

Smart Growth Principles

- 1. Based on the experience of communities around the nation that have used smart growth approaches to create and maintain great neighborhoods, the Smart Growth Network developed a set of ten basic principles:**
- 2. Mix land uses**
- 3. Take advantage of compact building design**
- 4. Create a range of housing opportunities and choices**
- 5. Create walkable neighborhoods**
- 6. Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place**
- 7. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas**
- 8. Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities**
- 9. Provide a variety of transportation choices**
- 10. Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective**
- 11. Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions**