



Essential questions exist to provoke further questioning by the learner, and promote the concept of individuals becoming **lifelong learners**. A question may be essential if it:

- causes genuine and relevant inquiry into big ideas and core content;
- provokes deep thought, lively discussion, sustained inquiry and new understanding
- requires students to consider alternatives, weigh evidence, support their ideas, and justify their answers;
- stimulates vital, on-going rethinking of big ideas, assumptions, and prior lessons;
- sparks meaningful connections with prior learning and personal experiences; or
- naturally recurs, creating opportunities for transfer to other situations and subjects.

Please see below for a list of essential questions we'd love to explore with your help!

Community Resiliency

- How do resilience and readiness relate to planning?
- What does good infrastructure planning look like and what are the keys to success?
- What does being a more effective RPP mean and how can we get there?
- How does uncertainty influence our plans and our planning process?

Culture & Diversity

- How does multiculturalism impact our community and our work as planners?
- What are the opportunities and challenges in planning the multicultural community?
- What does traditional knowledge bring to our understanding of community?
- How can traditional knowledge inform our planning practices?

Economics & Finance

- What is the relationship between infrastructure investment and economic performance in your community?
- How can infrastructure investment influence community resilience and readiness?
- How can we make our economies more resilient and how can infrastructure play a role?
- How can financial tools impact community readiness?
- What are the financial tools most likely to promote community resilience?
- What are the economic drivers most likely to influence planning outcomes and why?
- How does economic uncertainty impact community planning and readiness?