

## Glossary

**Community:** a group of people who live and interact within a specific area.

**Carrying Capacity:** the maximum population size the environment can sustain indefinitely, given the food, habitat, water and other necessities available in the environment.

**Green Plan:** a document presenting community goals and actions needed to improve the environment of the community, including social and economic actions. In some communities, the term may be used interchangeably with “Integrated Community Sustainability Plan”.

**Integrated Community Sustainability Plan:** a document presenting sustainability principals, and goals and actions, and integrating environmental, economic and social values to achieve sustainability. In some communities, the term may be used interchangeably with “Green Plan”.

**Sustainability:** the capacity to endure; development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs (World Commission on Environment and Development, 1987).

**Sustainable Community:** a community that meets its present and future social, economic and environmental needs.

**Sustainability Principles:** a code of conduct designed to help realize short and long term goals related to sustainability.