

SMART GROWTH COMMUNITY CHECKLIST

Town of Hatfield



This checklist is designed to assist the Town of Hatfield in implementing Valley Vision Smart Growth Strategies at the local level. As part of the Valley Vision Memorandum of Agreement, each community committed to review existing zoning and subdivision regulations to determine if they are consistent with Valley Vision, as well as

consider the adoption and enforcement of land use regulations designed to promote efficient growth consistent with Valley Vision. This checklist has been developed to assist your community in these tasks.

The checklist can also be used to assist your community in increasing its Commonwealth Capital Score. Commonwealth Capital is a policy developed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to encourage communities to implement smart growth within their land use regulations as part of the evaluation of proposals for state funding programs. The most recent Commonwealth Capital Score in the Town of Hatfield was 68 points in FY10. The maximum number of points a community can score is 140. Based on recommendations in your community land use plans, implementation of key smart growth policies will also improve your community's Commonwealth Capital Application score. Additional recommendations have also been provided by PVPC, largely on new zoning tools that might not have been considered in previous planning efforts.

The Smart Growth Strategies in Valley Vision provide a menu of smart growth options a community can select from, depending on the size and character of your community. While not every strategy fits every community, you will find that many strategies are a good match for your community. The options that are highlighted in this checklist are based on the goals and objectives Hatfield residents identified in its municipal plans, such as Community Development Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan, Master Plan, and Commonwealth Capital Application. Additional recommendations have also been provided by PVPC, largely on new zoning tools that might not have been considered in pervious planning efforts.

At this time, Hatfield has implemented twelve (12) Smart Growth Strategies highlighted in the regional land use plan, Valley Vision. Based on strategies identified in your community plans, as well as recommendations made by the Planning Commission based on Valley Vision, your community could consider implementing fourteen (14) additional smart growth strategies in the future.

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Recommend	Adopted	Valley Vision Strategy #	Building Block	Identified in / by
✓		1	Traditional Neighborhood Development	Master Plan
		1	Transit Oriented Development	
✓	✓	2	Mixed Use Village Districts	Commonwealth Capital Application
		2	Planned Unit Development	
✓	✓	3	Adaptive Reuse and Infill Development	Community Development Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan
		3	Tax Incentive Programs and Business Improvement Districts	
✓	✓	4	Open Space Residential Development	Open Space and Recreation Plan
✓		4	Conservation Development	PVPC
✓		5	Accessory Apartments	Master Plan, Community Development Plan
✓		5	Inclusionary Zoning	Master Plan, Community Development Plan
✓		5	Home Based Business Bylaw	PVPC
		5	Smart Growth Zoning District (Ch. 40R)	
		6	Brownfields Inventory	
		6	Brownfields Redevelopment Projects	
✓	✓	7	Transfer of Development Rights	Master Plan , Open Space and Recreation Plan
✓	✓	7	Agricultural Commissions	Open Space and Recreation Plan
✓	✓	7	Right to Farm Bylaws	Open Space and Recreation Plan
✓	✓	8	River Protection Overlay District	Open Space and Recreation Plan
✓	✓	8	Community Preservation Act	Master Plan
		8	Scenic Upland Overlay District	
✓		9	Bike and Pedestrian Features	Open Space and Recreation Plan
		9	Traffic Calming Measures	
✓	✓	10	Water Supply Protection District	
✓		10	Low Impact Development	PVPC
✓	✓	10	Stormwater and Erosion Control Bylaw	Master Plan
		10	Stormwater Utilities	
✓	✓	11	Commercial Site Plan Review	Master Plan , Open Space and Recreation Plan
✓		11	Commercial Performance Standards	Open Space and Recreation Plan
		12	Urban Growth Boundaries / Limits of Sewer and Water Extensions	
✓		13	Green Building/ Stretch Code	PVPC
✓		13	Municipally Owned Clean Energy	PVPC
✓		13	By-Right Zoning for Clean Energy Generation	PVPC
✓		13	Green Communities Certification	PVPC
✓		13	Green Performance Standards	PVPC
✓	✓	15	Intergovernmental Compact+	PVPC
✓		16	Planning Board Assistance Program	PVPC

+Valley Vision MOA; Clean Energy Plan MOA