

Decision-Making Framework

The Environment and Public Space program uses the following criteria to assess a project’s alignment with the program’s strategies.

Alignment with Objective

ABSENT

Conveys no meaningful connection to any EPS objectives.

EMERGENT

Would make an indirect and marginal or uncertain contribution to advancing an EPS objective.

DEVELOPING

Would make an indirect but important contribution to advancing EPS objective.

STRONG

Would make a direct contribution to advancing EPS objective.

“DEVELOPING” OR “STRONG” REQUIRED

Beneficiaries

ABSENT

Does not identify expected beneficiaries of the project.

EMERGENT

Identified beneficiaries of the project do not include prioritized communities.

DEVELOPING

Identifies prioritized beneficiaries but without precision.

STRONG

Precisely identifies prioritized community/communities that are expected to benefit from the project.

“DEVELOPING” OR “STRONG” REQUIRED

Meaningful Community Engagement

ABSENT

No meaningful engagement of intended beneficiaries.

EMERGENT

Cursory engagement of intended beneficiaries.

DEVELOPING

Meaningful engagement of intended beneficiaries in development of proposal *or* implementation of project.

STRONG

Meaningful engagement of intended beneficiaries in development of proposal *and* implementation of project.

“DEVELOPING” OR “STRONG” REQUIRED

Partnership and Collaboration

ABSENT

Does not address partnerships that will be necessary for success.

EMERGENT

Identified relevant partners but has not adequately incorporated collaboration with those partners into the proposal.

DEVELOPING

Identifies relevant partners and describes collaboration with those partners.

STRONG

Identifies relevant partners and provides evidence of partners’ commitment to fulfilling the roles described.

“DEVELOPING” OR “STRONG” REQUIRED

Scientific and Technical Awareness

ABSENT

No apparent awareness of relevant scientific and technical aspects of the project.

EMERGENT

Limited awareness of some of the relevant scientific and technical aspects of the project.

DEVELOPING

Developing awareness of relevant scientific and technical aspects of the project.

STRONG

Detailed awareness of relevant scientific and technical aspects of the project.

“STRONG” REQUIRED

Sustainability and Maintenance

ABSENT

Does not address maintenance and sustainability of the proposed project.

EMERGENT

Partially address maintenance or sustainability but not both.

DEVELOPING

Partially address maintenance and sustainability of the proposed project.

STRONG

Fully address maintenance and sustainability of the proposed project.

“EMERGENT,” “DEVELOPING” OR “STRONG” REQUIRED

Strategic Clarity

ABSENT

Imprecise definition of success and unclear strategy for achieving objectives.

EMERGENT

Clear definition of success, but unclear or questionable strategy for achieving objectives.

DEVELOPING

Precise definition of success and clear strategy for achieving objectives but does not address expected consequences for intended beneficiaries.

STRONG

Precise definition of success, persuasive strategy for achieving objectives, and clear expectations of intended consequences of project for beneficiaries.

“DEVELOPING” OR “STRONG” REQUIRED

Gentrification

ABSENT

Does not address gentrification risks of proposed project.

EMERGENT

Acknowledges gentrification risks but includes no strategy for mitigating or minimizing them.

DEVELOPING

Acknowledges gentrification risks and has a limited strategy for mitigating or minimizing them.

STRONG

Includes strategy to minimize and mitigate gentrification risks.

“STRONG” REQUIRED