

PROBLEM TREE

We create Problem Trees to help us analyze complex societal problems across systems and identify opportunities to effect positive change.



BRANCHES = **EFFECTS**

TRUNK = **PROBLEM**

ROOTS = **CAUSES**

PROBLEM TREE ANALYSIS

1. Define the **problem**.
One core statement.
2. Map out **effects** of the problem.
Consider economic, political, social, and environmental effects.
3. Map out **causes** of the problem
Consider economic, political, social, and environmental causes.
4. Map out **available resources** that can be harnesssed to address a **problem cause**.
Consider the strengths of your team and who is working on similar challenges.
5. Identify a **single cause** to focus on
Consider causes that contribute significantly to the status quo and that can be addressed through team strengths and available resources.

