

Individual and Organizational Readiness

You live in a medium sized community in an area known for recreation (fishing, boating, golf) and agriculture. In addition to working in agriculture and tourism, many commute to a nearby urban area.

Climate change is affecting your region (e.g., dangerously high heat, heavier precipitation, sea level rise, flooding, increased salinity of estuaries & aquifers).

You know that there are individuals and groups in the community wanting to help the community address these unprecedented issues.

1. Imagine that you and your organization are thinking about becoming involved in finding community-based solutions to this crisis.
2. Develop a list of questions that would help you assess your individual readiness to jump into a community engagement project. [Write them on chart paper]
3. Develop a list of questions that would help your organization assess its readiness to take on a community engagement project. [Write them on chart paper]
4. Compare your lists to the readiness questions proposed in Resource #4, page 80. What is similar? What is different? Do you want to add any items to your lists?
5. Individually, think about an issue facing your community. Using the lists, complete a self-assessment for yourself and your organization.