

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPONENTS WORKSHEET

A neighborhood is not one thing. It is a set of components that, taken together, make up the unit. Each component is healthy when its key attributes are functioning. A neighborhood is thriving when all seven components are healthy.

1 LEVEL 1 · THE WHOLE
A THRIVING NEIGHBORHOOD
 The aggregate condition. Diagnosed by the pattern across all seven components.

7 LEVEL 2 · THE COMPONENTS
WORKING COMPONENTS
 Each captures something the others do not. Each can be observed and cultivated.

21 LEVEL 3 · THE ATTRIBUTES
KEY ATTRIBUTES
 Three per component. Each is a characteristic whose impairment would degrade the component.

1
PLACE & BUILT ENVIRONMENT
 The substrate
 The physical and ecological stage — geography, infrastructure, watershed, canopy. Necessary but not sufficient.

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2
RECOGNITION
Knowing & being known
 The texture of being a recognizable person in a recognizable place. The on-ramp to deeper relationship.

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3
RHYTHM & RECURRENCE
The activator
 The cadence of repeated encounter — daily routines, weekly rituals, seasonal gatherings, more-than-human time.

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4
MUTUAL OBLIGATION
Care from recognition
 What recognition becomes when activated by trust. Bilateral care that turns acquaintance into shared responsibility.

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5
COMMON STAKES
Shared concerns & exposures
 Conditions residents share by living in the same place. Most visible when stress reveals them.

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6
INSTITUTIONAL ANCHORS
Load-bearing structures
 Schools, congregations, libraries, businesses, mutual-aid — structures that hold material and relational life across time.


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7
STORY, MEMORY & IDENTITY
The temporal layer
 The layering of past and future that makes a neighborhood accountable to both. Honored, reckoned with, built toward.

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HOW THE SEVEN WORK TOGETHER FROM SUBSTRATE TO TEMPORAL LAYERING

The components are not independent. Place is the substrate. Recognition is what proximity can produce given rhythm. Mutual obligation is what recognition becomes when activated by trust. Common stakes are conditions residents share whether they recognize each other or not. Institutions hold across time. Story makes the whole accountable to past and future.

Material  Temporal

WHAT IS NOT ON THIS PAGE · FOUR CROSS-CUTTING DIMENSIONS CONDITIONS OF THE WORK, NOT COMPONENTS IN THE SET

The more-than-human shows up across place, rhythm, and story rather than as a separate component. The boundary question — whose “we” — applies to all seven. Geography excludes, relationship includes — the asymmetry has to be held with intentionality. Activated and potential — measurement captures what is currently activated; cultivation works on what is latent.