

Smart Growth

Where we live impacts our health, economic opportunity, quality of life, and our children's futures. Smart growth is an approach to development that encourages a mix of building types, land uses, multi-modal transportation options, diverse housing stock, and robust community engagement. Smart growth principles prioritize compact design, walkable neighborhoods, and a strong sense of place. The objectives and action items in the Smart Growth focus area are designed to make the fabric of our community one that prioritizes sustainability at all levels- from the design of each individual street to our collaboration with partner organizations to provide regional transportation options.

Many of the action items are complimentary, by increasing access to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, we can make steps towards reducing the household cost on transportation by providing easily accessible alternatives to our personal vehicles.

Smart growth also requires for us to be more thoughtful in our approach to building. Green building standards are critical to minimize the environmental impacts of new construction and redevelopment. It ensures more efficient use of energy, water, and other valuable resources. Buildings that utilize sustainable or green building standards are better equipped to provide climate resiliency.





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The support of policies which discourage the proliferation of urban sprawl by encouraging sustainable land use and transportation practices and directing growth away from environmentally-sensitive areas

Goal 6: Utilize Smart Growth policies to promote sustainable land use

Objective 6.1: Increase the number of buildings using sustainable practices

6.1.1	Implement LEED or equivalent designation for all new city facilities.
6.1.2	Create a green building toolkit for new construction and existing buildings.
6.1.3	Adopt green building standards and incentives for new construction, affordable housing, and infill/redevelopment.

Objective 6.2: Increase the number of residents living within Complete Neighborhoods

6.2.1	Promote the use of Compact and Complete Communities principles for all new development and redevelopment efforts.
6.2.2	Develop Small Area Plans for key corridors of the City to concentrate development.

Objective 6.3: Promote policies and programs that will reduce household spending on housing and transportation combined

6.3.1	Measure location efficiency through the combined cost of housing and transportation and encourage affordable housing in areas where transportation costs are lower due to accessible public transit.
6.3.2	Develop appropriate strategies for new civic and commercial development in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Objective 6.4: Increase housing units at all price points

6.4.1	Amend Land Development Regulations (LDRs) to allow for a larger range of housing options in development and higher densities.
6.4.2	Support initiatives and/or developments that provide permanent supportive housing for low-income households, and target populations such as seniors, veterans, and homeless."

Objective 6.5: Increase access to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure

6.5.1	Provide safe and comfortable sidewalks, bikeways and crosswalks that are unobstructed and barrier free for people with disabilities, including wheelchair users and people with low vision.
6.5.2	Prioritize safe pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in high injury corridors through a Vision Zero Action Plan.

Targets

- 6.1 : Continuously track buildings using sustainable practice and show year over year growth in building using said practices.
- 6.2 : Demonstrate higher densities in key areas within the city.
- 6.3 : Make progress towards reducing the City's average (H+T®) index.
- 6.4 : Demonstrate equitable distribution of housing types and price points.
- 6.5 : Measure baseline access to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and show improvements in access.

