

# Emerge Stronger.

## Part 2: Assessing Community Resources.



### Exercise A.

**1.** Calculate general fund (GF) per acre. Identify the total general fund amount and the footprint of your city in acres.

- $GF \text{ Amount} / \text{Acres} = \$\text{_____}/\text{acre}$

**2.** Identify the average amount of general fund revenue covered by property taxes (per acre)

- $\% \text{ of general fund from property tax} = \text{____}\%$

- $\text{Prop Tax Rev/ac} = GF/\text{acre} \times \text{____}\% = \$\text{_____}$

**3.** Calculate revenue/acre for a property(ies) in your city. Try comparing a big box store to a small downtown building, or a large residential lot to a small lot. Compare the revenue/acre to the amount in #2. Is it more or less?

- $\text{Assessed value of parcel} = \$\text{_____}$

- $\text{Size of parcel (in acres)} = \text{_____ acres}$

- $\text{Estimated property tax revenue} = (AV / 100) \times \text{Tax Rate}$

- $\text{Property tax/acre} = \text{Revenue} / \text{acres} = \$\text{_____}$

**4.** Estimate street liabilities in your city.

- $\text{Miles of street} = \text{_____}$

- $\text{Cost} = \$3\text{M per mile (assumes average street width of 33' and cost of \$1M per 11' lane-mile)}$

- $\text{Total estimated cost} = \text{_____ miles} \times \$3\text{M/mi} = \$\text{_____}$

- $\text{Street cost per acre} = \text{total cost/acres} = \$\text{_____}/\text{_____ acres} = \$\text{_____}/\text{acre}$

**5.** Add this amount to the current general fund/acre amount to estimate your deficit. Compare the revenue per acre from parcels to this new target. How do they do?

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### Exercise B.

Gather your team and as a group, identify the top 5 things that take the majority of your time.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Revisit as a group the purpose or mission of your team and write it out here.

Of the 5 things you listed above, how many directly support the stated purpose or mission?

As a group, make a list of another 5-7 things your team could be doing that would directly advance your purpose or mission in a positive direction.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Exercise C.

Make a list of 2-4 entities that fall into each of the following categories:

Non-profit organizations

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Neighborhood organizations

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Educational institutions

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Health-related institutions

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Historical institutions or associations

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Other governmental entities

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Arts organizations

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Place an asterisk next to each entity you listed that you currently have a contact with.

Do a quick Internet search on each entity you listed, and locate a point of contact. Jot down their information. Also, jot down 2-3 things about their organization you think relate to your purpose and mission.