

Many communities have a goal to be more sustainable (i.e. maintaining and enhancing community economic and social vitality, along with environmental integrity). However, smaller (<~50,000 population) and especially rural and tribal communities, may lack the resources to accomplish their sustainability goals. EPA's Office of Research and Development and EPA Region 10 have developed a downloadable computer application named DISC (Decisions Integration for Strong Communities) which provides, a) a basic sustainability index with social, economic and environmental dimensions that can be generated with minimal effort from a community, b) a mechanism to create scenarios to examine changes in sustainability characteristics based on proposed community decisions, and c) links to resources to help understand and enhance the sustainability of their community. Community engagement in an agile environment has been vital to the development of DISC. The DISC application, including sustainability indicators, scenario building, and especially output which provides links to government, nonprofit and other resources are provided in this presentation. In this session we invite Native American tribal evaluation and input to help ensure that DISC addresses their priorities and goals.