

**SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS AND PROPOSED CHECKLIST,
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

Sustainable Actions

It is generally accepted that for an **action or project** to be considered as "**sustainable**" it must be:

- **socially just**
- **economically viable** and
- **ecologically* sound**

and must **continue to be so indefinitely**.

***Ecology** is, essentially, the study of the **relationships** between **living organisms, including humans,** and their **physical and natural environment**.

Proposed Checklist

The following is a proposed checklist with a view to undertaking a **sustainable action or project**:

1. Is it being developed **with** (as opposed to merely **for**) **the community**?
2. How will you ensure that it will be **economically viable**?
3. Are its **impacts on the ecology** going to be **positive, negative or neutral**?
4. If the **impacts on the ecology** are going to be **negative**, should the action or project be **abandoned** or can it be **adjusted to ensure positive or neutral impacts**?
5. How can any **positive ecological impacts** be **enhanced**?
6. How will you ensure that the action or project will continue to be **sustainable for future generations**?

Environmental Sustainability

This is the **rates of renewable resource harvest, pollution creation, and non-renewable resource depletion** that **can be continued indefinitely**. If they **cannot be continued indefinitely** then they are **not sustainable**. (*Definition of Environmental Sustainability - Thwink.org*)

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