

Sources of Help and Potential Partners in Your Community and Beyond

The following is a list of sources where you may be able to find indicator data to measure your project's success. These sources may also be able to help you use indicators that require technical knowledge. In addition, you may want to consider these sources as potential partners for your group's work. This is not a comprehensive list, since data sources will differ depending on where your community is located. Locally based sources will probably be most helpful, since these groups or agencies will be more focused on your community or local area. The exact names of agencies or organizations in your community may not match those presented here, but these can be used as a guide. Check the blue pages in your area's phone book for government agency telephone listings.

Environmental Agencies at the Local, State and National Level

Chamber of Commerce

Colleges and Universities

Community Development Department

Department of Fish and Wildlife

Department of Motor Vehicles

Department of Parks and Recreation

Department of Public Works

Department of Youth Services

Economic Development Agency

Environmental or Conservation Groups

Fire Department

High School, Middle School, and Elementary School Teachers and Students

Public Libraries

Local Health Inspector
Local Hospitals
Local Job Centers
Local Newspapers
Local Planning Department or Planning Commission
Local School Board or School Superintendent
Mayor's Office
Police Department
Public Health Department
State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
State Department of Corrections
State Department of Environmental Protection/Quality
State Department of Forestry
State Department of Social and Health Services
State Police Department
State Tourism Office
Town Finance Department
Town, City or County Clerk's Office
U.S. Bureau of the Census
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S.D.A. Forest Service
Utility Companies
Welfare and Social Services Office
Other Local Organizations Like Yours

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Web Links

This appendix contains a list of web links where you can learn more about the case studies presented in this manual. It also includes a list of general web links that you can use to learn more about indicators. Many of these sites tell you about how different communities measure their success.

Web Links for Case Study Groups

Guest River, Virginia:

Guest River Restoration Project Homepage
<http://www.geocities.com/guestriver>

Upper Tennessee River Roundtable
<http://www.uppertrriver.org>

Clean Water Action Plan, Watershed Success Stories
<http://www.cleanwater.gov/success/guest.html>

Coalfield Progress article, "Local groups, school win national awards for environmental programs"
http://www.appalachianfocus.org/_enviro1/0000002b.htm

Southeast Watershed Forum
<http://www.epa.gov/win/forum/guestriver.html>

OSM News, "OSM Funds Virginia Appalachian Clean Streams Project Under New Watershed Cooperative Agreement Program"
<http://www.osmre.gov/news/062599.txt>

Potomac River, Virginia:

Alexandria Seaport Foundation Homepage
www.capaccess.org/asf

Chattanooga Creek, Tennessee:

EPA – Tennessee NPL Site Summaries (Chattanooga Creek)

<http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/npl/npltn/tennprtn.htm>

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/nar1409.htm>

The Trust for Public Land

http://www.tpl.org/tier2_rl.cfm?folder_id=670

Army Corps of Engineers (Project Photographs)

http://www.orn.usace.army.mil/coc/NVL/Proj_Pictures/Cht3_pic1/

University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

<http://www.utc.edu/~jtucker/EJ/chatcreek.htm>

PCSD Briefing Book: Cleaning up Chattanooga Creek

http://www.chattanooga.net/sustain/pcsd_briefing_book/resources_chat_creek.html

Clinch River, Virginia:

The Nature Conservancy – Virginia

<http://www.cced.org/communities.htm#StPaul>

General Web Links

Sustainable Measures:

<http://www.sustainablemeasures.com/index.html>

This website includes an interactive database of indicators, an explanation of indicators, and training materials.

Success Measures Guidebook:

<http://www.developmentleadership.net/smp/manual/toc.htm>

The Success Measures Guidebook takes you through a series of steps to develop an effective evaluation system for your programs. It includes suggested indicators for community members to develop and measure.

Measuring Community Sustainability:

http://www.ncrcrd.iastate.edu/Community_Success/entry.html

This is a website for the book *Measuring Community Success and Sustainability: An Interactive Workbook*. It describes a process to help communities learn how to measure the local or regional impacts of economic and community development processes that enhance rural community sustainability.

Indicators on the Web (numerous cases):

http://www.rprogress.org/resources/cip/links/cips_web.html

Links to community indicator projects on the web from around the world.

Jacksonville Community Council Inc. & Missoula Measures:

<http://www.jcci.org/index.htm>

Regional indicators of quality of life used in Jacksonville and northeast Florida.

Indicators Projects:

<http://www.sustainable.org/creating/indicators.html>

Gives examples of what communities are doing to prepare a community resource inventory and to identify local indicators in order to measure progress toward sustainability. It also contains a complete list of resource links.

Sustainable Communities Network:

<http://www.sustainable.org/>

The Network is intended to link citizens to resources and to one another to create healthy, vital, sustainable communities. It also contains a complete list of resource links.

USEPA Green Communities:

<http://www.epa.gov/greenkit>

A step-by-step guide for planning and implementing sustainable actions.

USEPA Community Based Approaches

<http://www.epa.gov/ecocommunity/>

This website introduces a new approach in environmental protection that focuses on ecosystem and community actions. The site contains information on community-based environmental protection.

Community Toolbox:

<http://ctb.lsi.ukans.edu/>

The core of the Tool Box is their how-to sessions, featuring tools for evaluating programs.

Nature Conservancy - Compatible Economic Development:

<http://www.cced.org/Pathways.htm>

One of the first and best tools for community readiness is CCED's publication, *Pathways: Building a Local Initiative for Compatible Economic Development*. "The Community's Vision" document includes information on: drafting a vision statement, discussing and ratifying the vision at a community workshop, and considering indicators or benchmarks for measuring long term success.

UN Methodology Sheets:

<http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/indisd/english/english.htm>

Indicators of Sustainable Development: Framework and Methodology.

References

We used these sources to guide us in the development of this manual.

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Towards Sustainable Development: Environmental Indicators. Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development, 1998.