

Smart Growth Application

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What Is Smart Growth?

- Creative strategies to
 - foster economic growth,
 - enhance public health,
 - plan for development,
while, at the same time,
 - preserving natural lands and critical environmental areas,
 - protecting water and air quality, and
 - reusing already-developed land.

Smart Growth Principles

- Mix land uses
- Take advantage of compact building design
- Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
- Create walkable neighborhoods
- Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place
- Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas
- Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities
- Provide a variety of transportation choices
- Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective
- Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions

What does the SG application mean?

- communities receive direct technical assistance from a team of national experts in
 - policy analysis (e.g., reviewing state and local codes, school siting guidelines, transportation policies, etc.)
 - public participatory processes (e.g., visioning, design workshops, alternative analysis, build-out analysis, etc.).
- The assistance is tailored to the community's unique situation and priorities.

Some Areas Of Interest

- Transportation
- Water Resource Protection
- Growth
 - Urban Development
- Air Quality

Some Examples

Legacy Town Center, Plano, Texas



Apartment buildings and a hotel in Legacy Town Center. The hotel allows business travelers to be close to their clients in the office space.

SMART GROWTH PRINCIPLES DOWNTOWN BREA	
#1 Mix Land Uses	★
#2 Compact Building Design	✓
#3 Range of Housing Choices	✓
#4 Walkable Neighborhoods	✓
#5 Distinctive and Attractive Places	✓
#6 Preserve Open Spaces and Farmland	✓
#7 Development in Existing Communities	-
#8 Transportation Choices	✓
#9 Predictable and Fair Decision Making	-
#10 Community and Stakeholder Participation	-

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Some Examples

Abacoa, Jupiter, Florida



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Abacoa's storm water run-off is managed within the greenway system. The higher density homes allow the developers to preserve more open space.

<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/case.htm>

Some Examples

Barrio Logan, San Diego, California



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Artwork by a Mexican-American artist graces a fountain in Barrio Logan's Chicano park, located under the Coronado Bay Bridge.

