

INTERVIEW OUTLINE

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the interview format and the types of questions you can anticipate in the interview. Portions in *italics* represent actual wording that will be used. If you would like a complete version of the interview script, please feel free to request one. The interview will follow the following format:

- Welcome & Introduction
- Review of the letters of informed consent
- Interview begins:

Personal Orientation (5-10 minutes)

- *Please share a bit about yourself: your heritage; cultural identity; the focus of your work?*
- *How would you define your community in terms of geography and population of people? In other words, what places and people make up your community?*

“Sustainability” as a Concept (20-40 minutes)

- *Is “sustainability” a term that you use or is there another term you prefer to use? (If another term is suggested, all subsequent uses of “sustainability” will be replaced with your preferred term.)*
- *What comes to mind when you think of “sustainability” (or alternative term)?*
- *Are there any images or symbols that come to mind that represent the concept of sustainability in some way? (If yes) Could you draw a sketch of the image and tell me about its meaning?*

—5 minute break—

Vision of a Sustainable Future (60-80 minutes)

Earlier you identified your community as _____ (earlier response paraphrased). Allow your imagination to take you into the future. Imagine a future, where your notion of sustainability has taken form in your community. You are there as an observer; take a minute to bring this vision into greater clarity. In responding to the following questions I would like you to remain as an observer of this future place and report to me what you see. Whenever you’re ready, please begin to share what you see in your vision of a sustainable future.

Follow up questions will seek to draw out more details about your vision of a sustainable future. For example:

- *Please talk about the various kinds of relationships in your vision.*
- *What are some of the core values held by the people?*

—5-10 minute break—

From Here to There (20-30 minutes)

With this vision of a sustainable future fresh in mind, I would like to know your thoughts on the necessary actions and strategies needed to begin/continue from this day forward to bring this vision into reality. We will consider these questions from today’s context and view the path ahead—how to move along a path towards a sustainable future.

- *What actions and strategies will it take to make this vision of sustainability a reality?*
- *What are the most important obstacles to be confronted?*

- Conclusion of interview (estimated total of 2-3 hours)