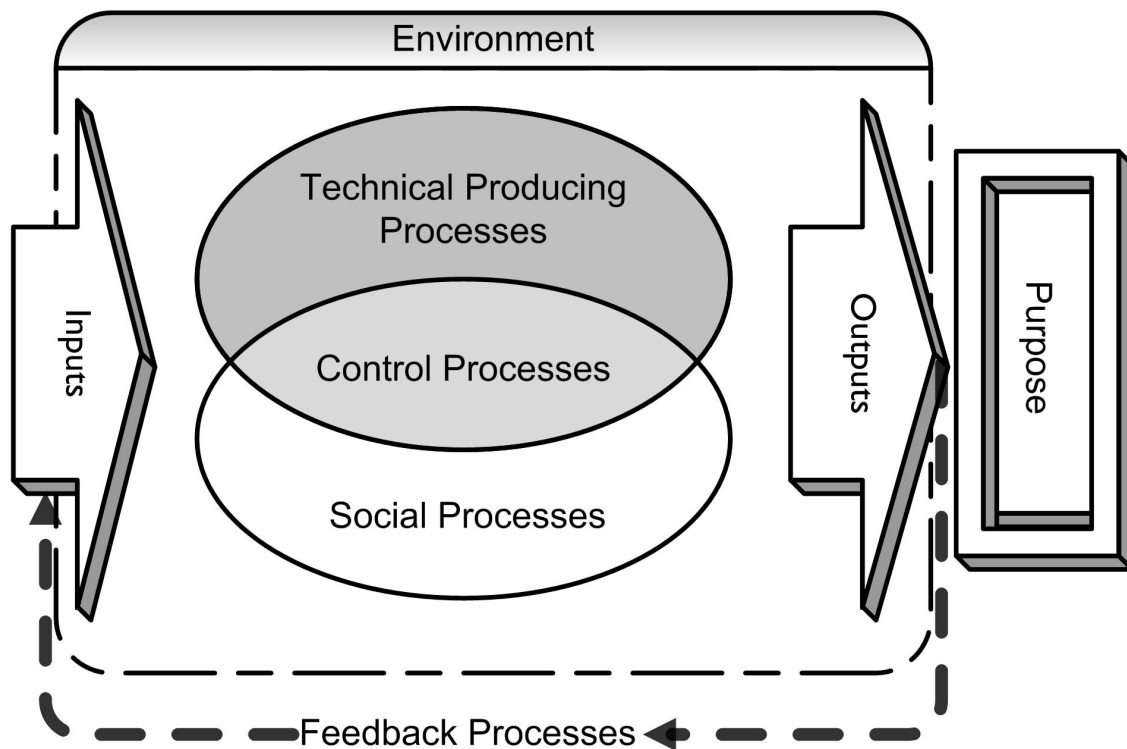


SYSTEMS & PROCESSES

WhiteWater Teams emphasize Systems Thinking in their journey to becoming highly effective teams and organizations. The Open-Systems model (below) is a basic thinking framework. It is made up of several elements and sub-systems which must work together to take inputs – transform them into outputs and achieve an overriding purpose.

But seeing the elements of the systems is not enough. Individuals, teams and organizations must connect the elements and sub-systems through the construction of essential processes. Unfortunately many of these processes are never really designed at the outset – they seem to simply “emerge” or grow based on the need to do something. Effective organizations, teams and individuals work together to build processes that clearly and efficiently connect the system and make it responsive and agile to change.



This week we will focus fully on the development of essential organizational processes. These processes are categorized on the following page.