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Hot off the presses - A Guide to Understanding a Sense of Place from EPA

The USEPA's Community Culture and the Environment: A Guide to Understanding a Sense of Place is available for ordering. The Guide explores the concepts of community and culture and provides tools for identifying, assessing, and working cooperatively within the social dynamics and local values connected to environmental protection. These tools will help you define your community, identify stakeholders, enhance education and outreach, build partnerships and consensus, identify resources, plan and set goals, and integrate local realities with ecological issues. The Guide is designed for people involved in community-based initiatives, including those affiliated with community and watershed-based organizations, universities, and federal, state, tribal, and local agencies. Learn more about how this valuable resource can help you achieve your environmental protection goals by visiting http://www.epa.gov/ecocommunity/tools/community.pdf.

To request a FREE copy of the Guide, visit the National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP) website at http://www.epa.gov/ncepihom/index.htm or call 1-800-490-9198. The publication number is EPA 842-B-01-003.

For more information about the Guide or Community Culture and the Environment trainings, send an email to CCEinfo@tetratech-ffx.com or call 410/356-8993.

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