

Regional Snapshot — Sustainability

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Elements listed as i, ii, iii, ... are examples of topics to be covered. More will be considered, and those listed will not necessarily be contained in the final snapshot report.

1. Report objectives
2. Sustainability definition
 - a. Analysis of other definitions
 - b. Overlap of sustainability with existing goals
 - c. Differentiation of unique dimensions of sustainability
 - i. Intergenerational equity
 - ii. Resource renewability
 - iii. Etc.
 - d. Final definition
 - e. Sustainability vs. sustainable development
3. Criteria for application at regional scale
 - a. Considerations in goal setting for sustainability
 - i. Regional benefits vs. regional costs
 - ii. Regional autarky vs. regional interconnection
 - iii. Etc.
 - b. Best practices from state/regional/local sustainability initiatives and recommendations from policy advocates
4. Potential application to CMAP program areas
 - a. Transportation
 - i. Life cycle costing
 - b. Land Use
 - i. Preservation of ecosystem functions during development
 - c. Housing
 - i. Energy efficiency and conservation design in affordable housing
 - d. Environment
 - i. Greenhouse gas emissions reduction
 - e. Economic and Community Development
 - i. Regional inter-firm linkage
 - f. Human Services
 - i. Local food availability
 - g. Research and Analysis
 - i. Sustainability indicator development and tracking
5. Indicators
 - a. For model output
 - i. Adjusted GRP or Genuine Progress Indicator
 - b. For longer term tracking
 - i. Environment
 - ii. Social
 - iii. Economic