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We recognize that it isn't always easy to be a sustainability minded business. These questions will help us learn more about your facility and direct our focus appropriately.

----- MENTORING -----

Would you be able to take on local high school students in any form of mentoring, apprenticeship, or internship program?

Do you currently participate in any sort of community outreach, donations or volunteering? If so what and how often?

----- B2B SHARING / CONNECTIONS -----

Does your business collaborate with any other businesses beyond the typical customer/supplier relationship?

Have you arranged for cooperative purchasing: associations or co-located business groups?

What would be the best way for you to facilitate new business connections?

- A. Website
- B. social media
- C. face to face
- D. networking fairs
- E. Other: _____

----- LOCAL SOURCING -----

Is there a good or service that your business would benefit from if it could be produced locally? Do you currently use this local good/service or is it currently unavailable/impractical?

Are you interested in supporting local Dayton with your business? Are your customers interested in Dayton-sourced businesses?

Are any resources sourced from recycled/reused materials?

Are resources sourced from local/regional suppliers to minimize transportation?

----- SUSTAINABILITY -----

Are you currently involved in any “green” or sustainable solutions to day-to-day business operations?

Are you interested in improving sustainability with your business?

Are your customers interested in businesses with a culture of sustainability?

----- ENERGY -----

Has your (commercial / industrial / residence-based) business had an energy audit within the past 5 years?

Would your business be interested in investing in renewable energy (solar, geothermal, etc.)?

Do you have quantifiable annual energy and/or material efficiency goals?

Are CO2 emissions considered when making decisions?

Is sustainability integrated into the company mission statement or part of company values?

----- WASTE STREAM -----

Has your business had a waste audit within the past five years?

Are there any needs, both goods or services, that are intermittent? Ex: Milano’s blue beer dye once per year

Are you interested in improving sustainability with your business?

Are recyclables separated?

Are recycling containers readily available to employees?

Is cardboard recycled?

If applicable, are all metals recycled?

If applicable, are pallets recycled? (both undamaged and damaged)

If applicable, is oil (cooking, machine, etc) recycled or reused?

If applicable, are food scraps composted when possible?

Are any products or byproducts able to be separated into separate materials for disposal?
Ex: recycling or composting bins

Are your products able to be recycled, reused, or remade at the end-of-life?

“Help us to find the gaps in the system”	
INPUTS (ex. Ice Machine: Water)	OUTPUTS (ex. Ice Machine: Ice)

WASTE STREAM	
PROCESS-BASED (i.e. coffee grounds)	CUSTOMER-BASED (i.e. coffee cups)

----- OTHER COMMENTS -----

Do you see value and/or potential in a Dayton culture that is focused on sustainability and local community? Please explain.

If a group could provide local business sharing and/or sustainability connections, what would you hope to gain?

Please provide any other thoughts and comments not covered that you would like to share.