

# The Common Good Regional Matrix

## Sustainable development and human values reporting for municipalities, bioregions, towns, etc.

**COMMON GOOD MATRIX**  
ADAPTATION FOR MUNICIPALITIES from Stephen Hinton Consulting  
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Values		Earth Care	People care		Fair share	
Capital		Ecological sustainability	Dignity	Cooperation and Solidarity	Social Justice	Democratic co-determination and transparency
Natural Capital	A) Biological	<b>A1) Ecological maturity of area</b> Area performs to retain nutrients and absorb solar energy	<b>A2) Organizations responsible for preserving maturity</b> Organizations, procedures and processes to ensure ecological maturity	<b>A3) Investments in biomass</b> Organisations invested in biomass management for common good	<b>A4) Food Fuel fiber security</b> Eco system able to provide for all residents	<b>A5) Determination over Natural Capital</b> Supply chains managed ethically and frugally
	B) Mineral	<b>B1) Mineral availability</b> Area offers minerals or supplies are available from other sources	<b>B2) Organizations tasked with preserving mineral circularity</b> Organizations, procedures and processes ensure mineral cycling	<b>B3) Investment in circular technology</b> Infrastructure works to contain minerals in supply loops	<b>B4) Emissions and loss of Minerals controlled</b> Mineral wealth managed in sustainable fair way.	<b>B5) Handling of resources transparent</b> Mineral resource distribution transparent and co-determined
C) Social Capital		<b>C1) Organizations independent of fossil fuel</b> Organizations functioning is resilient to fossil fuel shortages	<b>C2) Organizations providing needed services</b> Products and services fulfill basic human needs to serve humankind, society or the environment	<b>C3) Organizations contribute to community</b> Leakage of money from municipality is minimized. Preparedness high	<b>C4) Just Income distribution</b> Needs fulfilled for all citizens	<b>C5) Transparent reporting from organizations</b>
D) Human		<b>D1) Knowledge and skills in sustainability</b> People able to exert stewardship of the natural environment	<b>D2) Promotion of sustainable behavior</b> Citizens have access to training needed for them to be able to be part of sustainable society. From nursery education upwards	<b>D3) Work is Available</b> People able to organize themselves to cooperate to provide food and water security and social cohesiveness	<b>D4) Knowledge and training available</b> Residents access to training and education required for them to be able to be part of resilient prepared and functioning society	<b>D5) Involvement in decision making of expertise and perspective</b> Citizens access to information about sustainable development
E) Built		<b>E1) Green Technology</b> Infrastructure Recycles minerals, biomass, and restricts emissions of toxins to ecosystems	<b>E2) Built environment designed for humans</b> Standard of housing resilient to energy shortfall and extreme weather	<b>E3) Availability of built</b> Infrastructure dimension and functioning to meet needs resiliently	<b>E4) Infrastructure safe for humans</b> Built objects exhibit High safety factor	<b>E5) Determination over built capital</b> Citizens involvement in all major decisions of infrastructure

The current social, environmental and economic predicament we are facing requires the active , bold participation of people showing vision, courage and leadership. Economic activity more often undermines prosperity by draining natural resources. And despite economic growth, many citizens are falling into unacceptably low standards of living.

The common good regional matrix provides a reporting framework that looks at entire bio-regions/municipalities giving stakeholders a shared starting point from which to develop strategies and activities for sustainable development.

### WHAT IT DOES

The matrix provides a framework for assessing the potential of a municipality or other delimited geographic area to transition to sustainably provide essential services to people living there.

development. Typically, a group representing municipal authorities, business and civil society will cooperate on producing the report.

### WHAT IT IS

The matrix comprises a human value dimension represented vertically, and a capital dimension represented horizontally. The matrix offers a set of criteria and dimensions to work through to help create a common view and starting point for

With five human value dimensions and five types of capital it gives a basic framework of 25 aspects.

## HOW TO COMPILE THE REPORT

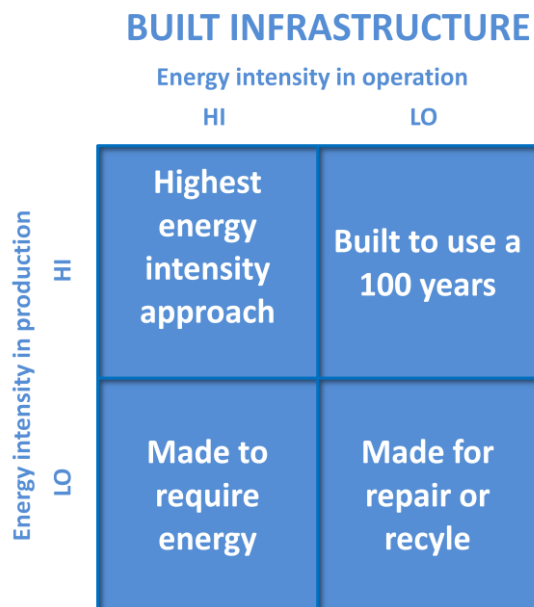
To complete the matrix report, a guide offers sub criteria for each of the 25 aspects as well as a list of questions to consider for each.

The responding team prepares three statements for each aspect, along with supporting measurements, statistics and descriptions.

Once completed, the report can be put through peer review or stakeholder consultation or consultant review, depending on the needs of the situation.

## Technology Transition

The diagram below shows one of the report's functions: to aid transformation and development of the region's built capital



## WHY THE MATRIX APPROACH?

### It is Comprehensive

The matrix contains standards for human relationships as well as constitutional values and aligns them with standards for maintaining natural, human, social and built capital in a prosperity context. It rewards stakeholders for behaving and organizing themselves in a humane, cooperative, ecological and democratic way.

### It is Cooperative

The process of producing the matrix report offers opportunity for cooperating, sharing insights and exploring new dimensions of opportunity in the area.

### It is Effective

Starting from the 25 dimensions, the matrix approach ensures all aspects that need to be covered are included, offering the chance to drill down to details where appropriate.

## Consulting Services

ISSS and partners offer a range of consulting support connected to the reporting process including:

1. Support for regions working toward a Common Good Report (from the initial contact all the way to an audit)
2. Professional consultation in several specific aspects of work for example in risk management, nutrient management technology, financial incentive design, complementary currency instruments
3. Training in eco-settlement design, risk mitigation.

## About the origins of the report

The Common Good Matrix was originally designed for corporations, based on the work of economist Christian Felber who defines concrete means by which the global economy can be made more humane, ecological, and democratic.

### About ISSS

The Institute of Swedish Safety & Security (ISSS) is a Stockholm based foundation working with risk and crisis management. The mission of ISSS is to help communities achieve safer and secure future. Its current focus includes fuel security, local economic development and bio-fuels.

## BE PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT

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