

Example Definitions of Sustainability (for communities)

A sustainable society is one that can persist over generations, one that is farseeing enough, flexible enough, and wise enough not to undermine either its physical or its social systems of support.

- Donella Meadows, Co-Author, *Beyond the Limits*

Sustainable development is economic growth that will benefit present and future generations without detrimentally affecting the resources or biological systems of the planet.

-President's Council on Sustainable Development

"Integrating the economic, social and environmental objectives of society in order to maximize human well-being in the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"

-Organization for Economic Cooperation Development