

WORKSHEET 3

Community Preparedness Checklist

This checklist is intended to help community leaders analyze preparedness for development efforts.

Does the community have . . . ?

Yes No

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Diversity and Participation

- ___ ___ 1. An existing local organization for promoting development efforts.
___ ___ 2. Widespread community participation in the development effort representing diverse social/economic segments of the population.
___ ___ 3. Public and private sector cooperation.

Resource Availability

- ___ ___ 4. Adequate resources to support some level of local activity.
___ ___ 5. Willingness to invest those resources in local projects.
___ ___ 6. An inventory of financing sources available from local, state, and federal agencies as well as the private sector.

Networks and Information

- ___ ___ 7. Good coordination among local agencies and organizations promoting community/economic development.
___ ___ 8. Working relationships with state and federal sources of assistance.
___ ___ 9. Support and involvement of the local media.

Public Infrastructure

- ___ ___ 10. Adequate public infrastructure to support business activities and provide for local quality of life (water, wastewater, electricity, natural gas, telephone, roads).
___ ___ 11. Community services and facilities to support the needs of existing and potential residents (education, health care, recreation, police, and fire).
___ ___ 12. A capital improvements plan to inventory existing public infrastructure/services/facilities and to anticipate future needs.

Human Resources

- ___ ___ 13. A well-trained work force.
___ ___ 14. Capability to provide training and skills when needed.
___ ___ 15. Local leadership with the vision and desire to build a community plan for the future.

Source: Modified from Woods and Sloggett (1988).



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