



# Watershed Characterization & Planning Workshop: Worksheet 1

This worksheet will help individuals or organizations who are interested in supporting a locally led watershed characterization or plan to identify the different types of contributions that can support this work.

Please review each statement and circle the number that best reflects your opinion for each:

**1-strongly disagree 2-disagree 3-neutral 4-agree 5-strongly agree ?-don't know**

As you finish each section, reflect on some next steps you might take based on your responses.

Motivation and Focus						
I am clear on why I want to support a locally led watershed characterization or plan.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I understand how my watershed or organization can benefit from strong, locally led watershed characterizations and plans.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I am focused on supporting a specific watershed.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I am able to support watershed work at a broader regional scale (e.g., county, region-wide).	1	2	3	4	5	?
I am clear on how much time I can commit to supporting locally led watershed efforts.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I am clear whether I will volunteer my time, participate as part of my job, or need to be paid for my time.						
<i>What do the answers to these questions tell us about my next steps?</i>						
Exploring Approaches						
I can help local groups understand different approaches to watershed characterization or planning.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I can help local groups understand the costs associated with different approaches.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I can help local groups navigate funding opportunities, including potential funders and grant requirements.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I (or my organization) can provide funding to support some or all of the planning effort.	1	2	3	4	5	?
My organization can serve a project sponsor or fiscal sponsor for a planning effort.	1	2	3	4	5	?
<i>What do the answers to these questions tell us about our next steps?</i>						



Technical Contributions						
I can help groups identify relevant plans, studies, and datasets for a watershed characterization or plan.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I can help groups compile and organize existing data and information about the watershed.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I can help interpret data, plans, and other information to better understand watershed conditions.	1	2	3	4	5	?
<i>What do the answers to these questions tell us about our next steps?</i>						
Working with Partners and Communities						
I can connect a local group with others who have relevant expertise, experience, or resources.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I can connect a local group with different constituencies in the watershed, including those who have been historically excluded from planning processes.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I can interpret and communicate technical information in accessible ways, including plain language or language translation.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I can help design and/or implement public engagement efforts, including outreach and communication strategies.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I have access to space for partner meetings or community engagement activities.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I can help design and guide collaborative processes that support shared understanding and decision-making.	1	2	3	4	5	?
I can help implement priority actions identified in a watershed plan.	1	2	3	4	5	?
<i>What do the answers to these questions tell us about our next steps?</i>						

What is the first thing you will do when you get back to your home or office?

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