

## Sustainable Neighborhoods for Happiness

What constitutes a happy and sustainable neighborhood? For that we turn to the Sustainable Neighborhoods for Happiness Index. In the worksheet, we are going to explore a streamlined version of the Sustainable Neighborhoods for Happiness Index. The 7 components we are going to use as part of our evaluation are:

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| 1. Community Involvement | 5. Food Management  |
| 2. Water Management      | 6. Waste Management |
| 3. Energy Management     | 7. Transportation   |
| 4. Community Design      |                     |

Similar to the Sustainability Neighborhoods for Happiness Index, we are going to use a 3-point scoring system. Subjective data scoring criteria are as follows:

Subjective Score	Scoring Criteria
1	Neighborhood has no to limited sustainability goals or practices for the scored measure. Overall the neighborhood falls below expectations for this measure.
2	Neighborhood has invested in sustainable practices with respect to scored measure and has set sustainability as a goal and strives to include its residents in the process. Overall the neighborhood meets expectations for this measure.
3	Neighborhood has extensive sustainability practices, includes its residents in the process and has assigned a working group—such as a sustainability office—to achieve/meet set goals. Overall the neighborhood exceeds expectations for this measurement.

Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Supporting Data	Ratings
<b>Community Involvement</b>		
The residents feel part of a community.		
The residents can participate in the rulemaking for the community.		
<b>Average Rating (add the above scores &amp; divide by 2):</b>		
<b>Water Management</b>		
The neighborhood landscape doesn't need much water.		
Residents feel like they will always have all the clean water they need.		
<b>Average Rating:</b>		

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<b>Energy Management</b>		
Residents are encouraged to use solar energy. <i>Note: If the neighborhood or home owners association has any restrictions or bans on solar panels, score this measure as '0'</i>		
The street and park lights are energy efficient (LEDs, solar powered, down lighting).		
<b>Average Rating:</b>		
<b>Community Design</b>		
The neighborhood has lots of public green space (parks, preserves, community gardens).		
The neighborhood has a mix of offices, homes, schools, and businesses.		
<b>Average Rating:</b>		
<b>Food Management</b>		
The neighborhood has regular farmers markets that are accessible to all residents (e.g., the market accepts Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) and Food Stamp vouchers).		
The neighborhood is supportive of community and household gardens. <i>Note: If the neighborhood or Home Owners Association has a ban on hens or front yard gardens, score this measure as '0'</i>		
<b>Average Rating:</b>		
<b>Waste Management</b>		
The neighborhood has regular curbside recycling pick-up.		
The neighborhood has a composting program. <i>Note: If the neighborhood or Home Owners Association restricts household composting, score this measure as '0'</i>		
<b>Average Rating:</b>		
<b>Transportation</b>		
You can safely bike and walk around the neighborhood using bike lanes and sidewalks.		
The neighborhood has access to public transit and comfortable, safe stops.		
<b>Average Rating:</b>		
<b>Total Rating:</b>		