

Abstract

Implementation of grassroots democracy through environmental governance and community awareness was investigated as a research core in order to clarify and rebuild relationships between community environments and awareness of residents. First of all, this paper classified communities in Taiwan to understand the workings of grassroots democracy within these communities from system and non-system aspects, thereby allowing construction of diverse connotations of community development. Using a qualitative approach, this study then examined interactions between residents and the internal organizations of the different community types to confirm the existence of community awareness and connections between community-building programs. Finally, the study collated and analyzed interview results to review and evaluate community-building policies. By reconstructing the types of community development, government, community, residents, and governance networks were clarified.

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