

# Native Farm to School

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## COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT TOOL

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## Define "Community":

### PEOPLE

### PLACE/SPACE

### HISTORY

### CULTURE

## Create 3-5 open-ended questions to ask ALL parties

Examples:

- What actions is your community ALREADY taking for access to healthy food?
- What is the number one challenge to food access for your community?
- If you were in charge for a day what would you change for your community?
- What health risks are most important to address in the community?
- Where is the best place to address health concerns in your community?

Collect Data: Collect word-for-word answers to previous questions.

## Find the Trends:

Information Repeated

Words Repeated

Conclusions Drawn

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## Identify Stakeholders:

Who makes decisions?

Community Leaders

Who from the community is trusted to try new ideas?

"Innovators"

Who controls the flow of information?

"Gatekeepers"

Who supports the process?

"Change agents"

Who does the change affect?

Any and all community members the change touches

## Find the Roots: Challenge Tree

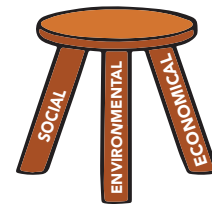
Repeated Data

Conclusions Drawn

Root Causes

Choose one root cause. Work with community to propose a sustainable solution using the chair of sustainability.

A chair must have three equal legs to stand on:



**PURPOSED SOLUTION:**

Will it be accepted by community members?

Will it work and be good for the physical environment?

Can it make its own profit or will it have continual financial support?

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