

Reflection on Community Understanding

One view of your work with each Main Street program is facilitating deeper community understanding of the commercial district and its potential, as a foundation for formulation revitalization goals and priorities. This understanding has multiple dimensions, some of which include knowledge you gained from the community, your individual learning and thinking, insight gained through new research and analysis, sharing of information and deliberations within your planning team, and presentations and discussions with the client, and others.

Reflecting on your work over the past 3 months, what did you find most helpful in: (a) developing your own understanding of the commercial district: (b) sharing and conveying this understanding to the client and broader community stakeholders. Consider both what types of information and what type of activities/interaction fostered greater understanding. What does this experience suggest about what helps your function effectively as a planner?

Use the last part of this class to reflect upon and write down your initial ideas about these questions?