



Crossroads Resource Center

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Tools for Community Self-determination

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Favorite Indicators proposed by participants

Number of salmon-colored forms filled out and turned in: 25

Ecology

Water quality (7)

(in city lakes & rivers)

(Mississippi)

Air quality (5)

Ozone

Size of leaf canopy (4)

(tree canopy)

(number of trees planted & contained in city forest)

Protecting environmental resources (3)

No pollution

Land

Reduce resource impacts (3)

Percent of households with no automobile

Percent individuals living & working in city

Waste generated per capita

8. Transportation mode split (percentage of downtown commuters by car, bus, LRT, bike, walking)

Percent green space (2)

(geographic distribution of public gardens--not simply community gardens)

Amount of biodiversity unique to our area

Ecology & Equity

Presence of natural areas

Enhancing ecological conditions

Ecology & Economy

Reduce resource impacts

16. Potential emissions of CO₂ prevented through public and private action

5. Reductions of energy consumed by City residents and businesses

Creating wealth and reducing disparities

Equity

Educational opportunity (2)

for all ages

Educational attainment (2)

(graduation rates)

Educational disparities

(percent difference in outcomes between schools and geographic areas in educational outcomes (graduation/dropout rates, test scores, parental participation))

Birth rates

Asthma rates

19. Affordability of city housing for city residents

Diverse civic engagement

42. Percentage of registered voters who vote in city and national elections

Percent minorities in police force

Percent minorities in city work force at all levels of employment

Percent adequate housing at all income levels to support population

36. Rates of violent crime

Geographic balance in amenities and programming

Opportunities to observe/participate in cultural activities

Building social capital

Equity & Economy

17. Percent of workers earning a livable wage (3)

Number of business startups by minorities

\$ invested in city

More arts/cultural opportunities

Percent of disposable income spent on arts and culture

19. Affordability of city housing for city residents

25. Tax base for city (and each neighborhood) by use category

36. Rates of violent crime

Educational growth

Economy

Livable wage (4)

Unemployment rate

Home ownership

Strengthening business sector

Life cycle [& creative? wruture?] housing & jobs

Percent of businesses in city that are environmentally sustainable, friendly

Percent of new businesses locating in city

21. Dollars invested in business retention, expansion and development within City limits

22. Number of City residents employed in industry clusters unique to our City

24. Ratio of business startups to bankruptcies

Equity, continued

Taxation

- 19. Affordability of city housing for city residents
- Percent of city residents working within 5 miles of home
- Percent of city residents who shop primarily in Minneapolis

Equity & Economics & Ecology combined

Educational opportunity & attainment (7)

- more inclusive than test score
- school dropout rates
- job skill training, diversification of schools, post-secondary opportunity for minorities

Reduce resource impacts (6)

- 10. Dollars of housing investment that also reduce living costs (e.g., energy, transportation, public safety)
- 4. Percent of City energy use from renewable energy sources
- air (2)/noise/water quality

8. Transportation mode split (5)

(percent of dwntn commuters by car, bus, LRT, bike, walking)

- average length of commute
- availability of non-car lifestyle

Civic involvement/engagement (5)

- cross-cultural engagement
- 42. Percentage of registered voters who vote in city and national elections

Health disparities (4)

Diversity (3)

- incarceration of Af-Am and other males of color
- fully integrating new populations (immigrants) into systems: health, education, creating wealth, resource impacts

High level of resident satisfaction (3)

- healthy people like where they live and work
- annual survey of people assessing their satisfaction with availability, affordability & quality of their preferred health care.

Creating equitable community wealth (3)

- wealth disparities
- livable wage

19. Affordability of city housing for city residents (2)

Public safety (2)

- total crime rate (not just violent crimes)

Parks (2)

- number of people using public parks
- stting spaces in public places

Local food systems (2)

- acres of foodshed
- 11. Percent of food consumed that is grown within 300 miles

Equity & Economics & Ecology, *continued*

Business (2)

- 21. Dollars invested in business retention, expansion and development within city limits
Supporting healthy local & equitable small businesses

Environmentally progressive tax systems (2)

- Use existing measures of progressive/regressive taxes

Environmental justice (2)

Health (2)

- physical activity levels of community (this was equated with community engagement)
- 27. Recovery rate for key health conditions

Arts & culture

One suggestion: Add a fourth "E" (for Education)

Education

Graduation rates (econ/equity/edu)