

# Telling Our Stories: Creating Green Communities Toolkit

## Environmentally-Friendly Practices List

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you to follow-up? \_\_\_\_Y \_\_\_\_ N

Address or cross streets: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities Done by Participants	A lot	Sometimes	Never
Riding Public Transit			
Recycling (at home, in the neighborhood, at work, across the city)			
Reusing/Re-purposing (practical, artistic, both)			
Exchanging or Sharing Used Items with Friends/Family/Neighbors			
Preserving Historic Buildings/Places (from restoring the windows on an historic home to spear-heading preservation of a community landmark)			
Using Energy-efficient Light Bulbs			
Walking as Transit			
Outdoor Recreation/Relaxation (porch, yard, park, etc.)			
Turning off Lights, Appliances, TV			
Using Drapes/Curtains to Control Temperature			
Gardening: community, school, private			
Beautifying the community (picking up trash, painting, planting medians, etc.)			
Hanging Clothes to Dry			
Opening Windows (instead of using AC)			
Biking as Transit			
Car Pooling			
Using Energy Efficient Appliances, Devices			
Repairing Instead of Replacing Broken items			
Using Manual instead of Power Tools			
Capturing or Diverting Rain Water			
Retrofitting Homes/Buildings (insulation, new efficient windows, sealing leaks, etc.)			
Green Roofs			
Raising Chickens			

Activities Done by Participants	A lot	Sometimes	Never
Building Green			
Using Renewable Energy (wind, solar)			
Buying Local			
Buying Organic			
Bringing Your Own Shopping Bag			
Restoring Native Habitats			
Conserving water (quick showers, fewer flushes, etc)			
Living close to open/natural space			
Composting			
Eating Vegetarian			

## FOR STORY COLLECTOR

Find out a little about the resident...

Start your conversation by asking the resident to tell you a little about him- or herself, and jot down your notes below about things like gender, approximate age, race/ethnicity, area of town where s/he lives, job/occupation, hobbies, interests, etc. This kind of information can be helpful when you analyze patterns of multiple stories, e.g. to see which kinds of people are interested in which kinds of activities.

Notes:

Prompt questions:

After the resident has completed filling out the list, ask her/him questions about the answers, such as:

1. Of the practices for which you marked "A lot," which two mean the most to you? Please tell me more about them.
2. I noticed that you checked (e.g. that you participate in carpooling a lot), could you tell me more about this?
3. I noticed that you checked (e.g. that you never participate in carpooling), could you tell me what prevents you from doing this?
4. Which of these practices do you see others doing?
5. Do any of these seem popular in your community?

Notes: