Smart, Safe Growth for the CNMI

SSG Project Evaluation Tool in ArcGIS Survey 123

Training Module 6

Nimbus Environmental Services

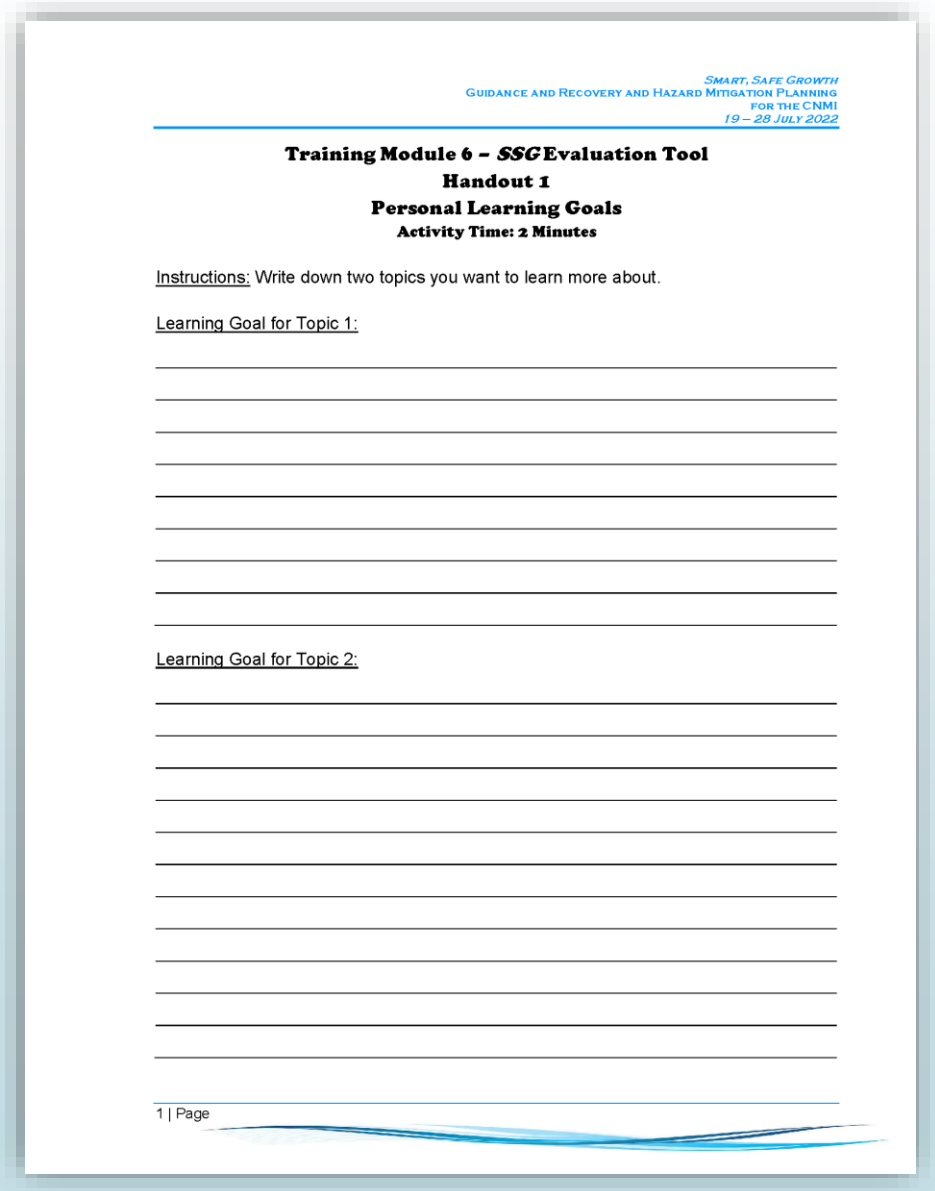
Purpose

- SSG overview
- Introduce SSG project evaluation tool
- Provide roles and responsibilities for completing project evaluations
- Process for completing project evaluations

Learning Objectives

- Learn to use the tool to evaluate and improve project conformance with SSG principles
- Understand how SSG principles support the CSDP
- Learn how to input data into the evaluation tool
- Learn to access supporting SSG resources to support determinations/recommendations
- Demonstrate ability to complete a project evaluation

Learning Tool

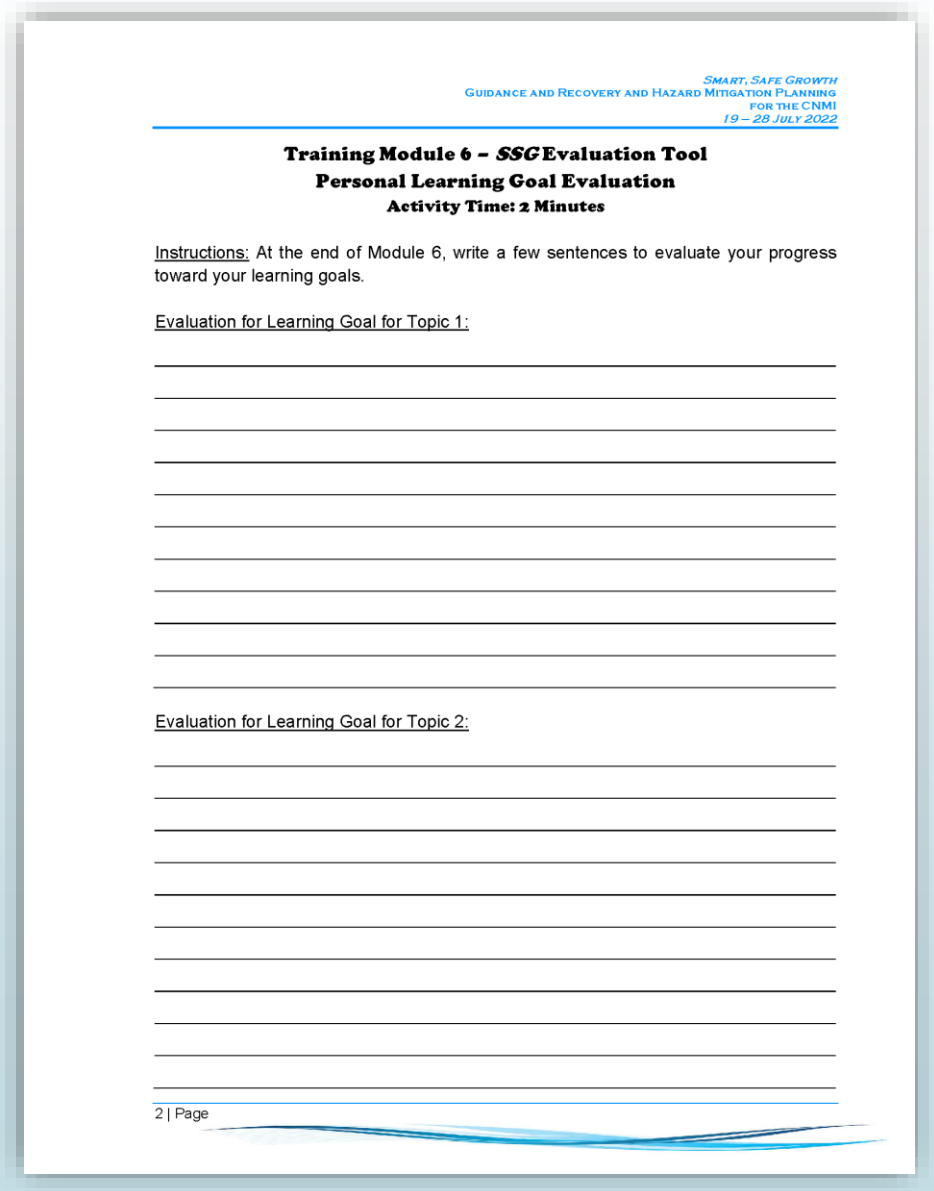


Training Module 6 – *SSG* Evaluation Tool
Handout 1
Personal Learning Goals
Activity Time: 2 Minutes

Instructions: Write down two topics you want to learn more about.

Learning Goal for Topic 1:

Learning Goal for Topic 2:



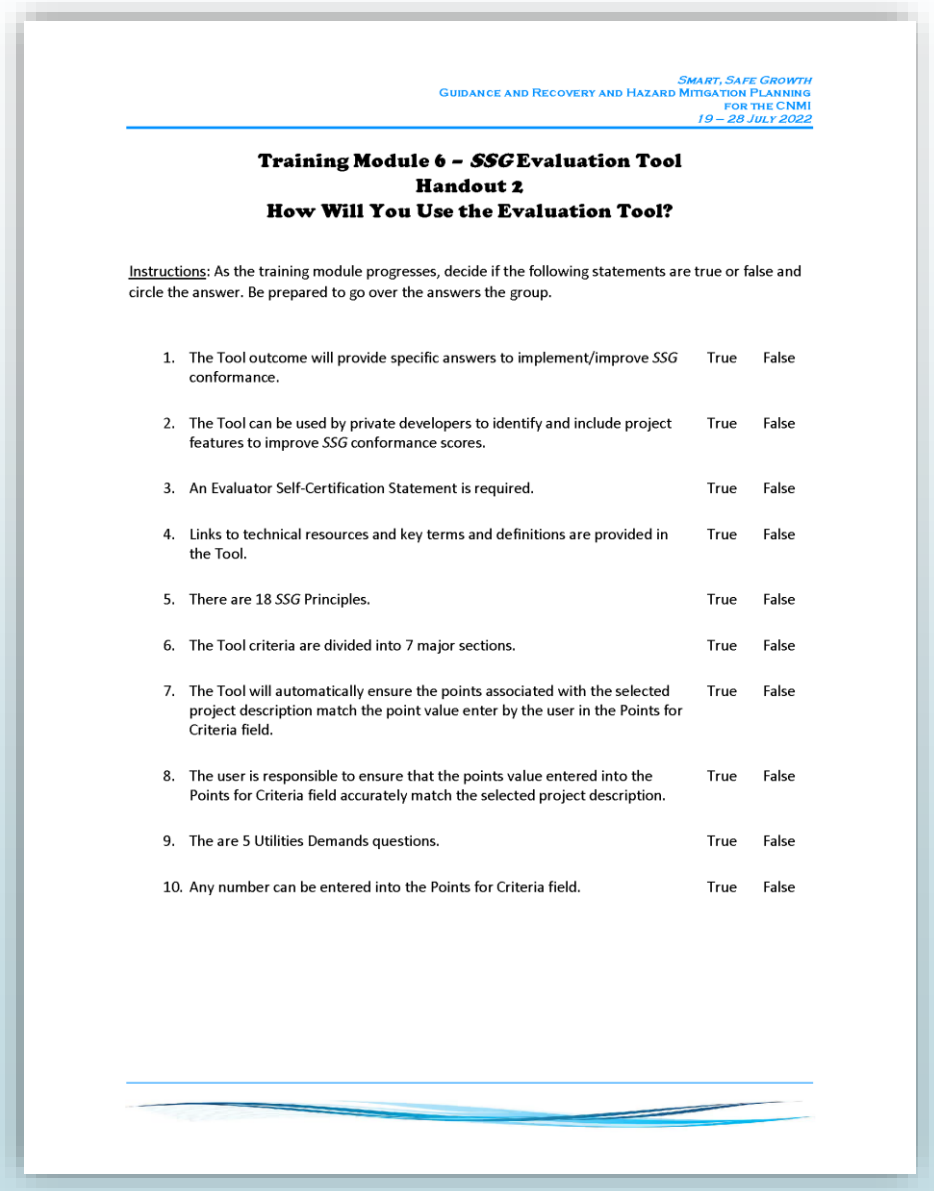
Training Module 6 – *SSG* Evaluation Tool
Personal Learning Goal Evaluation
Activity Time: 2 Minutes

Instructions: At the end of Module 6, write a few sentences to evaluate your progress toward your learning goals.

Evaluation for Learning Goal for Topic 1:

Evaluation for Learning Goal for Topic 2:

Learning Tool



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Comprehensive Planning and *SSG*

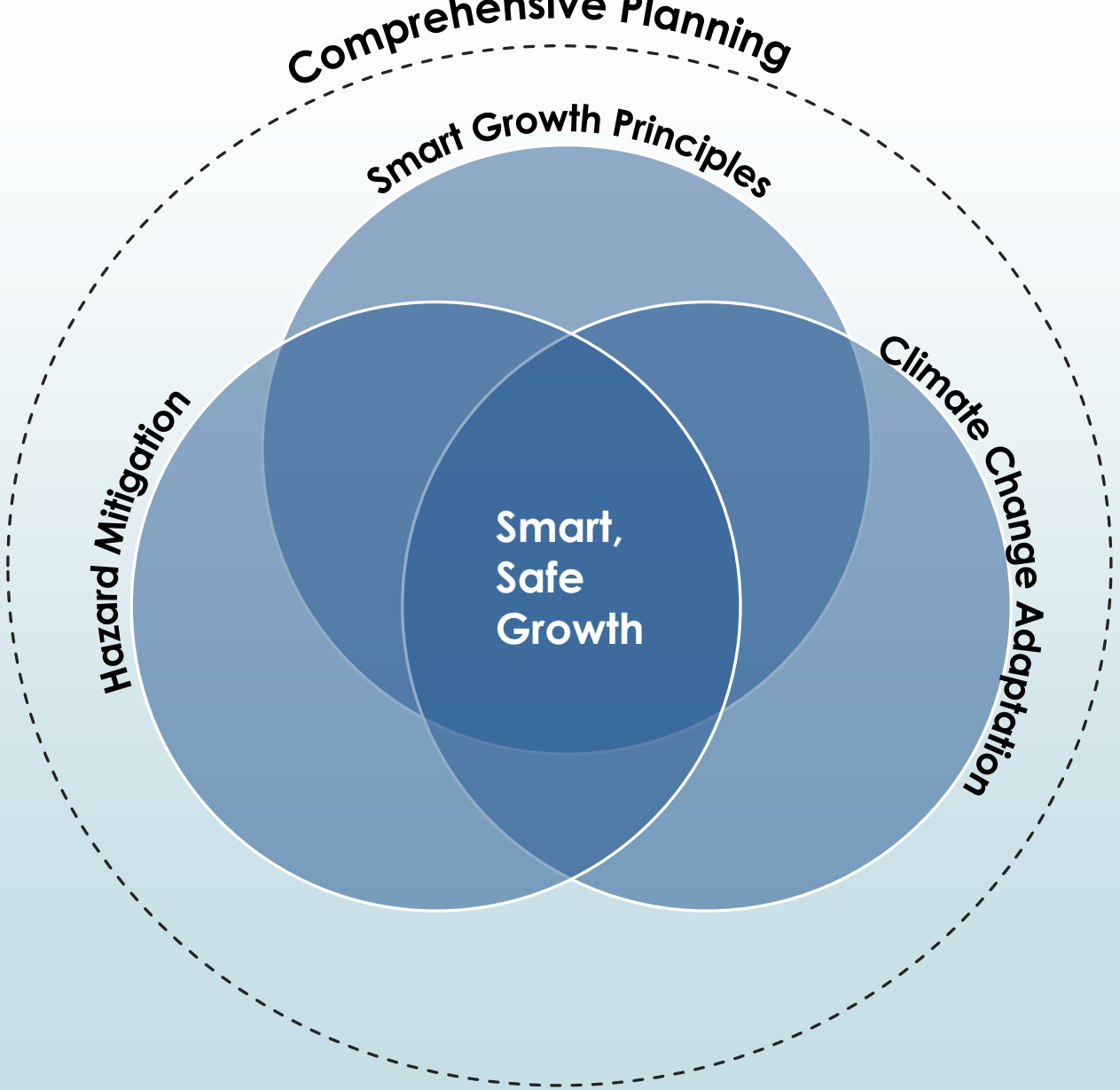
- CSDP identifies growth priorities for the next 10 years
- Public Law 20-20 establishes planning elements
- CSDP adopts *SSG* principles as a development guideline

SSG Overview

- **Development strategies**
  - Improve community
  - Strengthen economies
  - Protect the natural environment
  - Improve the resiliency/recoverability of the built environment

SSG Overview

- **SSG emerges from**
  - Smart growth
  - Hazard mitigation
  - Climate adaptation



SSG Overview – Principles

- Practical aspects of SSG
- Enable well-informed decision making
- Conceptual guides

Smart, Safe Growth Principles

1. Climate Change
2. Retreat
3. Retrofit
4. Critical Facilities Location
5. Development Incentives
6. Sustainable Development BMPs
7. Ecosystem Services
8. Green Infrastructure
9. Development Decision Processes
10. Early Collaboration
11. SSG Knowledgeable Communities
12. Adaptive Management

Evaluation Tool Development

- **CSDP - Consider SSG principles in project scoping, planning and implementation**
- **2018 Guidance Manual for SSG provides some tools**
- **Online evaluation tool facilitates**
  - Access to evaluation tool and SSG-relevant resources
  - Ensures SSG is considered during review
  - Provides standard outputs for project comparison

Why an Evaluation Tool?

- **Standardize project / plan reviews**
- **Identify or improve project resiliency and sustainability**
  - Raise SSG conformance for funding priority
  - Improve federal / territorial grant proposals
- **Rank and prioritize projects**
- **Influence private sector development to include SSG**
- **Influence the CNMI work-culture toward SSG and sustainable development**

Limitation of the Evaluation Tool

- No statutory or regulatory function
- Input / Outcomes require interpretation
- Tool identifies areas of potential

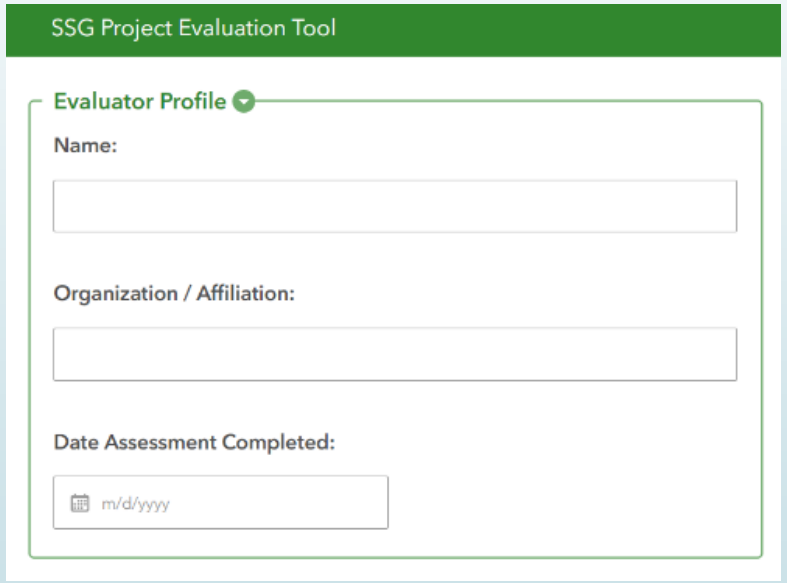
Evaluation Tool Users

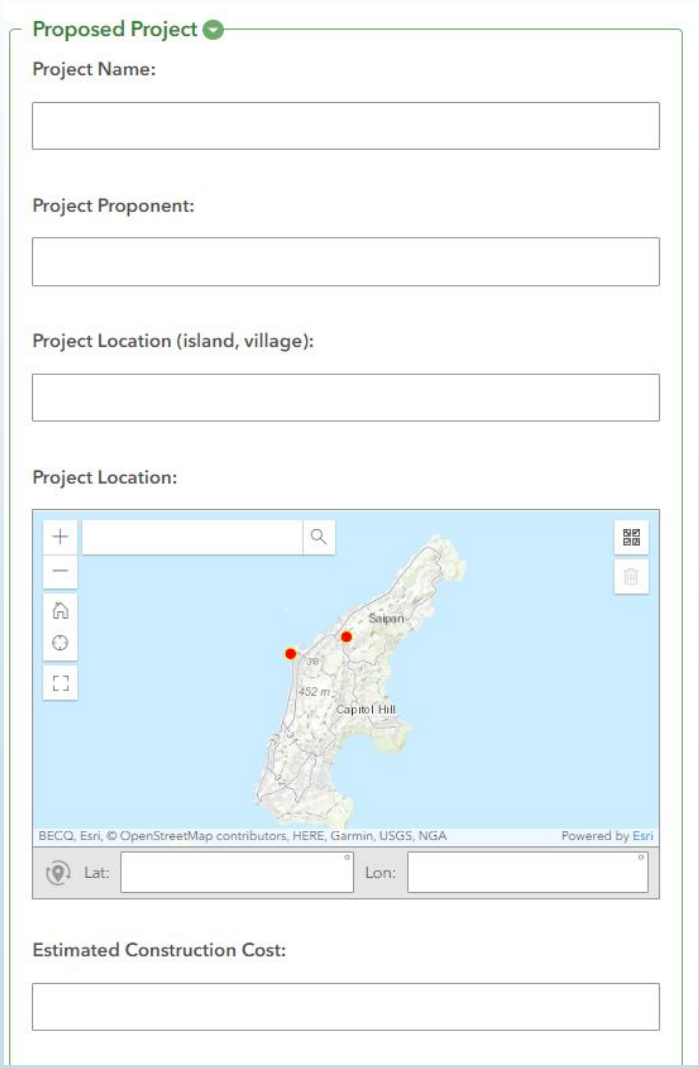
- **Agency staff**
  - Designers
  - Planners
  - Regulators
- **Legislators / Government Officials**
- **Private Sector Developers**

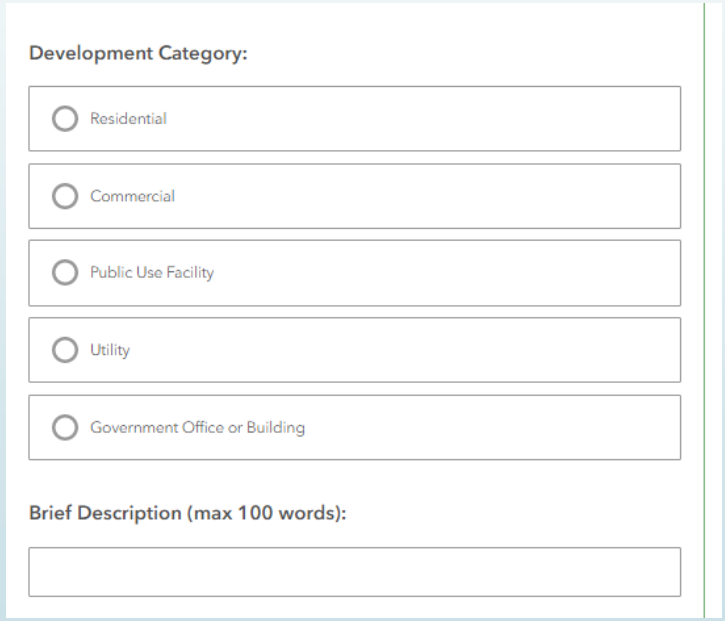
Evaluation Tool Overview

- Project information and survey instructions
- Climate change and hazard mitigation – 14 criteria
- Incentives – 1 criterion
- Smart growth – 6 criteria
- Environmental protection and ecosystem services – 5 criteria
- Cultural resources protection – 2 criteria
- Utility demand – 5 questions

Using the Evaluation Tool – Project / Plan Information







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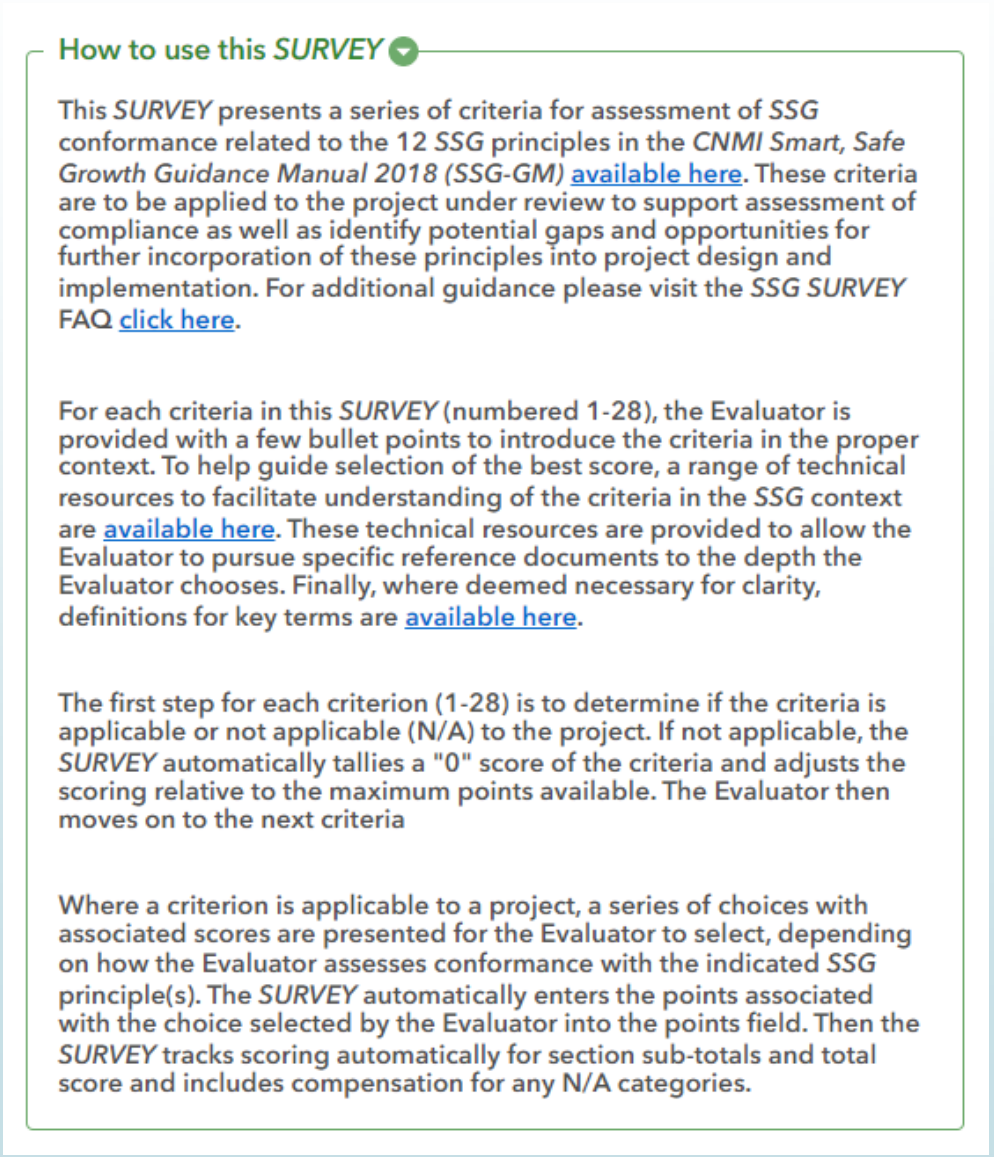


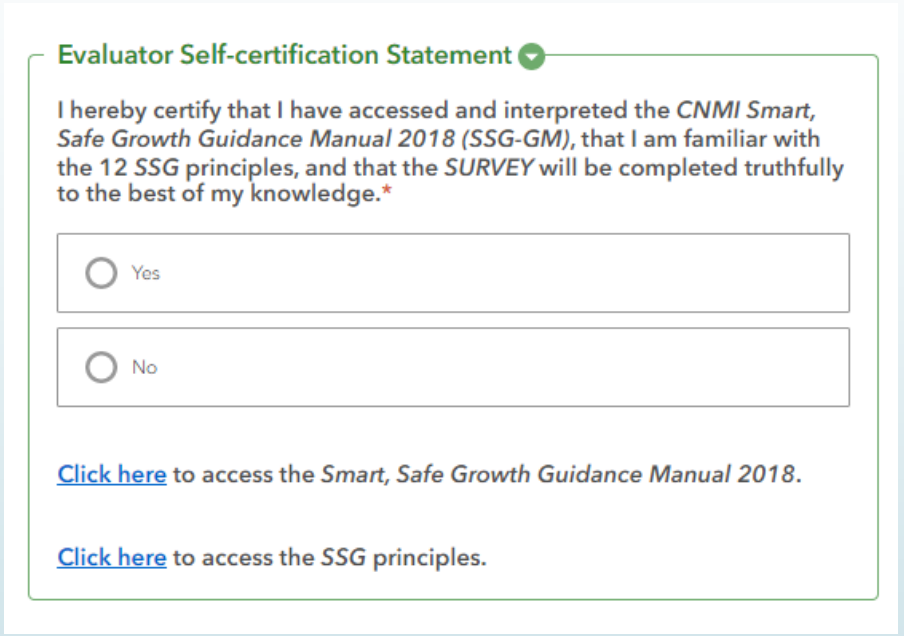
How to use this *SURVEY*

This *SURVEY* presents a series of criteria for assessment of *SSG* conformance related to the 12 *SSG* principles in the *CNMI Smart, Safe Growth Guidance Manual 2018 (SSG-GM)* available here. These criteria are to be applied to the project under review to support assessment of compliance as well as identify potential gaps and opportunities for further incorporation of these principles into project design and implementation. For additional guidance please visit the *SSG SURVEY* FAQ click here.

For each criteria in this *SURVEY* (numbered 1-28), the Evaluator is provided with a few bullet points to introduce the criteria in the proper context. To help guide selection of the best score, a range of technical resources to facilitate understanding of the criteria in the *SSG* context are available here. These technical resources are provided to allow the Evaluator to pursue specific reference documents to the depth the Evaluator chooses. Finally, where deemed necessary for clarity, definitions for key terms are available here.

The first step for each criterion (1-28) is to determine if the criteria is applicable or not applicable (N/A) to the project. If not applicable, the *SURVEY* automatically tallies a "0" score of the criteria and adjusts the scoring relative to the maximum points available. The Evaluator then moves on to the next criteria

Where a criterion is applicable to a project, a series of choices with associated scores are presented for the Evaluator to select, depending on how the Evaluator assesses conformance with the indicated *SSG* principle(s). The *SURVEY* automatically enters the points associated with the choice selected by the Evaluator into the points field. Then the *SURVEY* tracks scoring automatically for section sub-totals and total score and includes compensation for any N/A categories.



Evaluator Self-certification Statement

I hereby certify that I have accessed and interpreted the *CNMI Smart, Safe Growth Guidance Manual 2018 (SSG-GM)*, that I am familiar with the 12 *SSG* principles, and that the *SURVEY* will be completed truthfully to the best of my knowledge.*

- Yes
- No

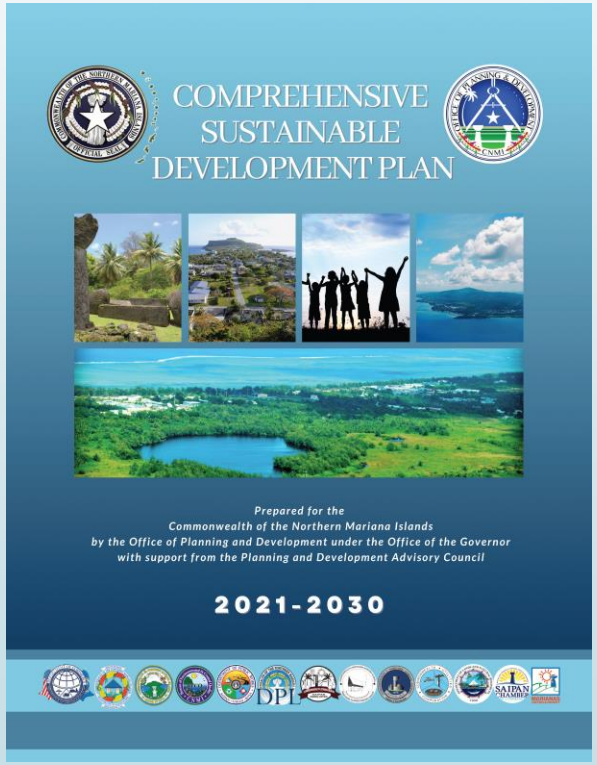
Click here to access the *Smart, Safe Growth Guidance Manual 2018*.

Click here to access the *SSG* principles.

- **Evaluator Self-certification Statement - * required field**

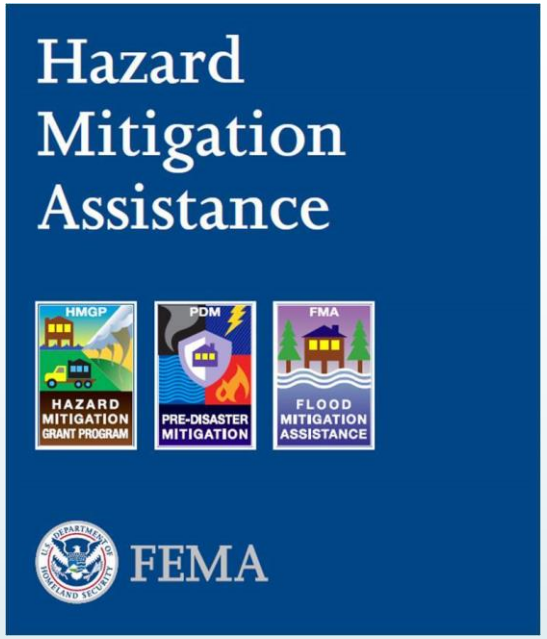
Survey Resources

- *SSG Guidance Manual*
- CSDP
- *SSG* principles
- Key definitions and criteria background



Technical Resources

- Links to OPD – *SSG* digital library
- Collection of technical resources
- Search terms to help find suggested resources
- Research to recommend solutions



Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Criteria - Begin *SURVEY*

CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND HAZARD MITIGATION (*SSG* Principles P1, P2, P3, P4)

Criteria #1 - Future Flooding and Inundation Potential due to SLR and SLC

- Sea Level Rise (SLR) and Sea Level Change (SLC) pose present and continued risk to the built and natural environments in the CNMI.
- Planning and mitigating the potential risks of SLR/SLC today can help safeguard public investments and public safety and health, and work towards sustainable communities through *SSG*.

Click here to access the *Smart, Safe Growth Guidance Manual 2018*.

Click Here to access addition background information and key term definitions.

Click Here to access technical resources in the online *SSG* reference library.

Technical Resources Search Terms: Climate Adaptation, Climate Change, DCRM, Flooding, NOAA, Regulations, Resilience, Sea Level Rise, SSMP, Smart Growth, SSG Planning Tools, Sustainable Communities

Applicability of Future Flooding and Inundation Potential due to SLR and SLC to the Proposed Project

- If the proposed project is located within the FEMA flood zone or the Adopted Flood Scenario zone (i.e., SLR/SLC flood zone), this criterion is applicable and flooding due to SLR and SLC is a potential hazard that should be addressed and possibly mitigated in the project design or proposal.
- If the proposed project is located outside a SLR/SLC flood zone, this criterion is not applicable.

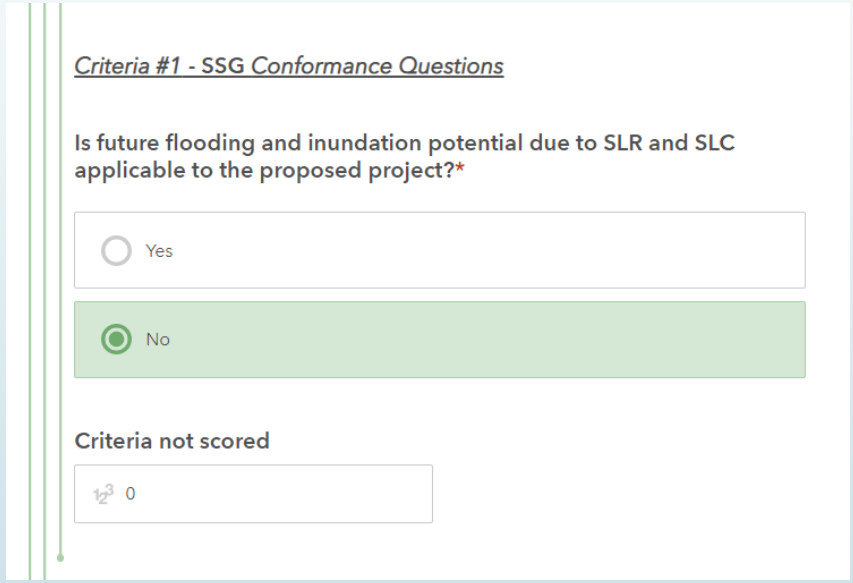
Criteria #1 - SSG Conformance Questions

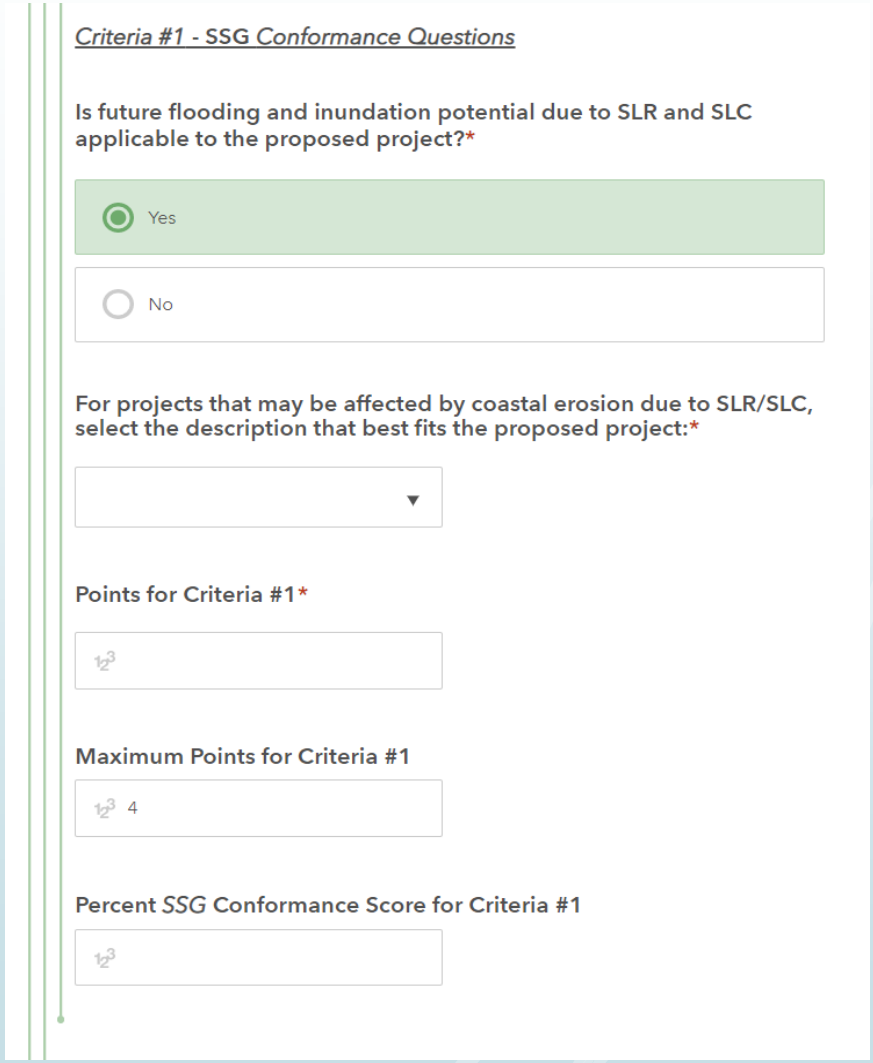
Is future flooding and inundation potential due to SLR and SLC applicable to the proposed project?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Process to score criteria

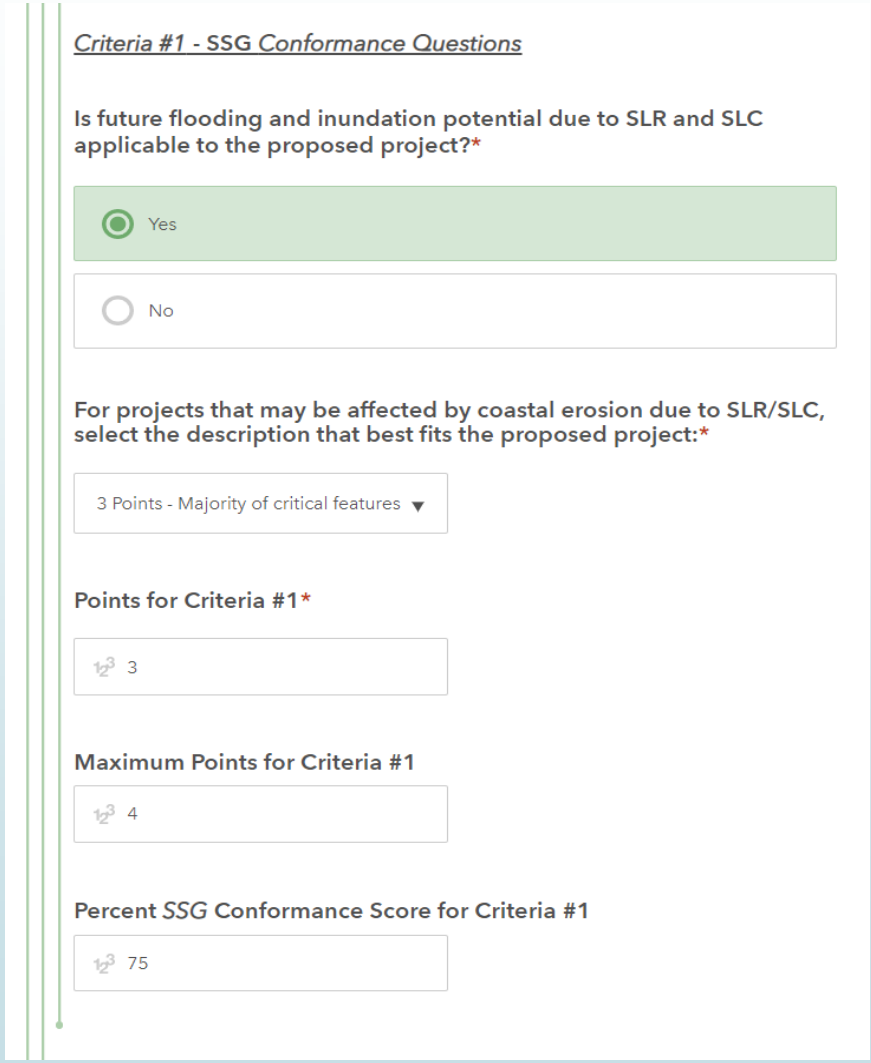
- Applicable?





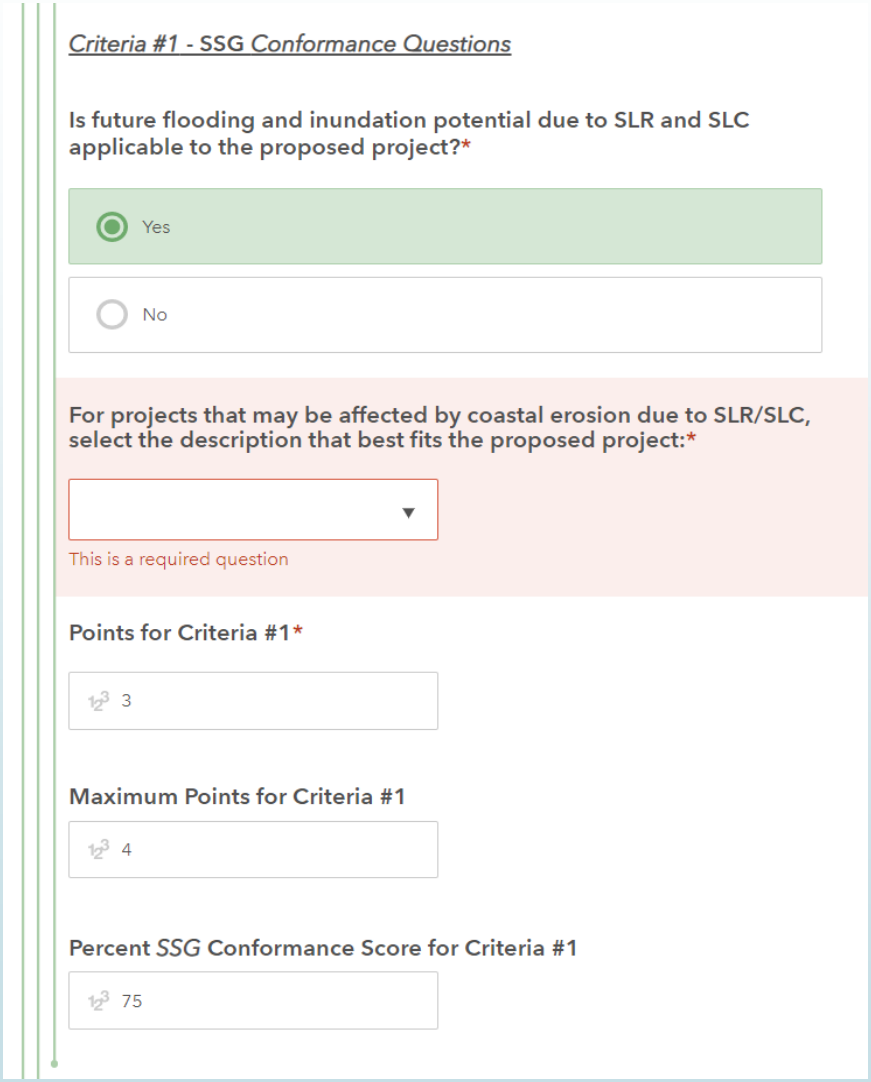
Process to score criteria

- Select SSG description - *required field
- Points – *required field
- % SSG conformance score



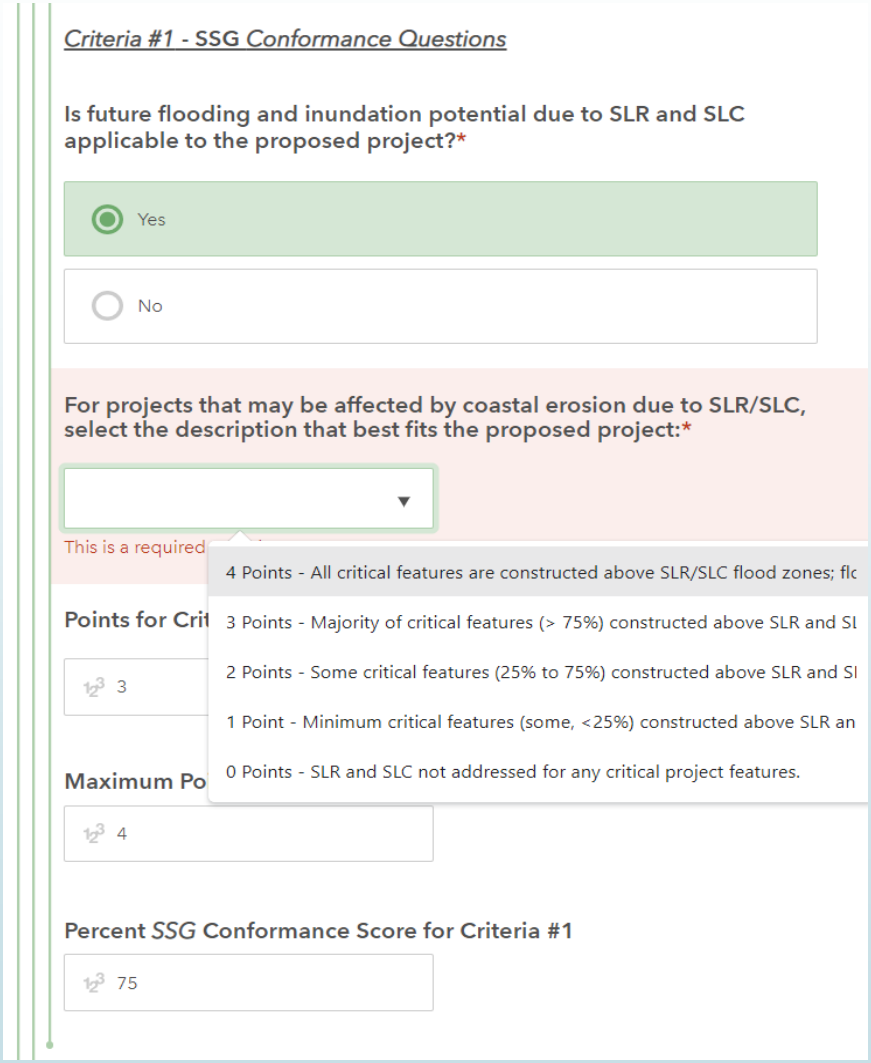
Process to score criteria

- **Change selection**
  - Delete entire field contents
  - Make new selection



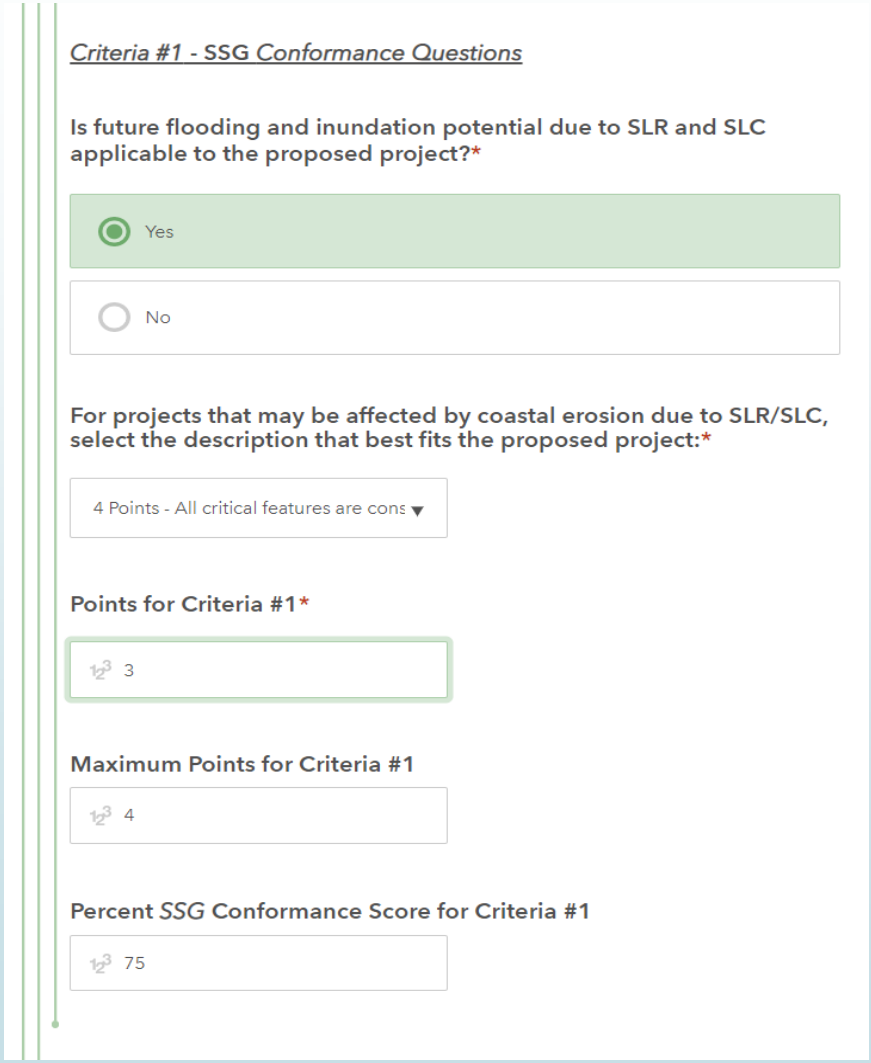
Process to score criteria

- Required Fields
- Change selection
  - Delete entire field contents
  - Make new selection



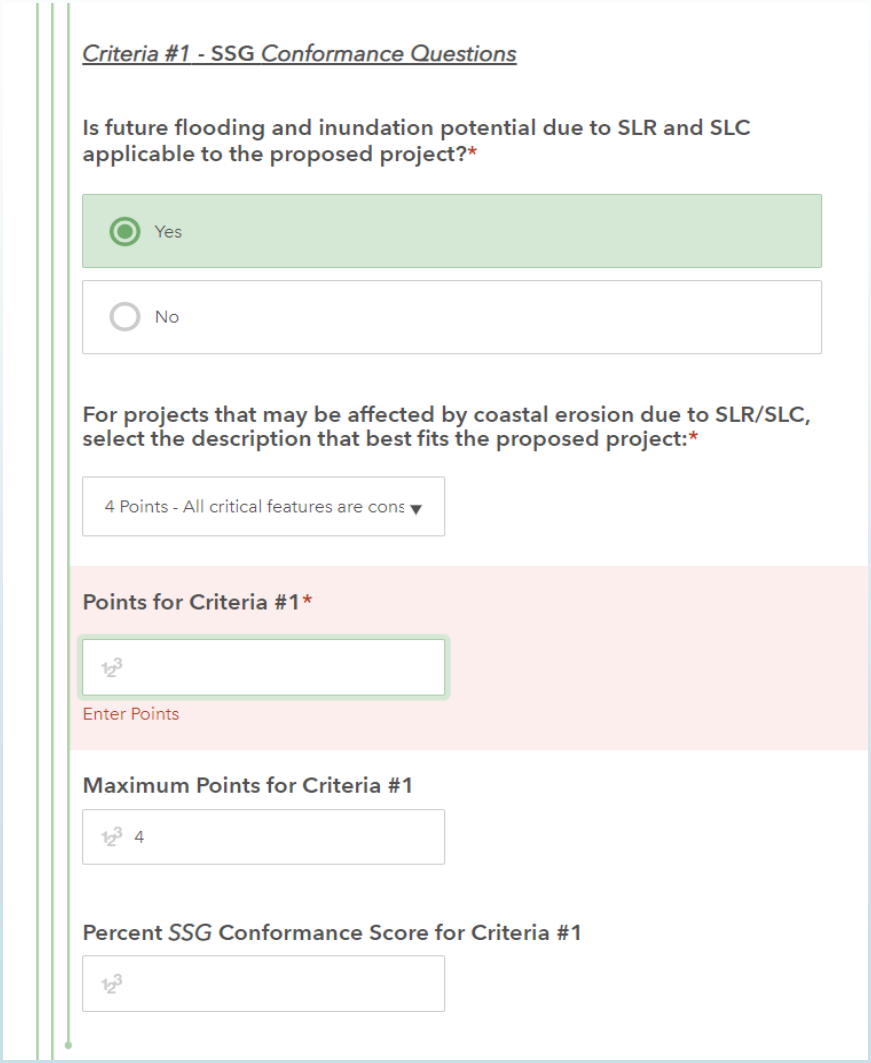
Process to score criteria

- Change selected description
  - Delete entire field contents
  - Make new selection
  - Change points total



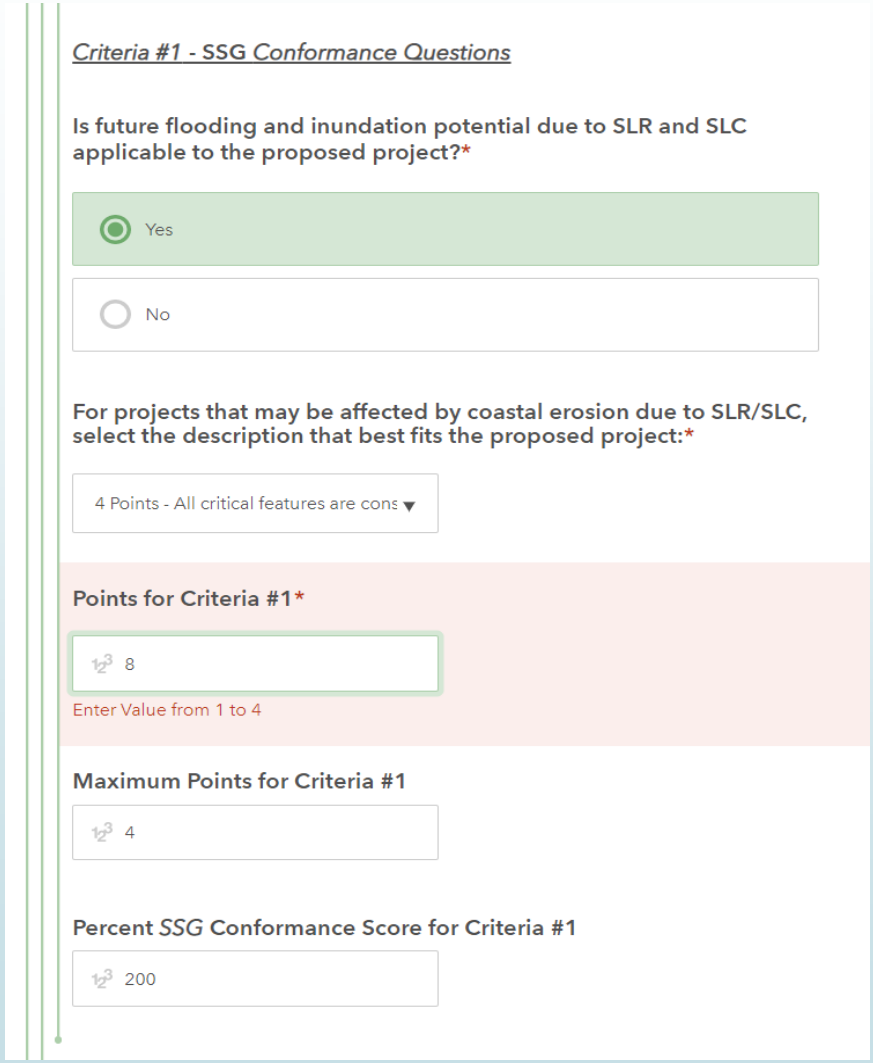
Process to score criteria

- Change Points for Criteria
  - Delete entire field contents
  - Enter new points



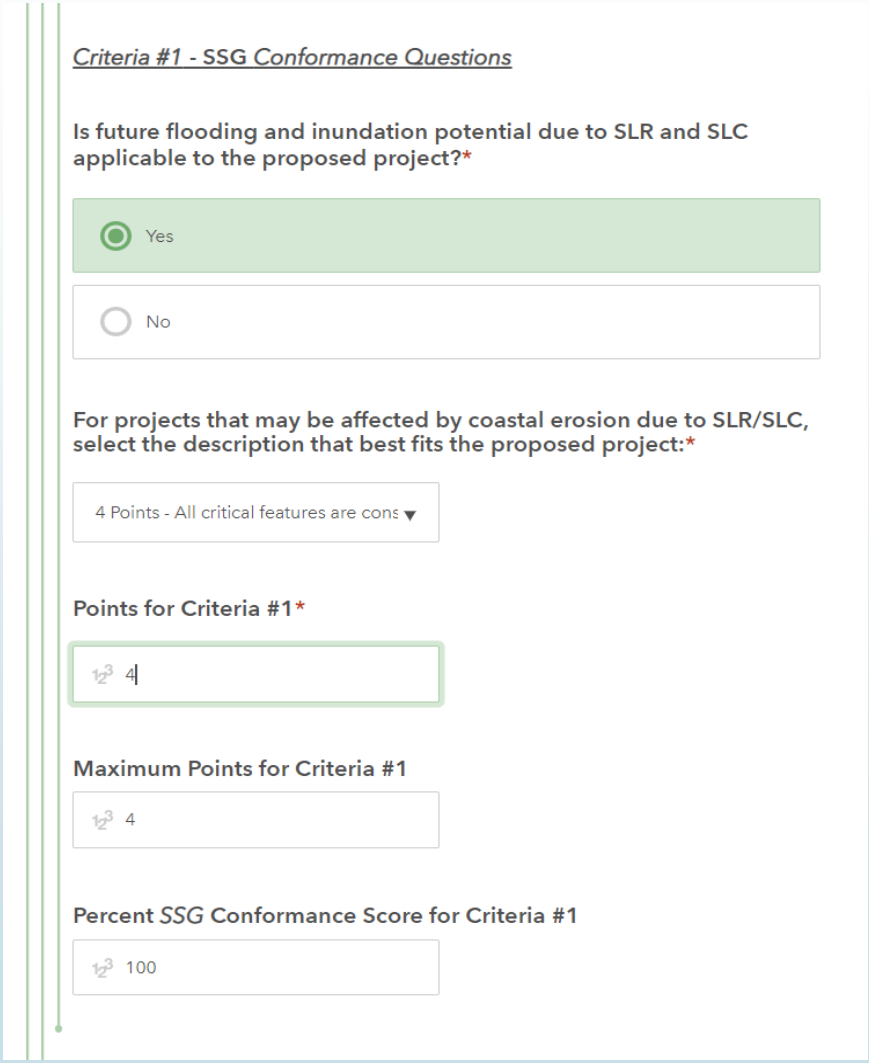
Process to score criteria

- Constraints limit entry options for Points



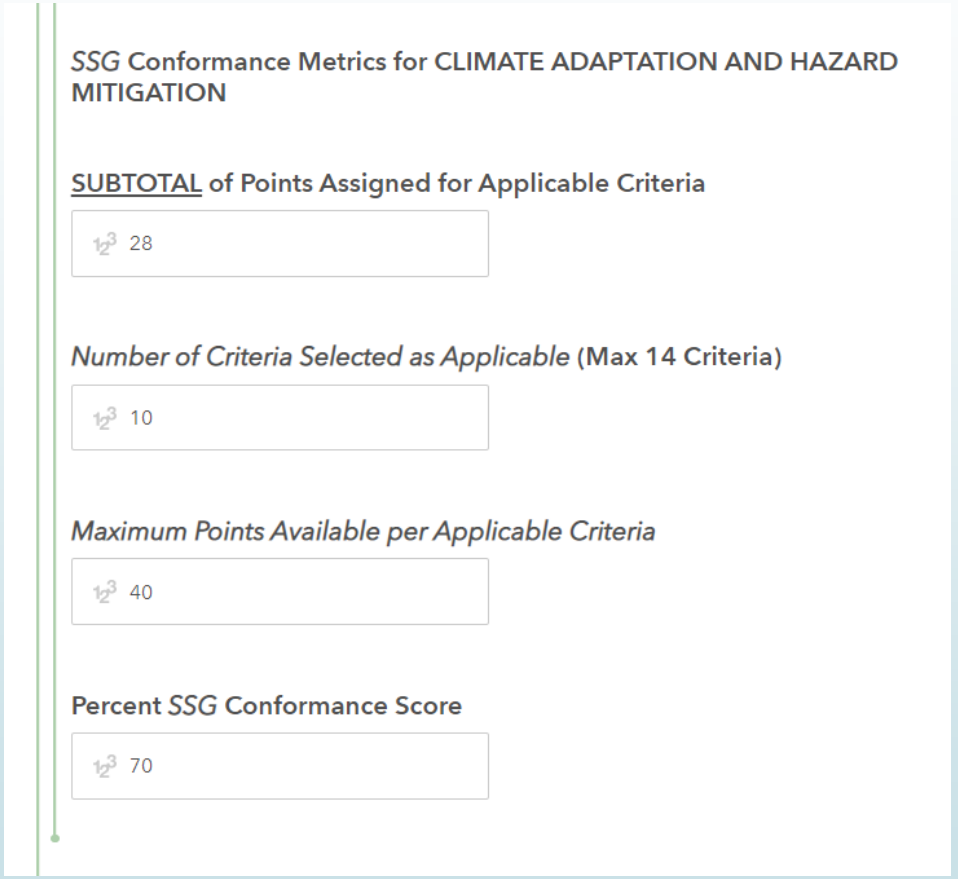
Process to score criteria

- Ready to go to next criterion



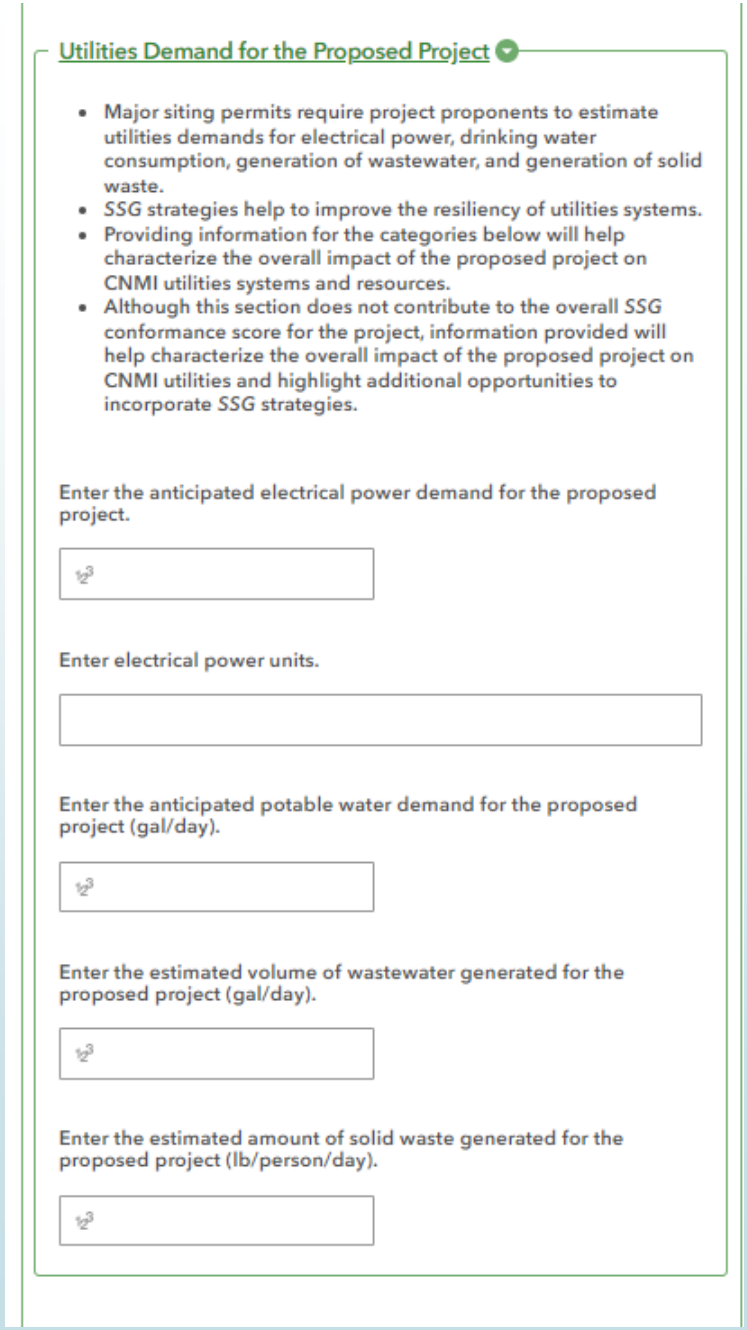
Survey Section Scores

- Total points assigned
- Total points possible based on applicable criteria
- % SSG conformance score



Utility Demand Questions

- Utility demand questions
- Not totaled in the final SSG conformance score



Utilities Demand for the Proposed Project

- Major siting permits require project proponents to estimate utilities demands for electrical power, drinking water consumption, generation of wastewater, and generation of solid waste.
- *SSG* strategies help to improve the resiliency of utilities systems.
- Providing information for the categories below will help characterize the overall impact of the proposed project on CNMI utilities systems and resources.
- Although this section does not contribute to the overall *SSG* conformance score for the project, information provided will help characterize the overall impact of the proposed project on CNMI utilities and highlight additional opportunities to incorporate *SSG* strategies.

Enter the anticipated electrical power demand for the proposed project.

Enter electrical power units.

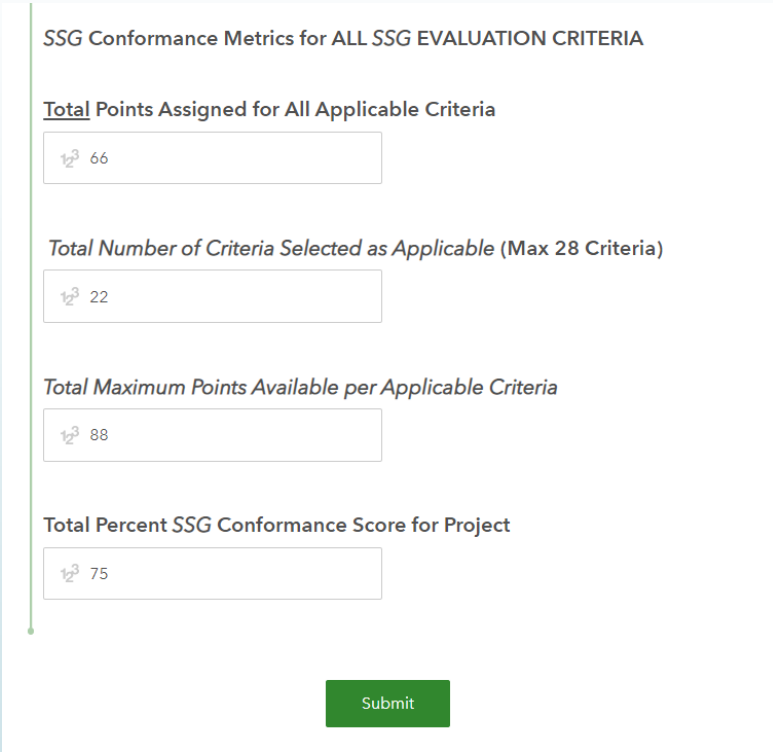
Enter the anticipated potable water demand for the proposed project (gal/day).

Enter the estimated volume of wastewater generated for the proposed project (gal/day).

Enter the estimated amount of solid waste generated for the proposed project (lb/person/day).

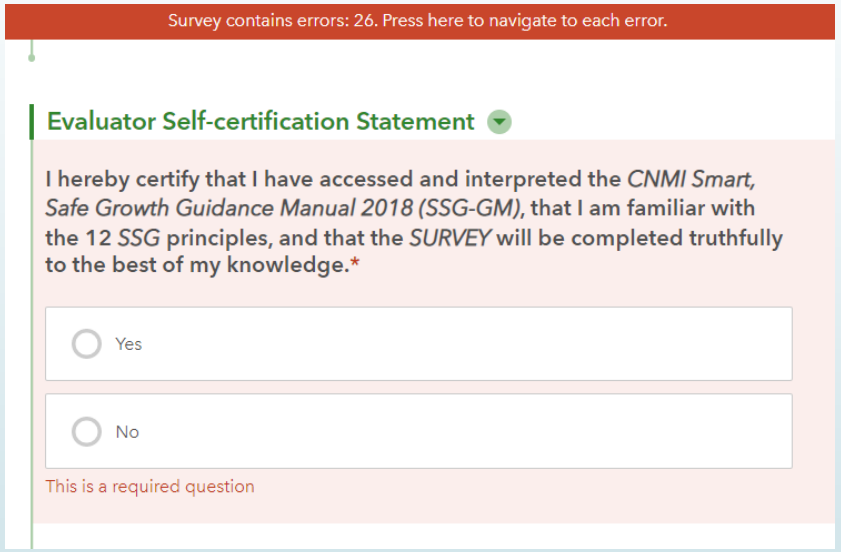
Survey Total Score

- Automatic totals
- Overall score
- Submit the survey



Required Field Errors – Self-certification Statement

- Errors display when submitting survey
- Must fix all errors prior to submission



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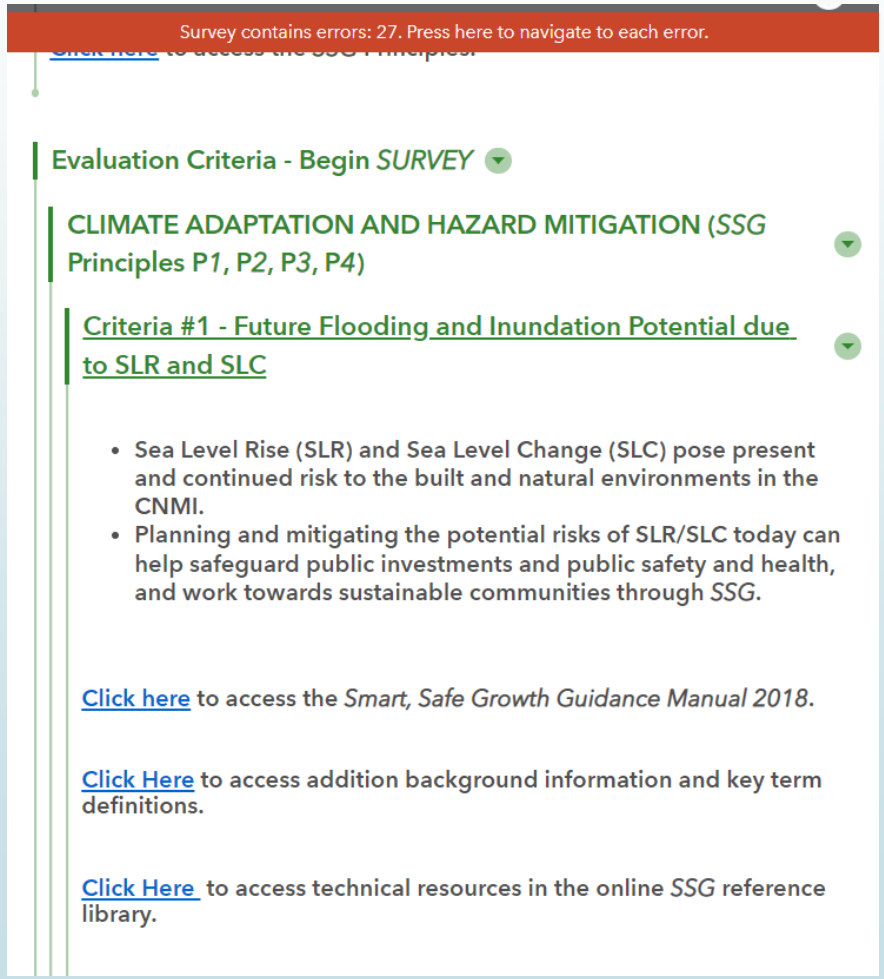

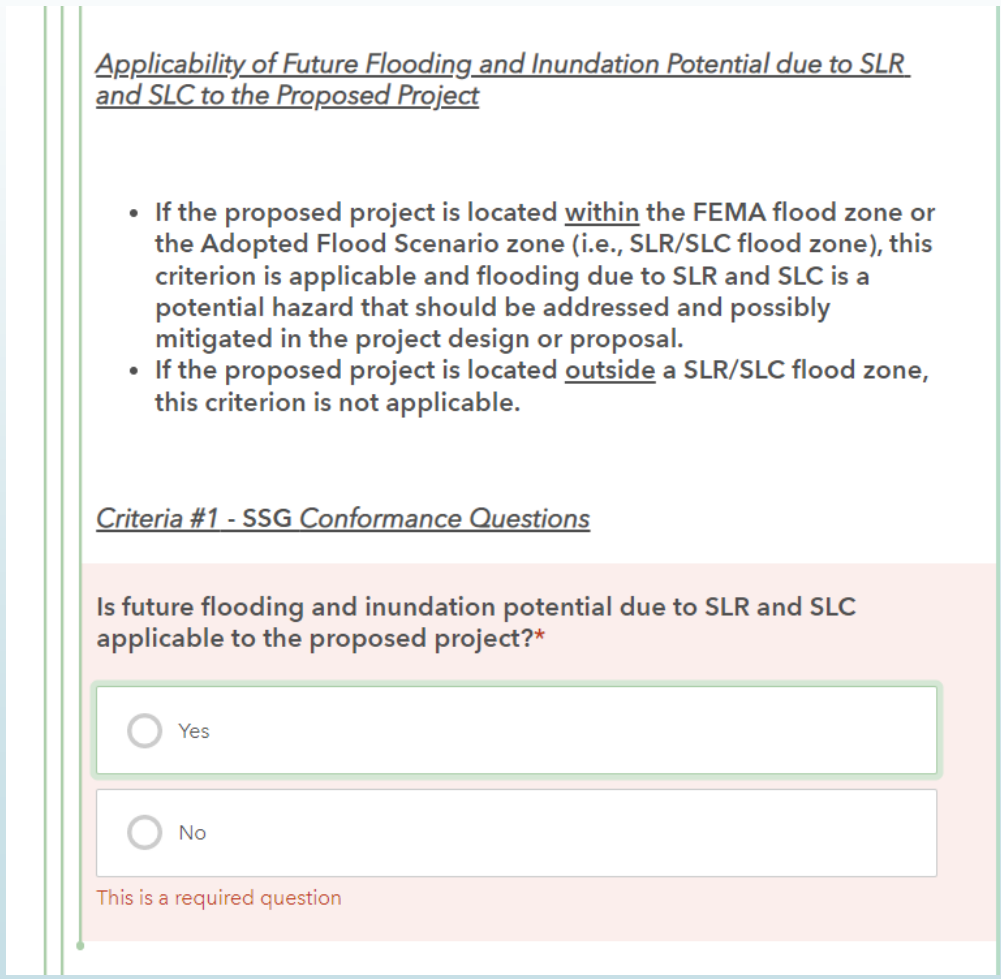

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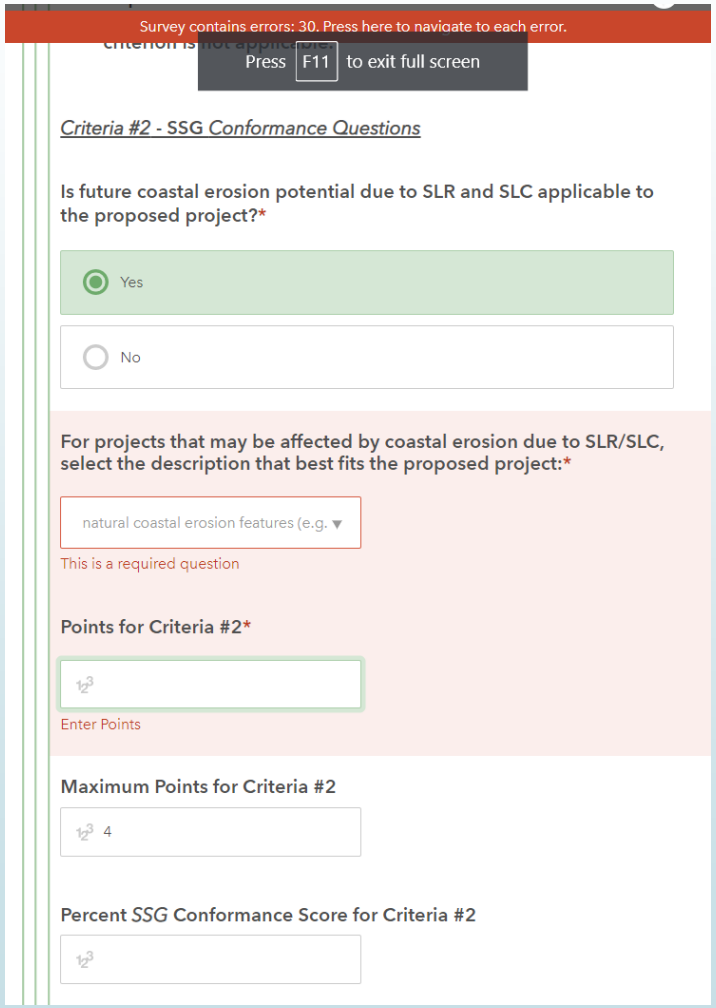

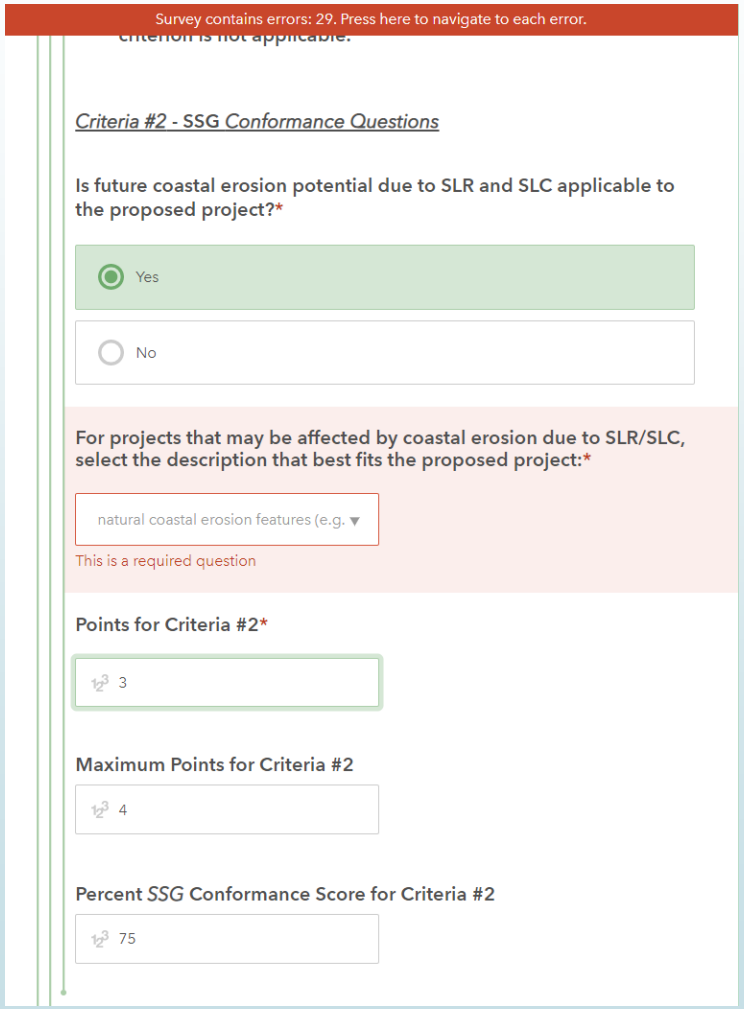

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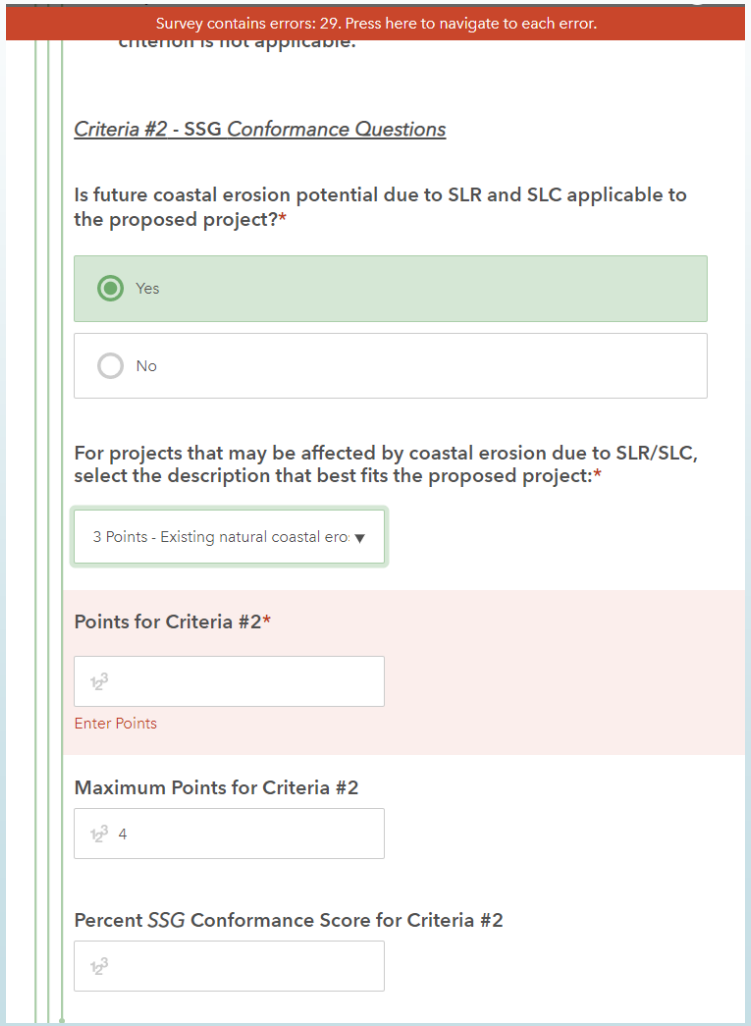

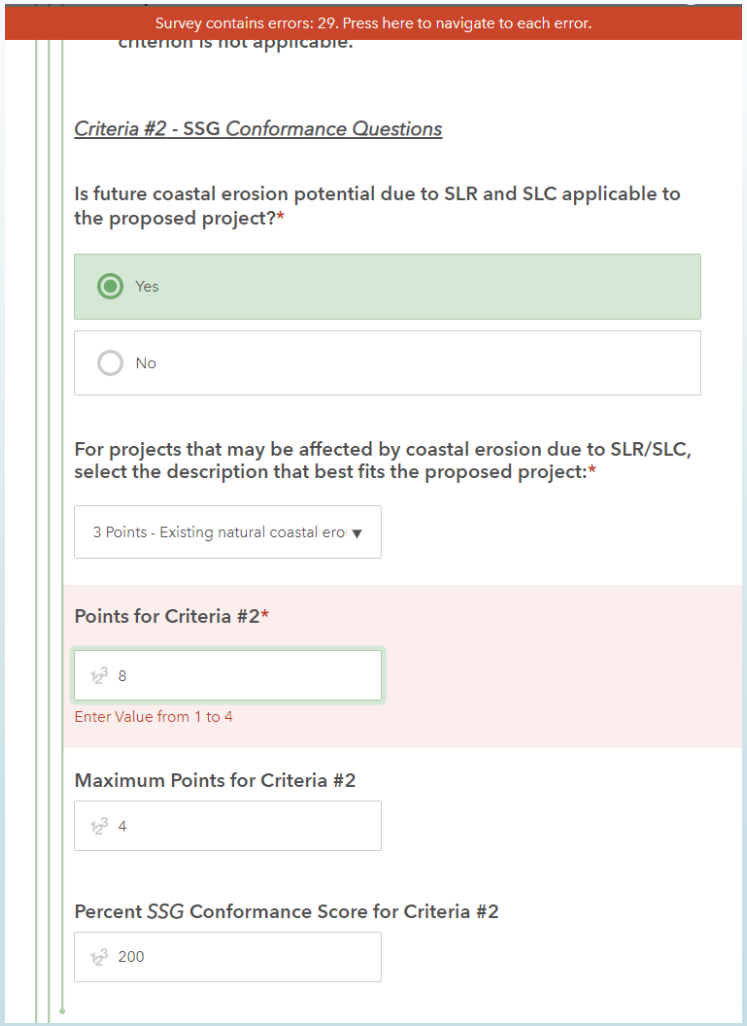

Conclusion

- Standardize reviews for project / plan prioritization
- Through SSG, the tool will help work toward resilient, safe, healthy, and economically viable communities
- Help CNMI communities to work, live, and build sustainably into the future.

How will you use the Evaluation Tool?

- Review of plans / projects
- Project design
- Plan development
- Other functions???

Activity – Check Learning Goals

- Revisit learning goals written at the beginning of the training module
- Reflect if you met your goals

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