



IGBC BEAR SMART COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK December 2022

1. **Establish a Bear Smart Committee:** The Committee should include a variety of perspectives, voices, and stakeholders that represent different aspects of the community. It is meant to be a collaborative, community-based group that operates on consensus.
2. **Complete a Bear Smart Community Assessment:** The overall goal of the assessment is to identify current and potential risks for human-bear conflicts within the community. It is an opportunity for the community to compile pertinent data to guide future work and reflect on the challenges the community faces as they work towards finding ways to share the landscape with bears. The Community Assessment may include:
 - Community Description
 - Bear Populations
 - Habitat and Wildlife Corridors
 - History of Human-Bear Interactions
 - Community Attractants
 - Education and Outreach Efforts
 - Solid Waste Management
 - Community Development
 - Enforcement
 - Human Safety and Community Attitudes
3. **Develop a Bear Smart Community Plan:** Plans will be unique to each community, tailored to the unique risks and needs identified in the Community Assessment and may include:
 - Human Safety and Community Attitudes
 - Attractant Management
 - Green Space Management
 - Education and Outreach
 - Solid Waste Management
 - Enforcement
 - Evaluation and Monitoring
 - Timeline
 - Budget
4. **Implement the Bear Smart Community Plan:** Implement the Community Plan, and track progress over time. The plan might take a community years to implement.

For more information, contact your local state wildlife agency, and see <https://igbconline.org/programs/bear-smart-communities/>.