

# Criteria for Strategies or Actions

## Reasons for criteria:

- Help to keep major interests of the group in focus
- Useful in a complex evaluation situation (when need to consider a number of components)
- Assist in providing a productive framework for discussion
- Helps avoid making decisions on preconceived notions
- Allows all opinions to be involved equally
- Allow for objective and more uniform reasoning for supporting or not supporting when comes to decision-making
- Provides others with some of the rationale behind the decisions made
- Will be used at multiple times (consideration when generating possible actions and guide for the later evaluative discussion)

## Characteristics of criteria:

- Relate to your overall hopes or goals to this element
- Assist in bringing objectivity to the discussion
- Looked at as a whole will help make this fair and equitable to all concerned
- If meet, will be willing to implement
- Want no more than 5-6 that the group believes are most important to consider
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## Examples of criteria used for other projects:

- Can this part of the best overall solution?
- Will this action satisfy the most people, be cost effective and practical (can be implemented), and help produce a long-term positive impact?
- Is it in the best interests of the larger community?
- Does this address the group's primary goals?
- Does it uphold standards of fairness, efficiency and scientific merit?

## Samples of possible criteria:

- Does it assist with enabling the development and redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure and municipal and utility services?
- Does it help keep relatively low municipal, state and utility costs?
- Does it promote the availability of land for the development or redevelopment of low-income and moderate-income housing?
- Does it assist in providing a range of housing choices that meet the needs of persons of all income levels and of all age groups and people with special needs?
- Is it politically acceptable, technically workable, cost effective, and legally/morally defensible?