

ELT 1: Activity 1

Community Profile

Take several minutes to fill out this Community Profile (brief answers are okay!). Afterward, your group will discuss results and prepare a group response to share. ***Fill out what you can and leave the rest blank. This activity is intended to get you thinking about your whole community and its unique situation.***

Demographics & Economics
How would you classify your community: rural, suburban, or urban? How is your community typically described / represented to others?
What are major businesses or industries in your community?
Transportation & Recreation
What transportation infrastructure does your community have (<i>Interstates, state vs. town road, public transportation, bicycle/pedestrian</i>)?
What are the most common types of recreation in your community (<i>Consider both motorized and non-motorized</i>)?

Municipal government

Does the town have paid staff (*Manager, planner, zoning administrator*)?

What boards/commissions exist (*Conservation Commission, Town Forest Committee*)>

Does your community have a town plan?

No Yes I don't know

If yes, when was it last updated?

Does your community have zoning? Subdivision regulations?

No Yes I don't know

What type of green space does your town have (*town forests, parks, playgrounds*)? Do any provide access to blue space (*rivers, lakes*)?

Natural Resources

Describe the major natural features of your community (*mountain ranges, rivers, lakes*):

What is the agriculture and forestry composition in your community?

Threats and Areas of Concern

Has your town experienced a natural disaster(s) in recent years? (*Flooding, ice storm, high winds*)?

No Yes

If yes, please share what type of event and the impact to the community:

What type of development pressure is your community experiencing (*Fast sprawling development, slow development in rural areas, industrial, second homeowners*)?

Planning Resources & Partners

Who are potential partners in the planning process (*NGOs, private sector, volunteers, government agencies, schools*)?

What types of natural resource inventories, assessments, and/or plans does your community already have (*Natural community inventory, corridor management plan, town forest management plan*)?