

Community Capacity Questionnaire

Please check the appropriate box for each statement.	All of the time	Some of the time	Occasionally	Very seldom	Never
Community Capacity					
1. Community leaders understand and use information (such as the US Census) about the community and the region to make strategic decisions.	5	4	3	2	1
2. Pride in our community shows up in neighborhood and community beautification efforts.	5	4	3	2	1
3. People from different backgrounds and incomes work together to make the community a better place.	5	4	3	2	1
4. Organizations (service clubs) and institutions (hospitals, schools, churches) in our community work together.	5	4	3	2	1
5. We believe that, in the long run, we have to do it ourselves.	5	4	3	2	1
6. Residents in our community have many chances to participate in decision making.	5	4	3	2	1
7. Our community leaders and organizations encourage a deliberate transition of power to a younger generation.	5	4	3	2	1
8. The community supports a leadership development training program.	5	4	3	2	1
9. The community provides leadership opportunities for youth.	5	4	3	2	1
10. In our community, women and minorities are accepted in all types of leadership roles.	5	4	3	2	1
11. Strong multi-generational family traditions are demonstrated in our community when we see all ages participating in events.	5	4	3	2	1
12. Our traditional institutions (schools, churches, businesses, etc.) are action oriented and responsive to the needs of the people who live here.	5	4	3	2	1
13. New residents typically feel welcome in our community.	5	4	3	2	1
14. The community demonstrates a willingness to seek help from the outside.	5	4	3	2	1
15. Our community projects show respect for the various cultures of community members.	5	4	3	2	1
16. Typically, our leaders build on the positive things in our	5	4	3	2	1

community rather than focusing on the things that are wrong.					
17. Residents in our community tolerate others with different perspectives.	5	4	3	2	1
18. As we work on community issues, we welcome questions, alternatives and make use of research-based evidence.	5	4	3	2	1
19. In our community projects, "who does what by when" (accountability) is made public.	5	4	3	2	1
20. Lots of different people take on leadership roles.	5	4	3	2	1
21. We pay attention to the results of our community betterment efforts by celebrating successes while acknowledging that there is still work to do.	5	4	3	2	1
22. We keep improving community projects by using some reflection time to understand what works and what doesn't.	5	4	3	2	1
23. A variety of people will run for public office and feel that doing so is not a risk.	5	4	3	2	1
Local Economy					
24. Our business community offers high quality on a regular basis.	5	4	3	2	1
25. Members of the community and local businesses are aware of competitive positioning (marketing, global niche, etc.).	5	4	3	2	1
26. The community supports an active economic development program.	5	4	3	2	1
27. People in our community recognize the value of supporting local business.	5	4	3	2	1
28. The economic development program strategically targets resources for the best return on the dollar.	5	4	3	2	1
29. The community is supportive of entrepreneurship in media, the press and other areas.	5	4	3	2	1
30. The schools and youth groups provide opportunities for youth to learn about entrepreneurship.	5	4	3	2	1
31. The community leaders understand the limitations and opportunities that result from the physical environment and make decisions accordingly.	5	4	3	2	1
32. Local government and community organizations carefully use fiscal resources and understand their fiduciary responsibilities.	5	4	3	2	1
33. Our community supports local business in planning for passing these businesses to new owners.	5	4	3	2	1
34. In our community, we see ourselves as part of a greater region and consider all the communities within that region in our planning.	5	4	3	2	1
Investment in the Community					

35. Our community invests in its future by passing school bonds, hospital bonds, or library projects.	5	4	3	2	1
36. The community supports a community foundation or other types of local philanthropy.	5	4	3	2	1
37. Donations for projects come from all segments of the community.	5	4	3	2	1
38. We find resources for economic development projects.	5	4	3	2	1
39. Typical fundraising efforts result in many small gifts as well as large gifts.	5	4	3	2	1
40. The community recognizes and supports community volunteers.	5	4	3	2	1
41. Local businesses support the community through donations.	5	4	3	2	1
42. The community supports and maintains a sound and well-maintained infrastructure.	5	4	3	2	1
43. Our community shows a strong support for k-12 education plus life-long learning, job skills training and birth to 5 programs.	5	4	3	2	1
44. There's evidence in our community that the arts, music and our library are important parts of everyone's life.	5	4	3	2	1