

# HEALTH & SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING: KEY RESOURCES

The resources in this list provide key examples of information that is available the following areas: health data, health impact assessment, community engagement, and health perspectives on sustainability planning and policy.

The [PlanH website](#) contains additional information on tools and links between health and sustainability planning. It includes a longer annotated list of resources relating to this topic.

## USING HEALTH DATA

Fraser Health

[Community Health Profiles for communities in Fraser Health Region](#)

Profiles for all communities in the Fraser Health region, which provides an overview of the health of the population, focusing on non-medical determinants of health and health status indicators.

Interior Health

[Local Health Area Profiles for communities in Interior Health Region](#)

Individual Local Health Area profiles include data from a variety of sources, including the B.C. Vital Statistics Agency, the B.C. Ministry of Health's Health Data Warehouse, B.C. Stats, Statistics Canada, and the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI).

Island Health, 2010 and 2011

[Local Health Area Profiles for communities in Island Health Authority Region](#)

Local Health Areas profiles are intended to shed some light on community health including the many factors that contribute to and detract from health such as economic status, child development, education, housing, justice, social support, and health services.

Northern Health

[Community Health Information portal for communities in Northern Health region](#)

Data on population and community health for the region and the communities on various health issues and topics, and includes links and connected research and resources.

Vancouver Coastal Health, 2010

[A rural health profile concerning Sunshine Coast, Powell River, Howe Sound, Bella Coola Valley, and Central Coast Local Health Areas.](#)

Vancouver Coastal Health, 2009

[North Shore Health Profile](#)

Provides a snapshot of the health status, and health determinants for North Shore area residents. The intent is to support the development and implementation of programs to improve the health of the population.

Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA)

### [Community Health Atlas](#)

A web-based interactive mapping tool that displays indicators of population health by geographic area. The Atlas is a free, user-friendly platform for visualizing and comparing data related to population health, demographics as well as developmental, socio-economic, and environmental determinants of health. In addition, through the Healthy Families BC initiative, PHSA is creating Community Health Profiles that will be available in 2014. The profiles will provide local governments with a picture of their community's health.

## HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### [Health Impact Project](#)

Offers a comprehensive resource with guides, examples, training, as well as the connections between different types of policies and projects and their downstream health effects.

National Collaborating Centre of Healthy Public Policy, 2008

### [Health Impact Assessment: Guides and Tools](#)

An annotated analytical inventory of health assessment tools that can be used for different purposes and different sectors (e.g. community development, housing, mental health)

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Local Government Improvement and Development (UK), Healthy Communities Programme, 2011

### [Not Another Consultation! Making Community Engagement Informal and Fun.](#)

A guide with ideas and examples of how to break away from traditional consultations into more informal engagement that helps you to hear from and involve all the groups and individuals in the community, and helps to tackle health inequities.

## HEALTH PERSPECTIVES ON SUSTAINABILITY POLICY AREAS

Canadian Institute of Planners and Partners

### [Tools and Guides to Healthy Communities](#)

Contains fact sheets with health information as it relates to sustainability planning policy areas (transportation, equity, children and youth), a healthy communities practice guide, and links to additional information and planning tools to assist practitioners.