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Tensions...



Groups and communities feeling over-researched and exploited



Research projects seem **abstract** and far from implementing immediately impactful solutions



Discrete engaged research projects **disconnected** from institution-level commitments and strategies



Primary focus on Primary Investigators and not enough on developing research staff into engagement professionals



Inflexible institutional policies and practices



Support infrastructure that is responsive to place-based context via the institution.

Over-researched and exploited; institutional impact strategy lacking

Too far away from immediately impactful solutions; projects disconnected from each other

Unrealized opportunities to harness staff as central to engagement

Policies and practices built for traditional research and partnerships

Neighborhood Commitments Initiative

The Pittsburgh Study

Community Engagement Professionals
Competencies

Payment and contracting policy revision; partner identity recognition

