

Assessment Tool Scoring Overview

Score	Policy	Environment
1	Not identified as a problem	Elements not in place
2	Problem identified/ gaining agenda status	Few elements in place
3	Policy formation and adoption	Some elements in place
4	Policy implementation	Most elements in place
5	Policy evaluation and enforcement	All elements in place
99	Not applicable	Not applicable

Policy: Laws, regulations, rules, and procedures that tell how things should be done. They should be written down. They are usually designed to guide or change behavior. Policies often come from the government or an organization. They can lead to changes in the environment or in the way things are done. Putting changes into policy can make them last longer and be harder to undo.

Environment: All of the things make a community what it is. There are many parts that make up the environment.

- The physical environment includes things that you can see, touch, or interact with. This includes roads, parks, or signs. It can also include programs or services that people can use.
- The social environment includes attitudes or feelings that people have and that may change how they act.
- The economic environment includes things related to money that may encourage or discourage behaviors. This could include fines, rewards, or discounts.

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