Assessing the Present Worksheet

1. HEALTH AND SOCIAL *Example Resilience Best Practices*	RATING *10 = Excellent 6 = Good* *4 = Fair 0 = Absent*
• Quality local health care is available to all members of the community	
• Food is produced locally and accessible to all members of the community	
• Safe work environment is provided to the work force	
• Childcare is accessible to all who need it and it is affordable	
• Different religious, ethnic, racial, or economic groups work together on common problems	
• Housing and health care is available and affordable for the elderly	
• Healthy behaviors are encouraged from good nutrition to active transportation (biking, walking) and outdoor activities	
• Individuals are engaged in identifying issues, developing solutions, and planning and implementing projects in their community	
• Community-based organizations are engaged in supporting social, economic, and environmental programs	
• Community-based organizations support disaster management	
• Information on community systems and hazard mitigation policies, plans, and programs is accessible and available at a scale useful for community planning	
• Other:	
• **Overall Rating:** In your judgment, how would you rate this category overall? Balance the ratings based on what is appropriate to your community	

2. **Cultural Resources** *Example Resilience Best Practices*	**RATING** *10 = Excellent 6 = Good* *4 = Fair 0 = Absent*
• Local and traditional knowledge is maintained and informs current thinking and decision-making	
• Arts and entertainment are vibrant and well supported (evaluate as appropriate to community)	
• History of disaster events are preserved through culture and the arts	
• Emergency plans are in place to protect museums, library collections, and cultural resources	
• Disaster plans consider risks posed to historic buildings and sites	
• Tribal government and partners are consulted and included in planning	
• Pre-established procedures are in place to minimize impacts to cultural and historic resources during disaster response and recovery.	
• Other:	
• **Overall Rating:** In your judgment, how would you rate this category overall? Balance the ratings based on what is appropriate to your community	

3. **Natural Resources** *Example Resilience Best Practices*	**RATING** *10 = Excellent 6 = Good* *4 = Fair 0 = Absent*
• Natural areas that buffer or protect communities from hazards are actively protected (e.g. flood plains, natural dunes, healthy forests)	
• Natural solutions for managing hazards are used along with engineered options (e.g. levee setbacks that pair with flood storage in natural areas)	
• Watershed management is integrated with regional planning to protect ecosystem services such as clean drinking water provisioning and habitat for important species	

3. **Natural Resources** *Example Resilience Best Practices*	**RATING** *10 = Excellent 6 = Good* *4 = Fair 0 = Absent*
• Point and non-point pollutant sources are managed to maintain healthy waterways	
• Hazard areas are regulated to prevent development in dangerous locations (e.g. steep slopes, flood prone areas, unstable soils, wildland urban interface)	
• Pre-established procedures are in place to minimize impacts to sensitive habitats during disaster response and recovery	
• Other:	
• **Overall Rating:** In your judgment, how would you rate this category overall? Balance the ratings based on what is appropriate to your community	

4. **Infrastructure** *Example Resilience Best Practices*	**RATING** *10 = Excellent 6 = Good* *4 = Fair 0 = Absent*
• Public transportation is available and supports the needs of the majority of the population	
• Policies, plans, and programs support public transportation, ride sharing, bicycles, and alternative means of transportation	
• Critical infrastructure (hospitals, fire, and police) are located outside of high risk areas and have backup systems to maintain operations	
• Transportation infrastructure is operational and well maintained	
• Transportation infrastructure is protected from natural hazards	
• Mitigation initiatives are designed and implemented to reduce repetitive loss incidents	
• Drinking water, storm drainage, and sanitary sewer infrastructure systems are available and maintained	
• Drinking water sources are protected from natural hazards	

4. Infrastructure *Example Resilience Best Practices*	**RATING** *10 = Excellent 6 = Good 4 = Fair 0 = Absent*
• Water conservation programs (including green roofs, rainwater harvesting, and low flow fixtures) are supported by government, communities, businesses, and other	
• Water-related infrastructure is protected from risks from natural and technological hazards and has the capacity to operate properly during flood and electrical blackout	
• Industrial facilities that store or use hazardous materials or waste have updated risk and emergency management	
• Hazardous materials and wastes are protected from risks from natural and other hazards	
• All citizens are able to afford and have access to energy for heating/cooling and electrical needs	
• Energy infrastructure is protected from risks from natural and technological hazards	
• Other:	
• **Overall Rating:** In your judgment, how would you rate this category overall? Balance the ratings based on what is appropriate to your community.	

5. ECONOMY *Example Resilience Best Practices*	**RATING** *10 = Excellent 6 = Good 4 = Fair 0 = Absent*
• Local employment provides a "living wage," and the opportunity for career growth	
• Local economy is diversified and supports stability and growth	
• Local government policies and regulations encourage sustainable growth and appropriate zoning	
• Businesses, industry, institutions, and other economic entities have the space and resources to support	
• Businesses, industry, institutions, and other economic entities address risk from natural and technological hazards and have disaster response and recovery plans in place	
• Public/private partnerships are established to address recovery and rebuilding needs	

5. ECONOMY *Example Resilience Best Practices*	RATING *10 = Excellent 6 = Good* *4 = Fair 0 = Absent*
• Facility-specific continuity of operations plans are in place to support critical services and key businesses, industry, and institutions	
• Other:	
• **Overall Rating:** In your judgment, how would you rate this category overall? Balance the ratings based on what is appropriate to your community	

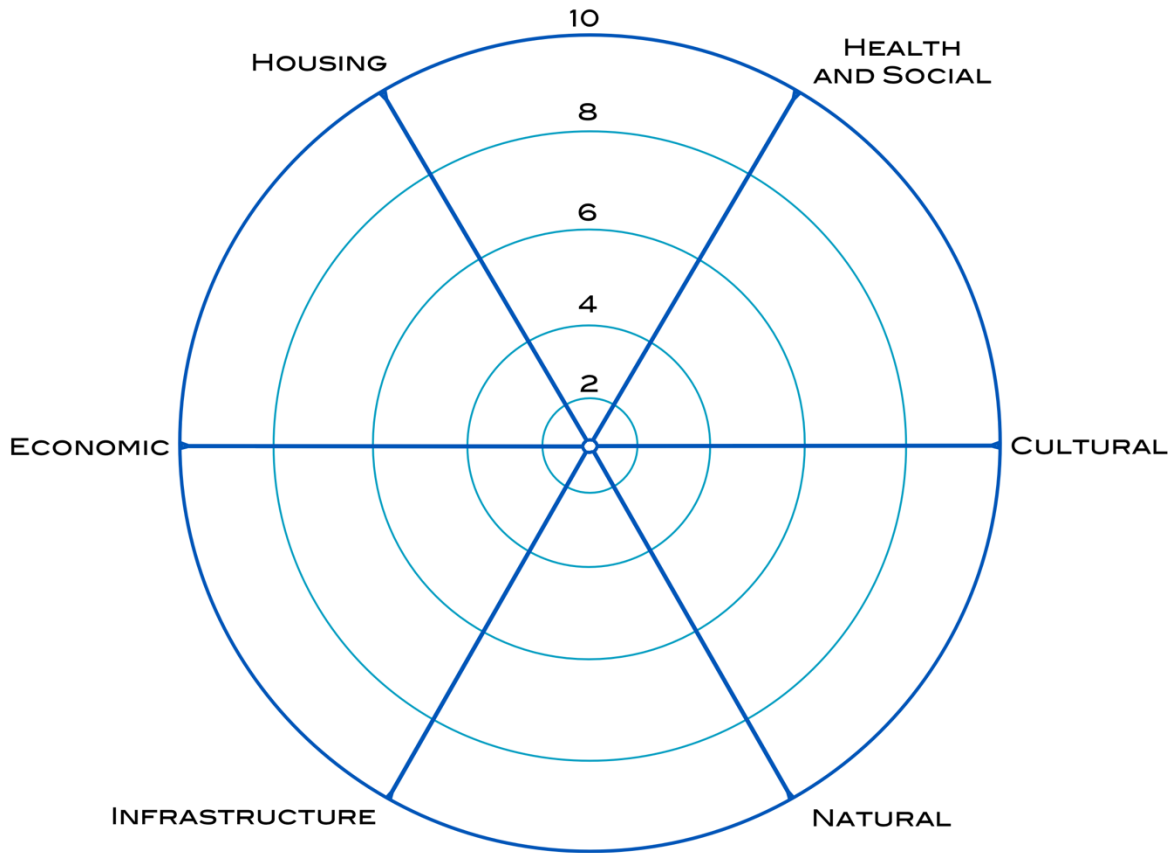| 6. HOUSING *Example Resilience Best Practices*	RATING *10 = Excellent 6 = Good* *4 = Fair 0 = Absent*
• Affordable housing is available and accessible to those in need	
• Building construction, redevelopment, operations, and maintenance measures minimize environmental impacts and energy consumption	
• Construction of new buildings and housing developments are required to achieve some level of LEED certification	
• Buildings and homes are designed and sited to reduce risks from natural hazards	
• Mitigation initiatives are designed and implemented to reduce repetitive loss incidents	
• Programs exist to support voluntary relocation of homes out of hazard zones	
• Other:	
• **Overall Rating:** In your judgment, how would you rate this category overall? Balance the ratings based on what is appropriate to your community	

Planning Cycle Review

The following actions assess how well the resilience planning cycle has been followed in your community. This does not show up on the Spider Plot, but rather is an assessment to inform overall community preparedness.

7. ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP *Example Resilience Best Practices*	RATING *10 = Excellent 6 = Good* *4 = Fair 0 = Absent*
• Emergency response plans are in place and practiced	
• Active collaboration exists between government, private, and non-governmental organizations	
• Community engagement is a central rather than marginal organizational goal	
• Policies, plans, and programs balance social, economic, and environmental considerations	
• Projections of changing hazard conditions are monitored and used for future planning efforts	
• Funding decisions consider risk from hazards and climate change	
• Alternate emergency operation facilities have been identified should primary facilities become incapacitated	
• Disaster recovery plans are in place that incorporate risk reduction and balance social, economic, and environmental	
• Post-disaster data is collected and used for future planning efforts	
• Lessons learned from disaster events are integrated into policies, plans, programs, and projects	

Resilience Spider Plot

Using the scale below, plot your findings from the questions under, "7. Organizational Leadership".