Directions for Environmental Commission Self-Assessment

1) Read Across Each Row: Membership, Relationship with Municipal Government, Financial Resources, Community & Outreach are criteria to

evaluate the effectiveness of your commission

2) Novice, Proficient, Superstar describes traits at various levels of effectiveness

3) Check the corresponding boxes that apply to the effectiveness of your commission Second page for form

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