

# America in Bloom 2019 Evaluation Report



**Community:**  
**Population:**  
**Population Category:**  
**Evaluation Dates:**

**Lead Judge:**  
**Co-Judge:**

*America in Bloom envisions communities across the country as welcoming and vibrant places to live, work, and play – benefitting from colorful plants and trees; enjoying clean environments; celebrating heritage and planting pride through volunteerism.*

Seven Criteria (Codes)	Possible Points	Actual Points	Percentage
1. Community Vitality (CV)	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Flowers (FL)	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. Landscaped Areas (LA)	0.00	0.00	0.00
4. Urban Forestry (UF)	0.00	0.00	0.00
5. Environmental Efforts (EE)	0.00	0.00	0.00
6. Celebrating Heritage (CH)	0.00	0.00	0.00
7. Overall Impression (OI)	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Other</b>			
8. Evaluation Tour Preparation & Actions (ET)	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Points and Percentage</b>			
	0.00	0.00	0.00

Community representatives to receive the Evaluation Report (three minimum)		
Name	Title	Email

## **GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION:**

### **Communities are required to provide the following prior to evaluation:**

- Community Profile organized to follow the criteria and metrics. For repeat communities, call out what is new and/or implemented due to judges' recommendations.
- Evaluation Tour Itinerary with start and finish times for each day
- Community Map with community boundaries and the tour route
- Communities are responsible for addressing the metrics in the Community Profile, Evaluation Tour Itinerary, and during the Evaluation Tour.

### **The areas to be scored:**

Judges will review Community Profiles, Community Maps, and Evaluation Tour Itineraries to confirm the appropriateness of the areas to be evaluated and contact communities prior to the tour so adjustments can be made.

- All areas (municipal, commercial and residential) within the boundaries of the entrant's community/municipality (except as noted below) are scored and a representative portion of all areas must be included.
- Property to be scored, whether public or private, must be subject to the codes and regulations of the entrant's community/municipality.
- When a property does not meet these requirements, but the community's volunteers significantly impact the property with labor and/or funding, then judges may include in their scoring the property not subject to the codes and regulations of the entrant community.
- A community may request recommendations for areas toured but not scored.

### **Metrics are noted with unique codes based on the criteria. Ratings include:**

**N/A** (Not Applicable): Communities should strive to implement all metrics; however, judges will use N/A when a metric is not scorable in a community. An N/A metric is not included in the point totals and does not affect percentages. Examples when N/A may apply in a metric: commercial/business areas do not exist; state or county statutes prevent implementation of a metric.

**Not Started** (0 pts.): programs or procedures are not in place.

**Launched** (1 pt.): programs or procedures are in place but not fully realized.

**Achieved** (2 pts.): programs or procedures are implemented but could be improved.

**Surpassing** (3 pts.): programs or procedures are well-implemented.

**Excelling** (4 pts.): programs or procedures are exceptional.

**NS** (Not Scored): preset in a metric's point box when a score there is not appropriate.

**Judges' Discretion** (3-4 pts.): judges may add and score an item not in the metrics. This item must be an unusual or newly implemented project, program, or initiative that can be repeated in other communities and perhaps used as a future metric.

### **Other:**

- This Evaluation Report's scoring, general observations, and general and criteria recommendations are based upon the community's efforts including its levels of participation in, or implementation of the metrics in each of the criteria.
- Future projects and programs are not scored.
- The scoring for the seven evaluation criteria is adjusted to the climate and environmental conditions of the community's location. Make sure the judges are made aware of any challenges that were faced during the year.

**General Observations and Recommendations (recommendations are indicated in italics):**

Community Vitality (CV) Criterion Definition	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
COMMUNITY VITALITY (CV): policies, programs, activities, and facilities that lead to a vibrant community and a sense of well-being. Includes libraries, community centers, parks, playgrounds, dog parks, sports fields, water activities, trails, and other outdoor recreational opportunities	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>a. Leadership and Policy</b>						
CV.a.01 Municipal volunteer boards are in place						
CV.a.02 - Clean Air (such as No Smoking) policies implemented						
CV.a.03 – Municipality offers grants to neighborhood associations for enhancements						
CV.a.04 - Master plan in place for public green space and parks						
CV.a.05 - ADA accessibility in public outdoor areas including play equipment						
CV.a.06 - Promotion of alternative transportation: pedestrian, bicycling, car/van pools, ride sharing, and/or mass transit						
<b>b. Facilities and Events</b>						
CV.b.01 - Outdoor recreation facilities meet community needs: parks, playgrounds, splash pads, dog parks, sports fields, sports courts, swimming pools, golf courses, kayak/canoe trails, public access to water bodies, etc.						
CV.b.02 - Walking, biking, and exercise trail network in place						
CV.b.03 - Performances/events for art, dance, theatre, music, and/or cinema						
CV.b.04 - Run/walk/bike/kayak/canoe events are held						
CV.b.05 - Benches and seating available near walking, exercise, and playground areas						
CV.b.06 - Structures, shade sails, or trees provide shade for spectators and/or participants						
CV.b.07 - Playgrounds exist and age-appropriate ranges of equipment are offered						
CV.b.08 - Public library/resources center is available						
CV.b.09 - Community center is available						
CV.b.10 - Farmers' Market(s) is available						

Community Vitality Criterion (Continued)	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>c. Community Involvement</b>						
CV.c.01 - Community gardening sites are in use						
CV.c.02 - Level of participation in food banks, hunger-relief, Plant a Row for the Hungry (GardenComm initiative), etc.						
CV.c.03 - Participation in civic events such as Bike to Work Days, Walk to School Days, etc.						
CV.c.04 – Voluntary (non-mandated HOA) neighborhood organizations in place						
CV.c.05 - Recognition programs for volunteers						
<b>d. Judges' Discretion: Recognition by the judges of an item of special note</b>						
CV.d.01 - Judges to enter text below		NS	NS	NS		
<b>Totals:</b>						
	<b>Possible Points</b>		<b>Actual Points</b>		<b>Percentage</b>	
<b>1. Community Vitality (CV)</b>						

**Community Vitality (CV) Recommendations:**

Flowers Criterion Definition	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
2. FLOWERS (FL): flowering annuals, perennials, bulbs, tropical plants, flowering topiaries, and colorful foliage and/or cut plant material for season-round interest in containers, hanging baskets, window boxes, raised planters, trellises, and in-ground beds	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>a. Leadership and Policy</b>						
FL.a.01 - Public or private management of flower displays						
<b>b. Plan of Action</b>						
FL.b.01 - Action plan developed each season for procurement, scheduling, planting, and maintenance of flower displays						
FL.b.02 - Recognition program in place for attractively planted containers						
<b>c. Design</b>						
FL.c.01 - Unity and Variety: plant combinations create visual interest and dramatic effect while appearing coordinated						
FL.c.02 - Suitability of Plant Selections: plants selected for current and expected environmental conditions						
FL.c.03 - Distribution and Location: displays found throughout the community and at key locations						
FL.c.04 - Seasonal Displays: seasonal displays with spring, summer, fall, and/or holiday displays						
<b>d. Maintenance</b>						
FL.d.01 - Watering procedures to maintain growth in place						
FL.d.02 - Fertilization: appropriate fertilization procedures using slow-release, liquid fertilizers, and/or soil amendments						
FL.d.03 - Grooming: regular pruning, dead-heading, removal and replacement of dead plants						
FL.d.04 - Plant health strategies in place to monitor and manage pests and diseases (IPM-Integrated Pest Management)						
FL.d.05 - Health and Vigor: plants are robust and floriferous						
<b>e. Community Involvement</b>						
FL.e.01 - Volunteers provide donations and/or funds and/or participate in the design, planting, and/or care of flower displays						
FL.e.02 - Civic groups, garden clubs, Master Gardeners, school programs, etc., sponsor plant sales, plant swaps, provide information, or educational sessions that contribute to the quality and implementation of the community's flower displays						

Flowers Criterion (Continued)	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>f. Judges' Discretion: Recognition by the judges of an item of special note</b>						
FL.f.01 - Judges to enter text below		NS	NS	NS		
<b>Totals:</b>						
	<b>Possible Points</b>		<b>Actual Points</b>		<b>Percentage</b>	
<b>2. Flowers (FL)</b>						

Flowers (FL) Recommendations:

Landscaped Areas Criterion Definition	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
3. LANDSCAPED AREAS (LA): plants and related programs for the leadership, design, installation, and maintenance of landscape. Includes shrubs, ornamental grasses, vines, evergreen topiaries, turf, and groundcovers.	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>a. Leadership and Policy</b>						
LA.a.01 - Management of planting public landscaped areas						
LA.a.02 - Municipal landscape ordinance requires landscaping and maintenance for new and/or improved commercial development						
<b>b. Plan of Action</b>						
LA.b.01 - Planning for restoration of natural areas						
LA.b.02 - Strategy for management of invasive plants						
<b>b. Plant of Action</b>						
LA.b.03 - Demonstration/display gardens with interpretive signage (pollinator, wildlife, native, low-water use, etc.) in place and promoted						
LA.b.04 - Effective communication to residents of “Right Plant in the Right Place” and/or invasive plant issues						
LA.b.05 - Recognition program for attractive landscapes in place						
<b>c. Design</b>						
LA.c.01 - Unity and Variety: plant combinations create visual interest while appearing coordinated						
LA.c.02 - Suitability of Plant Selections: plants selected for existing and anticipated environmental conditions						
LA.c.03 - Distribution/Locations: landscaping found throughout the community and at key locations						
<b>d. Maintenance</b>						
LA.d.01 - Grooming: pruning of plants, removal and/or replacement of dead plants						
LA.d.02 - Plant Health: strategies such as IPM (Integrated Pest Management) in place to monitor and manage diseases and pests						
LA.d.03 - Weed Management: strategies in place to manage weeds (removal, mulching, etc.)						
LA.d.04 - Health and Vigor: plants are robust						
LA.d.05 - Turf Care: proper mowing, edging, and replacement of dead turf						
LA.d.06 - Turf Health: procedures such as IPM (Integrated Pest Management) in place to monitor and manage diseases, pests, and weeds						



Landscaped Areas Criterion (Continued)	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>e. Community Involvement</b>						
LA.e.01 - Volunteers assist in funding, design, installation, and/or care of landscaped areas and/or turf in public areas						
<b>f. Judges' Discretion: Recognition by the judges of an item of special note</b>						
LA.f.01 - Judges to enter text below		NS	NS	NS		
<b>Totals:</b>						
	<b>Possible Points</b>		<b>Actual Points</b>		<b>Percentage</b>	
<b>3. Landscaped Areas (LA)</b>						

**Landscaped Areas (LA) Recommendations:**

Urban Forestry Criterion Definition	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
4. URBAN FORESTRY (UF): trees and related programs for the leadership, management, design, installation, and maintenance on public and private lands	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>a. Leadership and Policy</b>						
UF.a.01 - Qualified personnel are on staff or accessing trained individuals such as arborists and/or urban foresters						
UF.b.02 - Annual tree planting program for public areas						
UF.a.03 - Municipal ordinance(s) enacted/enforced for tree preservation on public property						
UF.a.04 - Municipal ordinance(s) enacted/enforced for tree preservation on private property						
UF.a.05 - Municipal ordinance(s) enacted/enforced for protection of trees during construction						
UF.a.06 - Currently a Tree City USA community and/or has the Growth Award designation						
<b>b. Plan of Action</b>						
UF.b.01 - Tree inventory for public areas is complete and current within the past ten years						
UF.b.02 - Annual tree planting program for public areas						
UF.b.03 - Management strategies for removal of dead, imperiled, and invasive trees						
UF.b.04 - Policy for recognition and protection of heritage trees in place						
UF.b.05 - Effective communication to residents of recommended trees, proper planting, "Right Tree in the Right Place," and/or maintenance						
<b>c. Design</b>						
UF.c.01 - Variety: current practices include appropriate selection of tree species being planted						
UF.c.02 - Placement: current practices include appropriate spacing and planting area for optimal root and canopy growth						
UF.c.03 - Planting: current practices include correct tree planting depth (trunk flare at/above grade)						
UF.c.04 - Arboretum in place with labels and descriptive signage						

Urban Forestry Criterion (Continued)	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>d. Maintenance</b>						
UF.d.01 - Tree Health: strategies in place to monitor and manage diseases and pests						
UF.d.02 - Watering, Mulching, and Pruning for New Trees: procedures for watering and proper mulching (i.e., no volcano mulching) in place						
UF.d.03 - Pruning for Established Trees: appropriate pruning, removal of dead limbs, and canopies raised adequately above vehicle and pedestrian areas						
<b>e. Community Involvement</b>						
UF.e.01 – Policy for donations to tree planting in public areas (memorial trees, etc.) in place						
UF.e.02 - Community participates in Arbor Day activities						
UF.e.03 - Volunteers assist in tree planting and/or care						
<b>f. Judges' Discretion: Recognition by the judges of an item of special note</b>						
UF.f.01 - Judges to enter text below		NS	NS	NS		
<b>Totals:</b>						
	<b>Possible Points</b>		<b>Actual Points</b>		<b>Percentage</b>	
<b>4. Urban Forestry (UF)</b>						

**Urban Forestry (UF) Recommendations:**

Environmental Efforts Criterion Definition	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>5. ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS (EE): environmental leadership, policies, plans and programs for resource conservation; pollution control; trash, recycling, and reuse; and alternative fuel vehicles</b>						
<b>a. Leadership and Policy</b>						
EE.a.01 - Environmental Advisory Board(s) and/or Green Team(s) in place						
EE.a.02 - Electric/alternative fuel vehicle(s) used by municipality						
EE.a.03 - Electric vehicle charging station(s) provided						
EE.a.04 - Stormwater management policies in place						
EE.a.05 - Pet waste policies in place and enforced						
<b>b. Plan of Action</b>						
EE.b.01 Sustainability Action Plan in place						
EE.b.02 Effective education about environmental efforts						
EE.b.03 - Litter and/or environmental clean-up procedures in use						
EE.b.04 - Brownfield clean-up policies in place						
<b>c. Resource Conservation</b>						
EE.c.01 - Buildings are LEED certified and/or follow the standards						
EE.c.02 - Bio-swales and/or rain gardens to reduce pollution in place						
EE.c.03 - Home energy audit/incentives available						
EE.c.04 – Program makes rain barrels available			NS		NS	NS
EE.c.05 - Low-flow water device incentives available			NS		NS	NS
<b>d. Trash, Recycling, and Reuse Management</b>						
EE.d.01 Residential curbside trash collection is required			NS		NS	NS
EE.d.02 - Residential curbside recycling collection and/or collection points are in place						
EE.d.03 Standardized labels on trash/recycling bins and/or carts			NS		NS	NS
EE.d.04 Standardized labels on trash/recycling receptacles in public areas			NS		NS	NS
EE.d.05 - Yard waste composting pick-up and/ or drop-off available			NS		NS	NS
EE.d.06 - Prescription drug drop-off available			NS		NS	NS
EE.d.07 - Hazardous waste and/or electronics waste collection or drop-off available			NS		NS	NS
EE.d.08 - Plastic bag and/or foam container collection available			NS		NS	NS
EE.d.09 Reuse opportunities are available (clothing, books, household goods, repair initiatives, etc.)						

Environmental Efforts Criterion (Continued)	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>e. Community Involvement</b>						
EE.e.01 - Participation in Earth Day celebrations, and similar events that enhance public awareness of environmental issues						
EE.e.02 - Garden clubs, Master Gardeners, school curricula, and/or Soil and Water Conservation District, etc. provide educational opportunities for rain barrel usage, backyard habitats, and other environmental initiatives						
<b>f. Judges' Discretion: Recognition by the judges of an item of special note</b>						
EE.f.01 - Judges to enter text below		NS	NS	NS		
<b>Totals:</b>						
	<b>Possible Points</b>		<b>Actual Points</b>		<b>Percentage</b>	
<b>5. Environmental Efforts (EE)</b>						

**Environmental Efforts (EE) Recommendations:**

Celebrating Heritage Criterion Definition	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
6. CELEBRATING HERITAGE (CH): recognition, designation, protection, commemoration, and celebration of historical, cultural, natural, agricultural, and industrial resources	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>a. Leadership and Policy</b>						
CH.a.01 Historic preservation ordinance provides commercial and residential <u>district</u> designation and protection from demolition			NS		NS	NS
CH.a.02 Historic preservation ordinance provides commercial and residential <u>individual structure</u> designation and protection from demolition			NS		NS	NS
CH.a.03 Design guidelines in place to preserve the character of historic neighborhoods and/or structures						
CH.a.04 Protective covenants to protect structures from demolition are in place and promoted						
CH.a.05 - Incentives offered to promote preservation: tax credits, waived permit fees, eased setbacks, rebates, etc.						
CH.a.06 - Land trusts and/or conservation easements are available			NS		NS	NS
CH.a.07 - Historic Preservation and/or Architectural Review Board in place			NS		NS	NS
CH.a.08 - Historical Society is active			NS		NS	NS
<b>b. Plan of Action</b>						
CH.b.01 - Effective communication of ordinances, policies, and restoration methods						
CH.b.02 - National Register of Historic Places district and/or individual designations in place						
CH.b.03 - Natural and/or agricultural areas are protected						
CH.b.04 - Archives, artifacts, cemetery records, and/or oral histories in place and properly stored						
CH.b.05 – Education: historical publications/websites, interpretive signage, and programs in place						
<b>c. Commemoration</b>						
CH.c.01 - Signage in place for historic neighborhoods and/or structures						
CH.c.02 - Historical museum(s) and/or interpretive displays maintained						
CH.c.03 - Cemeteries, monuments, and/or plaques in place and well-maintained						
CH.c.04 - Community heritage promoted through tours (guided or self), brochures, Smartphone apps, etc.						
CH.c.05 - Parades, festivals, events, programs commemorating a community's heritage are held						
CH.c.06 - National Preservation Month in May celebrated						

Celebrating Heritage Criterion (Continued)	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>d. Community Involvement</b>						
CH.d.01 - Volunteers participate in planning and implementing recognition of a community's heritage through historical tours, parades, festivals, etc.						
CH.d.02 - Volunteers participate in maintaining historical sites and structures						
<b>f. Judges' Discretion: Recognition by the judges of an item of special note</b>						
CH.e.01 - Judges to enter text below		NS	NS	NS		
<b>Totals:</b>						
	<b>Possible Points</b>		<b>Actual Points</b>		<b>Percentage</b>	
<b>6. Celebrating Heritage (CH)</b>						

**Celebrating Heritage (CH) Recommendations:**

Overall Impression (OI) Criterion Definition	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
7. OVERALL IMPRESSION (OI): adequate and effective amenities are provided in good condition, and the community is welcoming and attractive	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>a. Leadership and Policy</b>						
OI.a.01 - Signage ordinances enacted and enforced						
OI.a.02 - Ordinances in place to address overgrown lots, abandoned vehicles, unscreened dumpsters, public nuisances, unregulated garage sales, empty storefront windows, etc.						
OI.a.03 - Code enforcement/compliance officer on municipal staff and codes are enforced						
OI.a.04 – Design style determined, applied, and consistent for: site furnishings, crosswalks, gateway entry features, banners, wayfinding signage, etc.						
<b>b. Amenities</b>						
OI.b.01 - Site furnishings in place: water features, lamp posts, benches, bicycle racks, drinking fountains, trash and recycling receptacles, containers, planters, and cigarette receptacles						
OI.b.02 - Crosswalks well-marked						
OI.b.03 - Public restrooms available						
OI.b.04 - Effective community gateway entry features						
OI.b.05 - Effective use of banners, murals, and/or public art						
OI.b.06 - Effective wayfinding signage						
OI.b.07 - Effective use of non-plant seasonal decorations (lights, ornaments, etc.)						
<b>c. Condition and Maintenance</b>						
OI.c.01 - Condition of structures, buildings, decks, patios related to lack of vandalism, graffiti, peeling or faded paint, and rust						
OI.c.02 - Condition of infrastructure: roadways, road shoulders, curbs, medians, sidewalks, crosswalks/pavement markings, transformers, and utility poles related to lack of weeds, vandalism, litter, graffiti, peeling or faded paint, and rust						
OI.c.03 - Condition of signs and site furnishings: water features, lamp posts, benches, bicycle racks, drinking fountains, trash and recycling receptacles, containers, planters, and cigarette receptacles						
OI.c.04 - Condition of vacant lots, stormwater retention ponds, and swales						
OI.c.05 - Lack of snipe/stake signs, billboards, and posted flyers						
OI.c.06 - Regularly scheduled street sweeping						



Overall Impression Criterion (Continued)	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)					
	Not Applicable N/A	Not Started (0 pts)	Launched (1 pt)	Achieved (2 pts)	Surpassing (3 pts)	Excelling (4 pts)
<b>d. Community Involvement</b>						
Ol.d.01 - Volunteer funding and/or participation in community revitalization and improvement initiatives, such as Adopt-A-Spot, Habitat for Humanity, River Sweep, home repair programs (CHIP), disaster relief, clean-up days, etc.						
Ol.d.02 - Process is available for residents to fund public amenities such as memorial benches, brick pathways, etc.						
<b>e. Judges' Discretion: Recognition by the judges of an item of special note</b>						
Ol.e.01 - Judges to enter text below		NS	NS	NS		
<b>Totals:</b>						
	<b>Possible Points</b>		<b>Actual Points</b>		<b>Percentage</b>	
<b>7. Overall Impression (OI)</b>						

**Overall Impression (OI) Recommendations:**

Evaluation Tour Preparation and Actions (ET) Definition	Metrics Ratings (NS = Not Scored)		
8. EVALUATION TOUR PREPARATION AND ACTIONS (ET): community's readiness prior to and the action during the Evaluation Tour	Not Applicable N/A	Unmet (0 pts)	Met (1 pt)
<b>a. Prior to the Evaluation Tour</b>			
ET.a.01 - Community Profile provided to judges at least two weeks prior to the judging date			
ET.a.02 - Community Profile includes contacts with emails			
ET.a.03 - Community Profile from a returning community makes it clear what is new and/or implemented from judges' recommendations (scored as N/A for a new community)			
ET.a.04 - Evaluation Tour Itinerary and Community Map with boundaries provided to judges at least two weeks prior to their arrival			
<b>b. During the Evaluation Tour</b>			
ET.b.01 - Evaluation Tour provided a representative cross-section of the community			
ET.b.02 - Judges met with elected/appointed municipal leaders and/or staff			
ET.b.03 - Judges met with the business and/or non-profit community			
ET.b.04 - Judges met with the media			
ET.b.05 - Judges met with volunteers			
ET.b.06 - Judges were asked to give a presentation(s)			
<b>c. Final Wrap-Up</b>			
ET.c.01 - Enough time was allotted for judges to work on the Evaluation Tour Report in a quiet place with adequate Wi-Fi availability			
ET.c.02 - Community participated in a wrap-up session at the end of the Evaluation Tour			
ET.c.03– Evaluation Report metrics were adequately addressed in the Community Profile and/or Evaluation Tour Itinerary and during the Evaluation Tour			
<b>d. Judges' Discretion: Recognition by the judges of an item of special note</b>			
ET.d.01 - Judges to enter text below		NS	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Actual Points</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>8. Evaluation Tour Preparation and Actions (ET)</b>			

**Evaluation Tour Preparation and Actions (ET) Recommendations:**

## **DISCLAIMERS:**

1. Communities are responsible for addressing the metrics in the Community Profile, Evaluation Tour Itinerary, and during the Evaluation Tour. Please note that the metric calculations contained herein are final, and each community is encouraged to focus on any changes during the following year's entry in the America in Bloom National Awards Program.
2. All information is given to the best of America in Bloom's knowledge and is believed to be accurate. Your conditions of use and application of recommendations and/or suggested products are beyond our control. There is no warranty expressed or implied regarding the accuracy of any given data or statements. America in Bloom specifically disclaims any responsibility or liability relating to the use of the recommendations and/or suggested products and shall under no circumstances whatsoever, be liable for any special, incidental or consequential damages which may arise from such use.
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