

# REPORT CARD PROCESS



Watershed report cards are assessment and communication tools that have been used around the world to compare ecological, social, and/or economic information against predefined goals or objectives. Similar to school report cards, watershed report cards provide performance-driven numeric and letter grades to effectively integrate and synthesize large, often complex, information into simple scores that can be communicated to decision makers and the general public to help guide community activity and public policies.

This first White River Report Card was created by following an extensive co-development process (below) which involved over 200 stakeholders from the community, business, industry, government, agricultural, conservation, and utility sectors. The key to a report card's success is the use of measures called indicators that reflect the many different community values and uses of the river.

