

Activity 3: Community Survey

Name _____ **Community Name** _____

1. List two things that you like about your community.
2. List two things you would like to change about your community
3. Name an activity that you do that involves the community.
4. What is your favorite place in the community?
5. Does the community have a “center of town”? If yes, describe.
6. Are there places for pedestrians to walk such as sidewalks? How long would it take to walk from your house to the nearest store? How long would it take to walk from your house to school?
7. Does your community have a variety of mixed uses such as houses, shops, businesses and recreation in an area? List the categories of buildings that you see.
8. Describe the natural features, open space and green areas? How are these featured in your community? Are there shade trees? List and describe your favorite green spaces in your community.
9. List and describe favorite gathering places in your community. List historic places.
10. Are there playgrounds near residential areas? Describe a playground you use.
11. Are there alleys and parking in the rear of the house and front porches?
12. Is there a diversity of incomes, ages and people among community members?
13. Is the community safe? What services help to keep the people of the community safe? What services did you see in your survey?
14. Is the community growing and changing? How? Why?
15. Is the community organized to be self-governing? What evidence do you see of this?
16. What activities could you do to help your community?

Activity 3: *Community Photographic Project Survey*

Each participant should compile a photographic tour of land use in your area. The project could consist of 20 photos and should be presented in a manner that displays elements of your community. They could be presented as an exhibit, Powerpoint or in an album. The following are suggestions for the photographs:

- 2-3 favorite places
- 2-3 least attractive places
- Sights you see every day
- A public place and a privately owned place
- Land use that negatively impacts the environment
- Land uses that positively impacts the environment
- Architecture styles of buildings in your community
- Places people work
- Places people play
- Places people eat
- Places people shop
- Municipal building
- Roads, intersections, parking lots
- Trees and gardens
- Places you would like to change
- Methods of transportation
- Services in your community.

Your project will be graded using the following rubric:

95–100%	85–95%	75–85%	65–75%
<i>At least 20 photographs with a minimum of 15 elements described above presented in an organized format demonstrating an understanding of land use.</i>	<i>16–19 photographs with a minimum of 12 elements described above presented in a visually pleasing manner.</i>	<i>At least 11–15 photographs with a minimum of 8 elements described above presented for evaluation.</i>	<i>10 photographs with a minimum of 8 elements described above presented for evaluation.</i>

Activity 3: Planning Meeting Survey

Team Members _____ **Municipality** _____

Contact the municipality and complete the chart. Decide on a minimum of one meeting to attend and complete the summary. On a separate sheet of paper, outline the government structure of the municipality.

Municipality type _____ Telephone _____

Municipal Building Location: _____

Type of Meeting	What Day Each month?	Time	Location	Agenda: Items of Interest
Planning				
Zoning Hearing				
Environmental Advisory Council				
Other				

Questions

1. *What was the date and type of meeting you attended?*
2. *How many people were in attendance?*
3. *Describe how the meeting was organized and conducted?*
4. *What topics were covered?*
5. *What were issues of concern?*
6. *What were your reactions to the meeting?*
7. *What information do you need to become more involved?*

Activity 3: *Your Community Worksheet*

Name _____

Name of your municipality _____

Type of Municipality _____ **County** _____

Find items that symbolize your community or an item that represents your community. Describe or sketch your community item on the back of this page and explain why you selected it.

- 1.** Two GREAT things about your community

- 2.** A special outdoor place that you like to visit

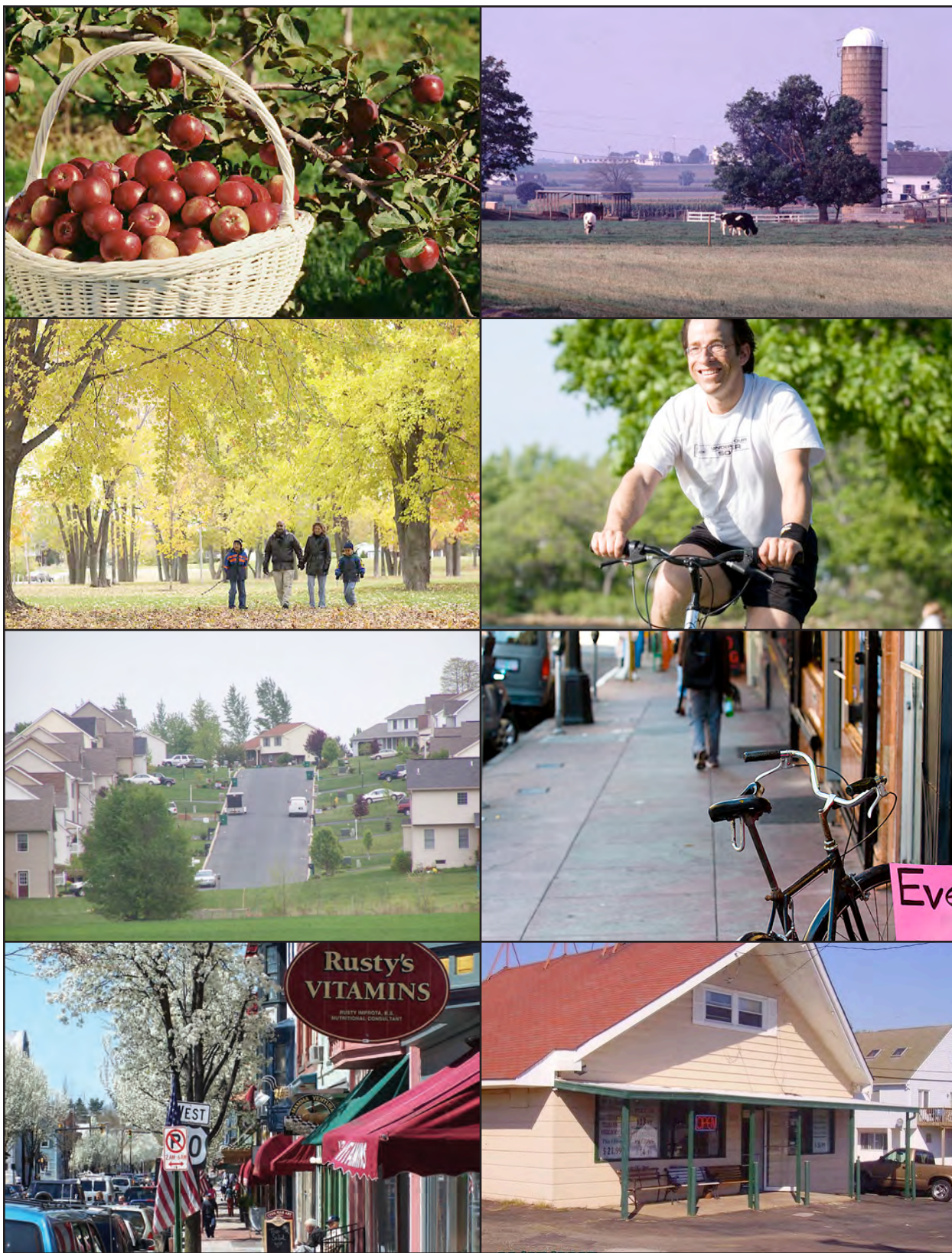
- 3.** A favorite place in your community

- 4.** Two things that you would like to change about your community

- 5.** A favorite activity you do in your community

- 6.** Describe one action that you could do that would help your community

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Activity 3: Smart Growth Rating Sheet

Team Members _____

Community Name and Location _____

Determine how the community you are studying meets the criteria for Smart Growth. Rate each criteria by giving it 1, 2, or 3 points. 1 point indicates a poor rating, 2 is average, and 3 indicates it meets criteria.

Criteria	Rating	Describe	Recommend Improvements
Mixed Land Uses <i>People live, shop, work and socialize in the community</i>			
Conservation Design <i>Compact building design is attractive and saves land</i>			
Housing Choices			
Walkable Neighborhoods			
Distinctive and Attractive			
Open, Park, and/or Green Space nearby			
Fix up existing neighborhoods			
Choice of Transportation			
Nearby Services <i>(schools, churches)</i>			
Self Governing Neighborhoods			