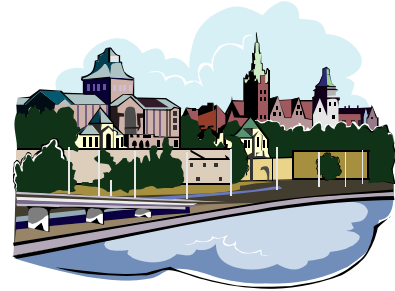


What is SMART GROWTH?

“Smart growth is development that serves the economy, the community, and the environment. It changes the terms of the development debate away from the traditional growth/no growth question to “how and where should new development be accommodated.”

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“Smart growth recognizes connections between development and quality of life.” (2)



“Smart Growth Principles:

- 1. Mix land uses**
- 2. Take advantage of compact building design**
- 3. Create a range of housing opportunities and choices**
- 4. Create walkable neighborhoods**
- 5. Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place**
- 6. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas**
- 7. Strength and direct development towards existing communities**
- 8. Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective**
- 9. Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions.”** (3)



Source:

(1) www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/about_sg.htm

(2) www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/about_sg.htm

(3) www.epa.gov/dced/about_sg.htm