Community Conservation Assets



Natural and Working Lands Assets

These include healthy natural resources (air, water, land, flora, fauna, etc.), working lands, and systems in a region. Investments include preservation, restoration, maintenance, access and engagement.



Financial Assets

These include monetary assets invested in other assets in the community. Investments include land protection, site improvements and/or programming to build the community's economic health using land as a tool or catalyst.



Built Assets

These include physical infrastructure, including trails or other structures, that serve the needs and desired experiences of a variety of community users. Investments include construction, renovation and maintenance as well as the relevancy of these attributes to the community.



Equity and Access Assets

These include programming, planning and opportunities that promote just practices, increase equity of access and experience to all parts of the community, and remove disparities. Investments include engaging all parts of the community in land trust planning and programming, understanding community needs and working to serve those needs.



Political Assets

These include individual, group and/or organizational connections that can be held, spent or shared to achieve desired ends. Political power is demonstrated by the ability to influence the distribution of resources and set the agenda about what resources are available. Investments are made through inclusive organizing that includes information gathering and dissemination, increasing community voice, and increasing access to and inclusion among decision-makers.



Social Assets

These include agreements, relationships and networks that support communities and regions. Investments may lead to unprecedented conversations, shared experiences, and connections between otherwise unconnected individuals and groups, as well as those that strengthen relationships within groups. Investments include bringing people together in different ways and creating safe spaces for dialogue, as well as connecting with organizations in a community to better understand their needs.



Intellectual, Emotional and Spiritual Assets

These include knowledge, innovation, creativity and spirituality in a region. Investments include activities that engage the imagination, enhance spirituality, connect people with the environment (or land and water), and generate new knowledge.



Skills and Health Assets

These include individual skills and the physical and mental healthiness of people in a community or region. Investments can include programming and direct experiences on, or associated with, the land and water.



Cultural Assets

These include practices that reflect values and identity rooted in place, class and/or ethnicity. Investments can include support for venues to showcase cultural achievements, programs to preserve and pass on cultural knowledge and skills, and support for cultural transformations.

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Community Conservation Measures Template

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