

1. The objectives of this essay are to (i) evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of a community's "planning" approach to becoming more sustainable and (ii) write a critical review of an environmental plan created by a community.

The essay must include the following sections:

- Introduction
  - Briefly talk about the purpose of this essay (just a paragraph).
- About the community and the plan
  - Introduce the community (city, county, or state).
  - Write a summary of the plan's core principles and goals.
  - Discuss how the plan is organized and the key goals and actions for each element of the plan.
  - Discuss indicators being used to track progress if noted.
- A critical analysis (this is the main section - your critical review)
  - Assess whether or not the plan is guiding the sustainable development of the community. Use the 3Es of sustainability (equity, environment, and economics) as a framework for assessing the community's commitment to each sector of sustainable development. Explain whether or not the plan achieves a balanced approach.
  - Concluding remarks
    - Provide recommendations for improving the plan in order to address the border concept of sustainability more comprehensively.
  - References (Must be already cited in the main text. No additional references.)
  - Attachments: Tables and graphics (optional)

The essay should be free of typos and grammatical errors, and follow a good structure with headings for various sections. DO NOT use too many direct quotes (2-3 quotes are okay). Each essay should be 5-6 pages (double spaced and 12 point font – Times New Roman). References must be cited in the main text and the list of references should be included at the end of the essay. For both in-text citation and list of references, please follow APA style ([https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/apa\\_style/apa\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/general\\_format.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html)). Tables and graphics are not required but can be added as attachments in addition to the suggested page limit. All tables and graphics, if used, must have captions.

PLAN TO USE FOR ESSAY

[http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/Environment/ClimateChange/2013\\_CAP\\_20130612.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/Environment/ClimateChange/2013_CAP_20130612.pdf)