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.
Abacoa, Jupiter, Florida

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

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