



LOCAL-LEVEL BUILDING BLOCKS

THRIVE RURAL FRAMEWORK LOCAL-LEVEL BUILDING BLOCKS

The Local-Level Building Blocks include conditions on the ground in rural places and regions that *individual rural communities or regions can act on by themselves*. Each Building Block (A-J) is necessary because it has an impact on being able to achieve more widespread and equitable rural prosperity.



Rural Voice and Power			Equitable Aims and Design			Resources for Productive Action		
Welcome All to the Community	Advance Personal Well-Being	Strengthen Local Ownership and Influence	Build from Current Assets	Balance Development Goals	Design for Everyone to Thrive	Prepare Action-Able Leadership	Organize an Action Infrastructure	Act as a Region
Each person in the community is welcomed, feels connected, and is able to exercise and influence power in decision-making.	Each person in the community has the skills, resources, and social supports they need to pursue and live a healthy, safe, and fulfilling life.	Businesses, institutions, organizations, and resources critical to the community and its future are owned locally and/or directed and advised by the full range of community members who have a stake in their durability and success.	Local economic development approaches concentrate first on identifying and building on the area's existing people, place, business, and organizational assets to increase both well-being and equity outcomes.	Local action to create a more dynamic, durable economy also seeks to strengthen the natural environment and built infrastructure – and vice versa – connecting efforts to steadily improve the resilience of the economy, the ecosystem, the people, and the planet.	Local leaders intentionally design community and economic development efforts to improve outcomes for people disadvantaged due to historic or ongoing economic, racial, age, gender, or cultural discrimination.	Communities have and prepare leaders with the will, skills, relationships, diversity, knowledge, and power needed to fully engage the community and the region to establish, align, and achieve priorities that increase both well-being and equity outcomes.	Communities have the local and regional institutions, policies, systems, data, information, media, and resources needed to establish, align, and achieve priorities that increase both well-being and equity.	Communities persistently analyze, develop strategies, and act together within and across sensible and workable regions to address shared issues, challenges, and opportunities and achieve outcomes at a productive scale.
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J

Use these Local-Level Building Blocks to take stock, target effort, and measure progress for action that a specific rural community or region can take on its own to improve the local conditions necessary for more widespread and fair rural prosperity. For each Building Block (A-J), ask:

- What is our starting point? How true is each statement for our community?
- What discriminatory practices or policies exist that keep us from making more progress in each Building Block?
- With this context in mind, what are our priorities: Which Building Blocks do we most need to strengthen to unleash progress on the others?
- What needs to happen next to strengthen our priority Building Blocks? And what will it take for us to make that happen?
- What would indicate progress in strengthening these Building Blocks? What would that progress look like over the next year?