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Tools for Community Self-determination

Minneapolis Sustainability Roundtable

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Possible indicators

Organized by categories (*there is overlap among many of these categories*)
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Protecting environmental resources

1. Air quality (NO_x/SO_x/particulate levels)
2. Quality of drinking water (nitrates, ag chemicals, other specific pollutants)
3. Quality of water in city lakes (BOD/turbidity/pollutants—swimming safe)

Reducing resource impacts

4. Percent of City energy use from renewable sources
5. Reductions of energy consumed by City residents and businesses
6. Potential emissions of CO₂ prevented through public and private action
7. Percent of city waste stream recycled
8. Transportation mode split (percentage of downtown commuters by car, bus, LRT, bike, walking)
9. Average length of commute for (a) residents and (b) commuters into city
10. Dollars of housing investment that also reduce living costs (e.g., energy, transportation, public safety)
11. Percent of food consumed by households that is grown on family farms within 300 miles of city
12. Acres of farmland in Minneapolis "foodshed" that is protected from non-agricultural development

Enhancing ecological conditions

13. Ratio of pervious to nonpervious groundcover (acres of groundcover that absorbs rainfall)
14. Size of leaf canopy (in acres)

Creating wealth in communities & reducing disparities

15. Unemployment rate
16. Percent of local businesses owned by city residents
17. Percent of workers earning a livable wage
18. Wealth built for residents earning at the lowest-income quartile
19. Affordability of city housing for city residents
20. Percent of home loan interest payments recycled into neighborhood investments

Strengthening business sector

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
23. Sales tax revenue
24. Ratio of business startups to bankruptcies

Enhancing tax base

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

Enhancing health & reducing health disparities

26. Number of alternate health modalities (cultural healers, Eastern medicine, preventive care, Western treatment, etc.) available
27. Recovery rate for key health conditions
28. Health disparities involving diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, AIDS, asthma, cancer (especially breast, cervical & prostate cancers)
29. Percent of residents seeking treatment at local hospitals or clinics who hold adequate health insurance
30. Teen pregnancy rates
31. Rates of low birth-weight babies
32. Rates of infant mortality

Strengthening educational attainment

33. Educational outcomes by race
34. Ratio of instructors of color to students of color in city alternative, charter, public and private schools

Fostering public safety

35. Domestic abuse rates (as reported to local providers)
36. Rates of violent crime
37. Number of homicide victims by race
38. Percentage of homicides that are gang-related
39. Percentage of neighborhood police patrols on bicycle
40. Number of fires in City

Building social capital

41. Percent of African-American males who have been, or are, incarcerated
42. Percentage of registered voters who vote in city and national elections
43. School truancy rates by school
44. Percent of households living at same address for 20 years or more

Arts & Culture

45. Percent of residents involved in creating own arts activities