

7 Generations
Community Environmental Planning Checklist

_____ Step 1: Put together a planning team

A planning team is a group of community members who share similar concerns about your community's environment, health and wellness. Planning teams may include environmental program staff, tribal/city government leaders, youth, elders, teachers, health aides, business owners and concerned residents.

- A. Have you formed your planning team? Yes No

If so, who from the community is involved (name and titles)?

If not, are you inviting people to join a planning team? Yes No

- B. Have you held any planning team meetings? Yes No

If so, when will you have your regularly scheduled meetings?

_____ Step 2: Develop a vision for the future

A vision carries a powerful message that is based on the culture and values of the community. Visioning is looking at where we came from, where we are now, where we are going and where do we want to be?

- A. What is your community's vision statement?
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- B. When was the vision statement created? _____

Does it need to be reevaluated? Yes No

_____ Step 3: Define your community's needs using environmental assessments

The best way to identify the needs and desires of your community is to ask your community. Using the 2 assessments introduced through 7 Generations will help you better understand the environmental issues in your community and help the planning team prioritize the issues based on information from your community.

- A. Have you and/ or your planning team completed the Technical Environmental Assessment? Yes No

If so, what were some of the local environmental issues identified?

- B. Have you and/or your planning team created a Village Environmental Assessment to assess the community? Yes No

- C. Where are you in the Village Environmental Assessment Process?

____ Creating the Village Environmental Assessment
____ Asking the community
____ Compiling the assessment results
____ Sharing the results with the community

_____ Step 4: Identifying possible solutions

It is important to determine all possible solutions to the environmental issues that affect the health and wellness in your community. Involving the community in the brainstorming will build a stronger sense of ownership.

- A. Have you and/or your planning team brainstormed some solutions?
Yes No
 - B. Have you included the community in any brainstorm sessions? Yes No
 - C. What are some solutions to your community's environmental issues?
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Step 5: Put the plan together

Environmental Plans are developed to lay the road map for the goals the community has identified for environmental protection and health. It is important to put the plans down on paper, ensuring that the issues are visible, they are identified and they will be addressed.

- A. Have you started to write out your plan based on what your planning team and your community identified as issues and solutions? Yes No

Step 6: Carry out your plan

Keep in mind that your plan is comprehensive and will include many issues that may take several years to address. Don't let it overwhelm you and remember that it will take time.

- A. Have you developed a time-tables for when you would like to complete each task? Yes No
- B. Have you estimated costs for each task? Yes No
- C. Have you identified who will be involved with each task? Yes No
- D. Have you identified resources and potential resources needed? Yes No

Step 7: Evaluate your plan

An environmental plan is constantly changing. Once you have completed several tasks and addressed the issues identified it's time to evaluate your plan and start the planning process over.

- A. Do you have a system in place to measure each task? Yes No
- B. Do you have a plan already that you are updating? Yes No

Other Notes:
