

**Activity 2: Dilemma Cards**

**Copy and distribute** a Community Dilemma Card to each group. Participants are to design planning strategies that relate to the challenges on the card.

<h3><b>Skyline City Dilemma</b></h3>	<p>Due to societal changes and government incentives for new development, people began to move out of the city into the suburbs. The factories closed. There were many empty lots where old buildings were torn down. The neighborhoods began to deteriorate. Restaurants and shops closed. The city needs a plan to attract people and jobs back to the city. The city needs a plan that will strengthen attractive neighborhoods, create character based on its historical structures, improve green space, plant trees, attract jobs, provide luxuries to bring people back to live and to visit and revive the economy. They could create urban growth boundaries to protect the border distinction and work with adjacent communities to protect green space and farmlands.</p>
<h3><b>Forest Lake Borough Dilemma</b></h3>	<p>The community had survived on fall hunters who enjoyed the quiet community, forested mountain-side, and the state park. Employment was depressed after the paper mill closed. The state reintroduced elk into the surrounding forests. As the elk population grew, visitors began traveling to the area to view the elk. The village streets and surrounding roads became heavily congested during the fall viewing time. There were few facilities to handle the numbers of elk watchers who began trespassing on people's properties searching for elk and restrooms. The growing elk population became a nuisance to the homeowners in the area. The community needs to develop a plan to promote the wildlife viewing and be able to address the needs of visitors and concerns of residents which addresses the growing elk herd and community growth. Focus should be protecting the natural and cultural resources and finding ways to minimize land use, while maintaining economic stability.</p>
<h3><b>Coal Run Borough Dilemma</b></h3>	<p>The mining companies have reduced their output and closed many mines. Culm, the waste from the mining industry lies in big piles around the town. Abandoned trains dot the landscape and railroad beds are left to deteriorate. The fast moving streams are degraded by acid mine drainage. The community needs to develop a plan to protect the beautiful mountain vistas, natural resources and cultural and historic treasures of the area. The plan needs to provide incentives to improve the area, bring in new industry and tourism using the mountains, rivers and history.</p>
<h3><b>Dairy Township Dilemma</b></h3>	<p>Some farmers are being offered top dollar to sell their lands for development. Some farmers do not want to sell land. Farmers that will sell, want to protect open space and natural lands. People in the community want to protect the pastoral nature of the area and reduce sprawl. Should developments be built, they want to recommend certain types of development that will protect more open space. Your challenge is to plan for the future using planning tools such as easements, traditional neighborhood development and cluster zoning to protect the resources and cultural heritage of the area.</p>