Economic Services

Economic services provide a means to generate and distribute wealth within a society. For example, the economic service employment refers to labor deployed in the production of goods and services and can be measured by rates, types, and diversity of job sectors. Economic Services are characterized by 7 services. These services capture the wealth and resources of a country or community, especially in terms of the production and consumption of goods and services. Other services include capital investment, employment, finance and re-distribution. Economic



Courtesy of Microsoft Corpora-

services provide a means to accumulate and distribute wealth within a society. These services capture the wealth and resources of a community, especially in terms of the production and consumption of goods and services

Ecosystem Services

Ecosystem services ensure that the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, and the places we live



Courtesy of Evgeni Dinev; freedigitalphotos.net

are cable of supporting and improving life. Ecosystem services benefit human well-being in both subtle and profound ways, affecting income, local migration, and even political conflict (WHO 2005; Summers et al. 2012). Ecosystem services regulate and protect our environment so that, in turn, the environment can benefit its inhabitants. While humans have the power to destroy ecosystems, they also control the provisioning of services that build and improve life support systems provided by the environment (Daily 1997; Ponting 1998). Communities actively manage many ecosystems in order to benefit from the food, fiber, timber, flood control, and many other services (WHO 2005). The five ecosystem services captured here are Air Quality Regulation, Food and Fiber Provisioning, Green Space, Water Quality Regulation and Water Quantity Regulation.

Social Services

Society is the fabric the surrounds and connects people to the places and other people. Social services help societal benefits and local assets and amenities are accessible to all people living within a community. Social services may provide a roadmap for establishing social norms that promote cohesion; repair and strengthen family cohesion; and provide safe, equitable working environments which foster healthy coworker relationship development. Social services are also strongly tied to human health. Many large organizations within the U.S. government



Courtesy of iStockphoto

were formed to protect and enhance the health of the U.S. population, and several well-known private organizations such as the American Red Cross, United Way of America, and Ronald McDonald House Charities provide health-related services to populations in need. Social services also supplement or improve education practices and procedures. Twelve Social Services are quantified are Activism, Communication, Community and Faith Based Initiatives, Education, Emergency Preparedness, Family Services, Healthcare, Housing, Justice, Labor, Public Works, and Transportation.