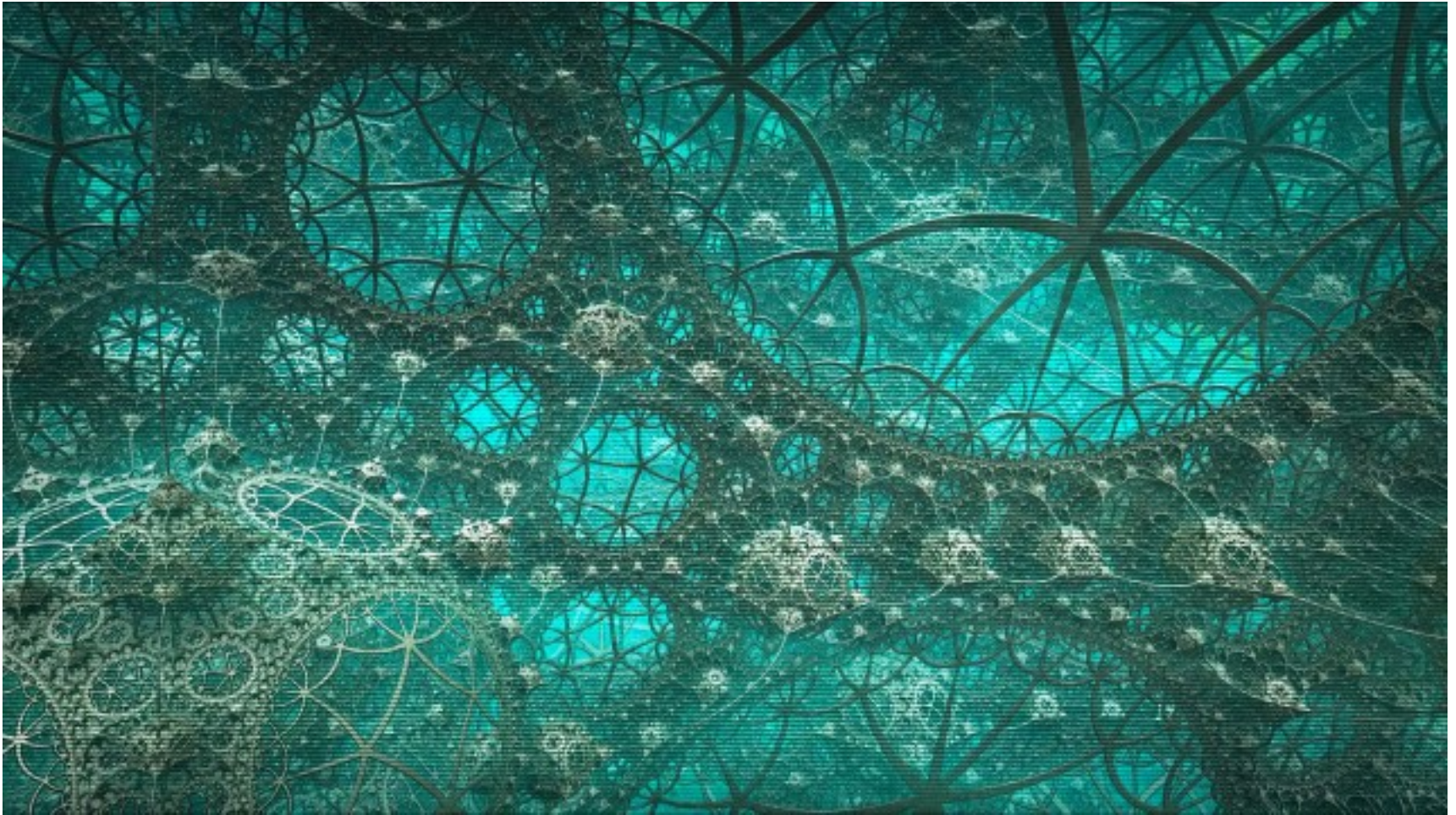
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Another View

- **Multi-State** APPALACHIAN FOODSHED PROJECT (AFP)
- **State** NC FOOD POLICY
- **Regional** WNC COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY COUNCIL
- **County** ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL
- TOE RIVER FOOD SECURITY COLLABORATIVE
- WNC FOOD POLICY COUNCIL
- **Local** RESIDENT COUNCIL OF ASHEVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
- **State** WEST VIRGINIA FOOD COALITION
- **State** VIRGINIA FOOD SYSTEM COUNCIL
- **Regional** APPALACHIAN VIRGINIA FOOD SYSTEM COUNCIL

