CRP 566 County Evaluation – 30 Points
Due in Class October 28th

You have all been working with a county. You have looked at different economic and social characteristics of your county, and you have measured some of its strengths and weaknesses using just a few evaluation tools. In this assignment, you are to evaluate your county to include its dominant community (if you like) using some type of reasonable organizing framework for evaluation:

You can choose to use something like a triple bottom line evaluation looking at economic, social, and environmental characteristics remembering to not forget to look at the role of local governments

You can use a community capitals framework and delineate regional strengths and weaknesses along those lines

You can use Shaffer’s 5-point star to evaluate your regional attributes.

This is intended to be an investigation of regional characteristics to allow you to draw both quantitative conclusions and qualitative conclusions about your region of analysis. For every category of evaluation I expect there to be:

- Selected indicators of area characteristics that come from, preferably, government sources like the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Environmental Protection Agency, or any other federal, state, or local government data sources you can muster that you feel are relevant. I want you to choose the most pertinent, in your opinion, indicators per category of evaluation. I do not want a paper filled with indicators. Be selective!
- A written summary of those attributes and what they help us understand about this region.
- Where warranted, appropriate tables or graphics to support findings.

Oh, and remember this: contrast is the essence of vision. An indicator makes no sense absent a relevant comparison.

This evaluation will be well-written and well-organized. It will also contain a concluding summary section in which you declare, categorically, your region’s socio-economic, decision-making, and environmental strengths and weaknesses, giving your organizing structure and your investigation.

You will be graded on the quality of your overall evaluation, the scope of information you use to arrive at your conclusions, and the insights that you demonstrate from the data that you chose to use to evaluate.

Recommended length: no more than 10 pages.