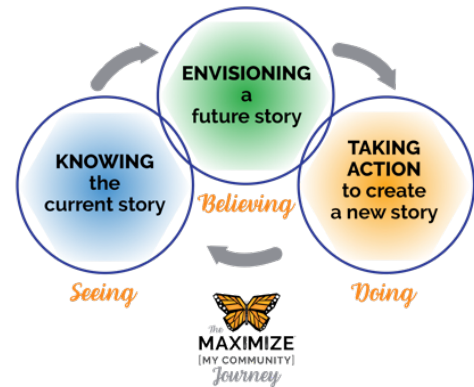


Checklist of Community Assets: Your Community's Offerings and Culture

What are your community's resources?



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GETTING STARTED BY KNOWING YOUR CURRENT STORY

Take inventory of your community using this list of what many vibrant and thriving communities offer their residents to increase engagement and avoid population-decline in four categories.

We hope this checklist can help you begin to see your community as a broad and interconnected system of many elements and people who contribute to its overall prosperity and vitality. The Maximize [My Community] Journey™ Framework is a guide for collaborative community development/betterment efforts. If you have any questions, please contact together@maximizenwmo.org.

1 People

WHO is involved, and HOW, in your community

- Youth and Adult Education (*human individual and intellectual capitals*), Leadership and Relationships (*social and political capital*)

2 Financial and Physical Assets

WHAT place-related resources your community has to support a strong economy

- Finances, Facilities and Housing, Technology, Utilities, and Infrastructure, Transportation, Other (*built and natural capitals*)

3 Plans of Action

WHERE your community focuses its resources and activity and envisions itself going in the short-term and long-term future

- Community Strategic Action Planning and Implementation, Project/Event Planning and Implementation, Other

4 Life Experience

HOW and at WHAT LEVEL of quality residents experience wellbeing in everyday life

- Healthcare, Safety, Recreation, Arts and Culture (*cultural, individual, intellectual, built capital*)

ABOUT THIS TOOL

Every community is unique. Your journey to excellence and definition of quality of life may be different from another community's. However, every successful community development initiative starts with **understanding current resources, identifying gaps, and involving as many perspectives as possible to dream big, collaborACT, and grow together.**

In an effort to provide communities with a comprehensive tool to help kick-off or revitalize your efforts, several organizations' resources have been combined in this document for your convenience. Those include: Missouri Community Betterment's Community M.A.P. Tool that is part of their Measuring and Awarding Progress Recognition Program, The Community Foundation of Northwest Missouri's Maximize NWMO Regional Vitality Initiative, and the national Communities of Excellence 2026 organization partnering with the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This brief, but comprehensive, checklist is designed to be used as an outline for discussion.

- 1) Go through this inventory individually. Check the assets and activities you know your community has/is doing. Make a brief note about each as well as who you think the best contact is to learn more.
- 2) Gather as a group to come to agreement on completing one comprehensive and collective document.
- 3) Use the completed document to identify areas of strengths and gaps to help prioritize what to learn more about, what to build upon, and what to fill first.

This tool can also be used as a guide for affinity mapping conversations with several groups of people within your community. You may not know all of the answers and that is O.K. **The point of this exercise is to figure out how much you know and don't know so your guiding coalition/community excellence group has a good place to start. This is also a great way to compile an invitation list to your full-community listening and planning sessions.**

WHO is involved, and HOW, in your community

Youth and Adult Education (*human individual and intellectual capitals*), Leadership and Relationships (*social and political capital*)

YOUTH**1.1 SCHOOL READINESS AND BRAIN DEVELOPMENT:**

High-quality and safe child care providers and early learning Pre-K programs are available for our babies, toddlers, and preschool children.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.2 K-12 EDUCATION:

High-quality and safe elementary and secondary (middle and high) schools are available for our youth ages 5-18 providing them with the training, support, and guidance from caring adults they need to feel secure while learning the skills necessary for 21st-century living and working.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.3 YOUTH CIVIC EMPOWERMENT:

Volunteer and membership organizations/clubs exist for youth to learn, serve, and have fun. Examples include, but are not exclusive to Community Betterment Organization, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Rotary Interact, and more.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.4 YOUTH COMMUNITY RECREATION:

Playground(s), swimming pool, youth sports leagues, classes, running/walking clubs, ball fields, golf course, hiking trails, boating/fishing, hunting/shooting sports, sport aviation, and more are available to young members of the community.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.5 YOUTH LEADERSHIP:

Involvement of youth in community leadership and activities takes place on a regular and frequent basis. Youth have roles in decision-making and strategic action planning as well as projects and events. They also attend and participate in city council, school board, and other local governance meetings.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.6 YOUTH JOBS AND CAREER PREPARATION:

Students and graduates have part-time job, internship, apprenticeship, and other on-the-job training opportunities in a wide range of professions to gain exposure to and experience in multiple areas before making choices for their lives as young adults. (80% of employers want work experience even for entry-level full-time positions.²)

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

ADULTS**1.7 YOUNG ADULT POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION:**

There are colleges, universities, career training centers and schools within our community, nearby, or easily accessible online that allow our young people and adults to attain the skills and knowledge necessary to advance their individual careers and our community's economy.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.8 ADULT EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

There are community library services and/or community classes available to adults on a variety of topics to enrich their lives, expand their knowledge, and develop new skills.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.9 ADULT CIVIC/SERVICE/SOCIAL GROUPS:

Volunteer and membership organizations/associations exist for adults to socialize and serve others. Examples include, but are not exclusive to Rotary International, Chambers of Commerce, Lions, Faith-based groups, Masons, Parent Teacher Organizations, and more.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.10 ADULT COMMUNITY RECREATION:

Adult sports leagues, classes, running/walking clubs, golf course, hiking trails, boating/fishing, hunting/shooting sports, sport aviation, swimming, and more are available to members of the community.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.11 ADULT INFLUENCE:

Involvement of adults who are not holding a formal or informal leadership role are included in decision-making and strategic action planning as well as projects and events. The longevity of their residence or their family's residence within the community does not matter.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

INTERGENERATIONAL**1.12 LIBRARY/MULTIMEDIA CENTER:**

All residents have access to an attractive and well-maintained 21st century library offering books, audiobooks, electronic books, computers, educational programming, and entertainment for all ages within the community or nearby within a short distance.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

LEADERSHIP

1.13 DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING:

Our elected municipal officials are qualified to fill the roles they were elected for and/or seek leadership development training opportunities.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.14 DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING:

Our volunteer informal leaders/advocates/ are qualified to fill the roles they volunteer for and/or seek leadership development training opportunities.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.15 TRUST:

Community members feel our leaders can be trusted, are accessible, and are responsive in their communication.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.16 RESPECT:

Our formal and informal leaders within all sectors meet once a year or communicate with each other to ensure that organizational meeting and event calendars are synced as much as possible to avoid scheduling conflicts for community members who are involved in multiple groups.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.17 VISION AND COMMUNICATION:

Our leaders are good at inspiring and rallying our community around a unified vision and communicating with transparency and accountability.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.18 WELCOMING:

Our community is a welcoming place where new residents are invited to participate, are informed about the community's vision, values, plans, and activities with kindness.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.19 ENGAGING:

When new people step up to volunteer and participate in community events and organizations, they are respected and made to feel a part of the group even when their ideas and perspectives challenge "the way things have always been done in our community."

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.20 SUCCESSION:

Our community constantly works to develop new leaders to spread the volunteer workload, broaden involvement, and ensure leadership continuity and stability.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

RELATIONSHIPS

1.21 INCLUSIVITY:

Our municipal leaders and elected leaders of organizations actively work to build relationships with each other and people in all areas of the community and invite them to participate in community decision-making. Senior citizens, working parents, homebound adults, business owners, rural residents, new residents, longtime community members, youth, and those of all economic and cultural backgrounds are included.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.22 LOCAL COLLABORATION:

We are a community that has current experience bringing various local groups together to successfully accomplish tasks. We work well together.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.23 REGIONAL ALIGNMENT:

We are a community that is friendly with our neighboring communities and works collaboratively with their leadership to align the priorities and goals we have in common. We do this with the intention to make progress towards excellence.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.24 STATE CONNECTIONS:

We connect with our peer communities throughout our state to exchange ideas, promising practices, and lessons learned. We also know how to connect with state-level agencies and resource organizations for technical assistance, funding leads, detailed data on our community, and other information.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

1.25 POLITICAL VOICE:

Formal and informal leaders within our community have strong relationships with elected officials at local, state, and federal levels of government to ensure the strategic challenges and strategic advantages of our community are considered in decision-making.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

OTHER

1.26 OTHER:

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

WHAT place-related resources your community has to support a strong economy

- Finances, Housing and Facilities, Technology, Utilities, and Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment, and Other (*built and natural capitals*)

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

2.1 BANKING AND FINANCE:

We have a variety of banking and finance service options for individuals, entrepreneurs, small businesses, and large corporations that are accessible within or nearby our community.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.2 CITY FINANCES:

Our municipality's finances are well-managed, audited regularly, communicated with transparency, and are adequate to cover the budget needs of the year with enough saved in reserves to cover a crisis.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.3 IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL DONORS OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY:

Our community leadership is experienced and successful at identifying funders who share a common interest and/or goal.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.4 PHILANTHROPIC / RAISING MONEY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY:

We have a generous community where many people pitch in a little to create a large sum that allows projects/events not within the city budget to move forward. Our residents have access to local banking, trust management, and community foundation fund management services that allow donations and generational transfer of wealth to remain in community.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.5 PROPOSAL PREPARATION:

Our community is experienced in gathering and writing the necessary information needed to ask for financial support of community projects and initiatives from government agencies, outside foundations, and organizations.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

HOUSING AND FACILITIES

2.6 CITY HALL:

We have an accessible, attractive, and adequately sized city hall for all necessary municipal functions and gatherings.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.7 HOUSING – LOW-INCOME, SPECIAL NEEDS, AND RETIREMENT LIVING:

Adequate and quality space that is well-maintained ensuring all residents have a home.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.8 HOUSING – MIDDLE- AND HIGH-INCOME:

Adequate and quality housing, and/or land and new-home construction companies are available for current and incoming residents at a rate that matches needs.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.9 MULTI-PURPOSE PUBLIC GATHERING SPACE:

Our community has an indoor facility and outdoor venue that are large enough to hold several hundred or more people for events, meetings, special gatherings, and recreation.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

TECHNOLOGY, UTILITIES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

2.10 BROADBAND INTERNET:

All residents of our community (within the city and in rural areas) have access to high-speed broadband internet at upload and download speeds needed to be globally competitive in education, business and entertainment.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.11 ELECTRICITY:

Electric power is readily available and affordable to meet demand.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.12 FOOD SUPPLY:

A wide variety of healthy food options are available to all residents.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.13 FUEL:

All types of fuel needed for agriculture, automobiles, homes, and aviation (gasoline, ethanol, biofuel, propane, avgas, etc.) are readily available and affordable to meet demand.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.14 RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Residents can safely and conveniently remove trash and all recyclable materials from their properties by either hiring a pick-up service or leaving them at a local drop-off facility.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.15 SEWAGE TREATMENT:

Our community has a sanitary sewer system and adequate sewage treatment works that meets the current criteria of local and state regulating organizations and agencies.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.16 STREET AND PUBLIC AREA LIGHTING:

Adequate energy efficient lighting is in place creating a safe, comfortable, and attractive environment in all geographic areas of our community.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.17 TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

Strong, reliable, and affordable cellular and landline telephone connections are accessible to all resident in all geographic areas of our community.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.18 WATER SUPPLY AND TREATMENT:

Our community has adequate and safe water for drinking, home, business, and industrial purposes, even in years of drought, that has been stored and treated in a public water system that meets all current criteria of local and state regulating organizations and agencies.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.19 WAYFINDING SIGNAGE:

Our community has attractive and easy-to-read street, park, and public building signage that ensures residents and visitors can easily find their way around the community.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

TRANSPORTATION

2.20 AVIATION:

An airport serving private, corporate and commercial aviation is located within or near enough to our community to serve the needs of residents and businesses.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.21 BICYCLE/NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLE:

Our community has lanes and signage making a safer and friendlier environment for those who prefer these modes of travel.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.22 GROUND TRANSPORTATION – BUS AND TAXI/ SERVICE:

All residents (within the city and rural areas) have the ability to travel to other parts of the community, and to other places, via ground transportation service if they are not able to drive themselves.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.23 OVER-THE-ROAD TRUCKS/LOGISTICS:

Large trucks and semi-trailers have a place to fuel, load, unload, and park overnight with access to our community's larger roads, highways, and interstates.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.24 RAILWAYS:

A railroad runs through or near our community on a regular schedule with passenger train and freight train service.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.25 ROADWAYS – STREETS, ROADS, BRIDGES, AND PARKING:

Ground traffic moving through and around our community is able to travel on well-maintained paved surfaces with proper curbs, gutters, and drainage in all geographic areas – as appropriate – of our community. All bridges are safe and meet engineering stability criteria. There is also adequate street and off-street parking in all public areas.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.26 ROADWAYS – HIGHWAYS AND INTERSTATES:

Traffic moving through, to and from our community is able to travel on well-maintained paved surfaces with proper shoulders, ditches, and drainage.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.27 SIDEWALKS:

All commerce, residential, recreational, faith-based and educational areas of our community are safely accessible via paved and well-maintained sidewalks that are wide enough for two-way foot, wheelchair, and stroller traffic.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.28 WATERFRONT – RIVER OR LAKE WALK AND PUBLIC ACCESS:

Our community has ensured an environmentally responsible way for residents to appreciate and conserve our waterfront by developing a safe walkway and access point for boating/fishing/swimming. *(May or may not be applicable.)*

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER ASSETS

2.29 COMMUNITY BRAND:

We have an established community brand that enhances our ability to thrive instead of detracting from our prosperity opportunities. Young and old, lifetime and new residents alike and top-level government, businesses, institutions and citizens are all invested in maintaining it. The definition of the community brand is our identity based on our legacy reputation, current realities, and vision that is represented in communications with a visual logo, standard fonts and colors, a tagline, and overall theme.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.30 CONSERVATION AREAS WITH PUBLIC ACCESS:

Our community has protected natural areas (i.e. forest, prairie, mountains, bodies of water) that are accessible to the public and well-maintained to preserve a healthy-balanced sustainable environment.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.31 ENERGY GENERATION/RENEWABLE SOURCES:

Our community has multiple sources of energy that allow us to supply our residents and businesses with the power they need as well as store and share our surplus with other communities, which provides a revenue source for our community.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.32 FAMOUS CURRENT/FORMER RESIDENTS:

We have fascinating historical and/or current residents that draw interest from other current residents, their visitors, and tourists.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.33 GEOGRAPHIC ELEMENTS AND POINT(S) OF INTEREST:

We have unique natural features that cannot be found elsewhere (i.e. animals, plants, bodies of water, earth formations, weather, and air quality) that are preserved and maintained for our residents, their visitors, and tourists to enjoy.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.34 HISTORICAL AND/OR CURRENT POINT(S) OF INTEREST:

We have interesting historical, geographical, or other features that are preserved and maintained that our residents, their visitors, and tourists enjoy.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.35 ONLINE PRESENCE – WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS:

Our community has a current and dynamic secure website that serves as the online front lobby of our community with information that is helpful to our current and potential residents and businesses as well as visitors. The design and platform are reflective of our community brand, the quality and character of our community, and our culture. An up-to-date community calendar, links to community organizations and businesses, and important contact information is included.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

2.36 OTHER:

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

PLANS OF ACTION

Section 3

WHERE your community focuses its resources and activity and envisions itself going in the short-term and long-term future

- Community Strategic Action Planning and Implementation, Project/Event Planning and Implementation, Other

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 FACT-INFORMED DECISION-MAKING:

We know all of the facts about situations before we make decisions in our community that impact most or all of our community members.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.2 WHO DECIDES?

Everyone in our community has input on decisions. No one small group or person controls the community or is perceived to hold control.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.3 VISION AND VALUES:

Our community knows what its' collective vision is for the future and agrees on its' values both in words and in actions.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.4 SHORT- AND LONG-TERM GOALS:

We have at least one annual open community gathering to discuss and agree upon short-term (1 year) and long-term (multi-year) goals and opportunities for the community. These are followed with action.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.5 STRATEGIES:

We outline several strategies that will help our community achieve goals.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.6 ECONOMIC VITALITY STRATEGIES:

Because economics drive our ability to meet goals, we include strategies involving support for entrepreneurship, innovation, attracting new and helping our current businesses grow, and ensuring our workforce is the best it can be.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.7 TACTICS:

Each year we implement specific initiatives, projects, and events within our overall strategies that tie to our overall goals and strategies.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.8 MEASUREMENTS/RESULTS/LEARNINGS:

Our community is transparent about the results of our outputs (activities/ efforts) and outcomes (differences made in the lives of community members).

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

PROJECT/EVENT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

3.9 FACT-INFORMED DECISION-MAKING:

We know all of the facts related to the project/event before we make decisions.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.10 WHO DECIDES?

Everyone in our community has input on decisions. No one small sub-group or person controls a project/event or is perceived to hold control.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.11 VISION AND VALUES:

Our community/group knows what its' collective vision is for the future and agrees on its' values both in words and in actions.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.12 SHORT- AND LONG-TERM GOALS:

We discuss and agree upon short-term (1 year) and long-term (multi-year) goals and opportunities for the community. These are then followed through on with action.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.13 STRATEGIES:

We outline several strategies that will help our community/group achieve our goals.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.14 TACTICS:

Each year we implement specific details related to the project/event involving as many people as possible.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.15 MEASUREMENTS/RESULTS/LEARNINGS:

Our community/group is transparent about the results of our outputs (activities/efforts) and outcomes (differences made in the lives of community members).

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

OTHER

3.16 PLANNING AND ZONING:

Our community has a Planning Commission, Zoning Ordinance and physical development plan for all phases of anticipated growth within the next 10-20 years. Our zoning codes are supportive of the needs of 21st century residents and businesses ensuring an organized and respectful community that doesn't sprawl out of control and is also not so restrictive that people choose to build elsewhere.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.17 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

Our community has a Capital Improvement Plan in place that is reviewed and progress is reported to residents at least annually.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.18 REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN:

Our community is actively engaged in our regional planning commission/council's (local representative of the Economic Development Agency [EDA]) planning and work at least every three years.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

3.19 OTHER:

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

HOW and at WHAT LEVEL of quality residents experience wellbeing in everyday life

- Healthcare and Safety, Recreation, Arts and Culture (*cultural, individual, intellectual, built capital*), and Other

HEALTHCARE AND SAFETY**4.1 DEATH CARE:**

Our community has a well-maintained cemetery, funeral home and services to support our residents dealing with end-of-life needs of family and friends.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.2 FAITH/SPIRITUALITY:

All faith groups have a place of worship in our community that is well-maintained and is respected. We have an active ministerial alliance that builds understanding and tolerance among our residents focusing on service to and the greater good of our overall community. No one faith community yields inappropriate political power over another.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.3 HEALTH CARE AND WELLNESS:

Our residents have access to all basic physical, mental, dental, and vision care within our community or via telemedicine for prevention, treatment and urgent care. Specialized, surgical, and other hospital care is also either within our community or nearby within a short distance. Our birth rate statistics and the lifespan of our residents is not at risk due to a lack of access to health care resources.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.4 PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY AND FIRE RESPONSE:

Our residents report feeling safe. We have an adequate number of emergency and disaster response professionals who are able to respond quickly and reliable 911 service.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.5 PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Our crime rates and risky behaviors are well below average for communities of our size and our residents report feeling safe. We have an adequate number of law enforcement officers able to respond to 911 calls very quickly. The local laws and zoning codes are enforced. Our residents also have access to legal representation of integrity.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.6 SENIOR SERVICES:

Senior living neighborhoods, housing complexes, activity centers, assisted and full-care facilities are available within our community. They are attractive, well-maintained and staffed with qualified and customer-service minded professionals. We have well-managed meal programs such as Meals on Wheels and Senior Center dining opportunities.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

RECREATION**4.7 ATHLETICS AND SPORTS:**

A wide variety of amateur individual and team sports community leagues and private clubs are available for residents of all ages to participate in. Adequate and well-maintained facilities are available for all such as baseball/softball, football, golf, soccer, track, and more. We also have semi-professional and professional teams in our community. The game times for all amateur and professional sports are posted in a broadly-communicated and well-known location for spectators to access.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.8 OUTDOOR RECREATION/HIKING/WALKING TRAILS:

Our community has green spaces within and nearby that are convenient and accessible to residents of most ages and physical abilities.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.9 POOL AND/OR WATER RECREATION LAKE:

All residents have access to an attractive and well-maintained modern swimming option with a shower/bath house within the community or nearby within a short distance.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.10 WALK APPEAL:

We have at least one area of our community that rates high with residents and visitors alike for its walkability appeal, safety, and accessibility to a wide range of amenities and activities. Not all errands in our community require a car and our community has a sense of health, wellness, and connection due to our walkable and engaging environment.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

ARTS AND CULTURE**4.11 ARTS AND CULTURE:**

A wide variety of amateur and professional arts organizations and programs are available for residents of all ages to participate in. Adequate and well-maintained art show and performance hall facilities are available. The times for all amateur and professional shows and performances are posted in a broadly-communicated and well-known location for spectators to access.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____

WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.12 ATTRACTIONS AND MUSEUMS:

Our community has built on our unique assets and infrastructure to establish quality and enjoyable venues and museums that attract residents, visitors and tourists with exhibits, programming, and special events.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.13 DINING/RESTAURANTS:

A wide variety of restaurants serving diverse cultural dishes in different settings covering morning through evening are thriving in our community. At least one small coffee shop and fresh bakery and one lunch and evening meal option where fresh food is available exists.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.14 ENTERTAINMENT:

There are multiple safe, enjoyable, and desirable “things to do” for all age groups from tweens and teens to single young adults to adult couples to families and seniors. Some amenities may include a movie theater, arcade, bowling alley, comedy club, bar, dance hall, races, regular events, etc.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.15 EVENTS:

Our community has one or more special events/celebrations that are open to the general public that are well-attended.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

OTHER

4.16 LAUNDRY/DRY CLEANING:

We have access to specialized outside of our home cleaning services within our community or nearby within a short distance.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.17 POSTAL/SHIPPING SERVICE:

All individuals and businesses have access to regular and timely daily postal service that meets their needs.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.18 SEASONAL/COMMUNITY BRANDING DECORATIONS:

Our community celebrates the seasons and special occasions to mark the passing of time, honor important milestones and build community pride and spirit by lining our public areas with appealing and professionally designed signs, banners, lights, flags, and more.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.19 SHOPPING – LIFE ESSENTIALS, CLOTHING, HOME GOODS:

We have retail stores to access clothing, personal supplies, home goods, pharmaceuticals, hardware, garden supplies and more within our community or nearby.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.20 SHOPPING – LIFE EXTRAS, SPECIALTY, GIFTS, AND COLLECTIBLES:

We have a wide variety of retail stores to shop for specialty and hobby items and supplies, gifts and flowers, antiques and collectibles and more.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

4.21 VOTING LOCATIONS FOR ELECTIONS:

We have convenient and accessible facilities to support and promote the opportunity for all legal citizens to participate in elections.

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? _____
WHO KNOWS MORE? _____

PARTICIPANTS

What size is your community's population?

☐ 0–1,000 people ☐ 1,001–7,499 people ☐ 7,500–14,999 ☐ 15,000–49,999 ☐ 50,000–249,999 people ☐ 250,000+ people

Which of the following have active representatives in your community's cross-sector collaborative planning and decision-making?

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| ☐ Businesses & Entrepreneurs | ☐ Health Care & Wellness | ☐ Economic Development & Chambers |
| ☐ Safety, Law Enforcement, & Legal | ☐ Arts, Culture, & Entertainment | ☐ County Government & Regional Planning |
| ☐ Social Service Agencies | ☐ Faith-Based Organizations | ☐ City/Municipality (ies, if countywide) |
| ☐ Education/Workforce Development | ☐ Clubs & Service Organizations | ☐ State & Federal Agencies & Associations |
| ☐ Legal, Banking, & Professional Services | ☐ Events & Entertainment | ☐ Leadership & Professional Development |
| ☐ Adult & Senior Organizations | ☐ Youth Organizations | ☐ Recreation, Retail, Restaurants, & Tourism |

List the number of people within each age group involved in completing this discussing this checklist:

_____ 10 or younger _____ 11 – 24 _____ 25 – 42 _____ 42 – 55 _____ 56 – 74 _____ 75–100 _____ 100+
Gen Alpha Gen Z Gen Y/Millennials Gen X Baby Boomers Silent/Traditionalists G.I. Generation