Indicator Report Card

The following "report card" was developed as a tool to provide counties within the region with baseline data to assess their strengths and weaknesses and to evaluate progress over time. The data is downloadable on the VF [website](). It is anticipated that each county will use the data to rank their status on the various indicators. The tool will be available for local governments to periodically update and compare results to the baseline information as a measure of progress.

	Strength	Good: Continue to Improve	Caution: Needs Improve-ment	Regional Weakness: Needs Attention
Regional Prosperity				
Employment growth over last 10 years compared to state average[1]				
Business establishment growth compared to state average[1]				
Lodging Tax growth compared to regional average[2]				
Unemployment rate compared to state average[3]				
Growth in jobs in the professional/technical and health care sectors[1]				
Growth policies in the county have information on downtown and policies to support main street[4]				
County ranking for percent of homes with broadband download speeds greater than 25mbps[5]				
Number of renewable energy projects in county[6]				
Community Vitality				
Percent of housing stock rated as poor or fair condition compared to state average[7]				
Percent of owner-occupied vs. renter-occupied housing units compared to state average[8]				
Number of residential units accessible to persons with disabilities, or demonstrating universal design for future adaptations, funded with housing tax credits[9]				
Policies supporting equitable access for persons with disabilities included in growth policies[4]				
Denial rate for mortgage loan applications from Native American applicants compared to state average[10]				
Number of rent-subsidized housing units (Section 8 or NAHASDA units) available to low income residents[11]				
Number of Historic Districts and listings on the National Historic Register[12]				
Growth policies with goals and objectives related to community character[4]				
Growth policies that include both an inventory of parks and policies regarding parks[4]				

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Physical Systems				
Trends in highway crash data[13]				
Trends in transit ridership[14]				
Trends in number of public water systems reporting contamination or monitoring/testing[15]				
Percent of wastewater projects in the county that successfully applied for grants for upgrades[16]				
Inventory/map of existing and proposed trail systems included in growth policies[4]				
Decrease in percentage of people who drove to work alone[17]				
Social Systems				
No Child Left Behind - # of schools in county that made adequate yearly progress[18]				
Percent of high school graduates continuing on to post-secondary education compared to state rate[19]				
County classification as "Health Care Professional Shortage Area"[20]				
Per capita licensed adult day care beds for 65+ population[21]				
Local growth policies have information on youth trends and policies to address needs for this population[4]				
Obesity rates compared to statewide average[22]				
Percent of all adults reporting their general health status as "fair" or "poor"[23]				
County has adopted or updated a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan in the last five years				
Natural Assets				
Number of water bodies covered by a TMDL or watershed planning group[24,25]				
Amount of direct sales of agricultural products to consumers in the county[26]				
Number of acres in organic crops[27]				
Number of farms with produced and sold value-added commodities compared to statewide rankings[28]				
Number of local governments participating in FEMA Community Rating System program[29]				
Number of census tracts classified as food deserts[30]				