Mistrust or Collaboration? A New Trust-Based Planning Model

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This article presents empirical research on public confidence in Israel's planning system. Based on these findings, it proposes new regulatory tools and approaches for an original public participation mechanism: a Trust-Based Planning Model. On a practical level, this proposal can contribute to improving the planning discourse in Israel. Today, a lack of public trust in the planning system impedes many planning and construction initiatives. This leads to delays and slowdowns in essential development projects, as well as social and economic losses. The proposed planning model, based on authentic public trust, seeks to create sustainable collaboration between officials and the public. It has the potential to ameliorate the tensions in Israel's planning system by creating a culture of healthier dialogue that benefits all.

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