

LIFE Study Categories

Please add sustainability indicators and how they would/could be measured. If LIFE already collects this use black. If its a new indicator use red. Also, if you think of a better topic title, indicate that too.

- A. LIFE of Arts and Culture
 - a. 6-12th grade participation in art and music by gender

- B. Life in our Community
 - a. Voter participation rates
 - b. # of neighborhood watch groups
 - c. Diverse participation on elected and appointed boards

- C. Life of Learning
 - a. Student Success
 - i. High school graduation rate
 - b. Higher Education
 - i. Percent of adults with associate degree
 - ii. Percent of adults with bachelor's degree

- D. Healthy Life
 - a. Tobacco, drug and alcohol use
 - b. Number of DWI's(if we can get this by city)
 - c. Obesity rates
 - d. Teen pregnancies rates
 - e. Childhood asthma rates
 - f. births to mothers that obtain pre-natal care

- E. Life at Home (see Life of Self Sufficiency below)
 - a. Percent of people (elderly, children) living in poverty

- F. Life of the Natural Environment
 - a. Urban Forest
 - i. % Tree cover canopy
 - ii. Diversity of Tree Species
 - iii. Number of trees planted annually
 - b. Municipal Energy
 - i. Municipal Operations - Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - ii. Municipal Energy Use
 - 1. Electric/Natural Gas
 - 2. Miles per gallon of...
 - 3. Percent of municipal energy derived from renewable sources

- 4. Clean Fleet (percent of municipal vehicles meeting energy efficiency standards)
- 5. Residential energy use
- c. Total Water Consumption
 - i. Ave. monthly water consumption per household
- d. Resource Use & Conservation
 - i. Recycling rates (lbs per capita)
 - ii. Amount of municipal trash to landfill (lbs per capita)
 - iii. Municipal Chemical Use (Municipal use of fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and fungicides - lbs)
- d. Land Quality
 - Move park acreage from here to Life of Recreation & Leisure (listed i report twice - is repetitive and different)

G. Life of Recreation and Leisure

- a. Outdoor Recreation -
 - i. Acres of parkland per total acres of municipality
 - ii. Acres of park per 1,000 people
 - iii. Percent of households within 1/2 mile of public open spaces (parks, public school yards, etc.)

H. Safe Life

- a. Safety of Public
 - i. Violent crime rate
 - ii. Property crime rate

I. Life of self sufficiency

- a. Food Security
 - i. Access to healthy food
 - 1. Percent of population within 1/4 miles of healthy food (includes large grocery store, community garden)
 - 2. # of food producing community gardens
- b. Access to Affordable Housing
 - i. Percent of households with housing cost burden
 - ii. Percent of residents paying over 45% of their income on housing and transportation costs
 - iii. Percentage of housing inspections that result in code violations
- c. Economic Stress - Economic Resilience?
 - i. Poverty rate
 - 1. Percent of residents living in poverty
 - 2. Percent of children in poverty
 - ii. Number of students receiving free and reduced cost lunch
 - jj. Median household income
 - iv. racial/ethnic disparities in unemployment

v. racial/ethnic disparities in poverty

J. Life at Work/Economic Resiliency

- a. Employment
 - i. Unemployment rate
- b. Economic sector diversity
 - i. percent of employees in the major sectors of the economy, according to figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

K. Transportation Mobility

- a. Miles of Bike and Hiking Trails
 - i. Miles of trail per capita
- b. Ratio of miles of sidewalks to miles of streets
- c. Walkable Neighborhoods (Average walk score)
- d. Percent of collector and arterial streets with bike lanes and bike paths
- e. Residents that Commuted Alone by Automobile to Work
- f. Ridership on Transit
- g. Vehicle miles traveled (Average annual vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per capita
- h. Percent of residents within ¼ mile of fixed bus route



Feedback from local Sustainability Boards about potential Sustainability Indicators

Please review the draft list of indicators. Our intent is to be able to collect indicator data on a community/municipality level that provides a basis for benchmarking and comparison across communities about our collective path to sustainability.

Sustainability Indicators should be relevant and meaningful to each community.

Please respond to the following questions to provide the **Sustainability Communities Network** some feedback on how best to proceed. We are currently exploring building sustainability indicators into the LIFE process.

Name of Community: _____

1. After reviewing the list of indicators, which ones seem most relevant to helping your community understand its progress towards sustainability? Which ones are most aligned with your community goals?
2. How easy would it be to get municipal level data for these indicators?
3. Which indicators do you think would most likely drive change in your community? In the region?