

SMART GROWTH COMMUNITY CHECKLIST

Town of Worthington



This checklist is designed to assist the Town of Worthington 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 Worthington was 55 points in FY06. 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.

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 Worthington residents identified in its municipal plans, such as Community Development Plan, Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation 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 previous planning efforts.

At this time, Worthington has implemented ten (10) 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 | Community Development Plan |
| | | 1 | Transit Oriented Development | |
| | | 2 | Mixed Use Village Districts | Community Development Plan |
| ✓ | | 2 | Planned Unit Development | Community Development Plan |
| ✓ | | 3 | Adaptive Reuse and Infill Development | Community Development Plan |
| | | 3 | Tax Incentive Programs and Business Improvement Districts | Community Development Plan |
| ✓ | | 4 | Open Space Residential Development | Commonwealth Capital Application |
| ✓ | In Progress | 4 | Conservation Development | PVPC |
| ✓ | ✓ | 5 | Accessory Apartments | Community Development Plan |
| ✓ | | 5 | Inclusionary Zoning | Community Development Plan |
| ✓ | | 5 | Home Based Business Bylaw | Community Development Plan |
| | | 5 | Smart Growth Zoning District (Ch. 40R) | |
| ✓ | ✓ | 6 | Brownfields Inventory | Commonwealth Capital Application |
| | | 6 | Brownfields Redevelopment Projects | |
| | | 7 | Transfer of Development Rights | |
| ✓ | ✓ | 7 | Agricultural Commissions | |
| ✓ | ✓ | 7 | Right to Farm Bylaws | |
| ✓ | ✓ | 8 | River Protection Overlay District | |
| ✓ | | 8 | Community Preservation Act | Community Development Plan |
| | | 8 | Scenic Upland Overlay District | |
| ✓ | ✓ | 9 | Bike and Pedestrian Features | Community Development Plan, Commonwealth Capital Application |
| | | 9 | Traffic Calming Measures | |
| ✓ | ✓ | 10 | Water Supply Protection District | Community Development Plan |
| ✓ | ✓ | 10 | Low Impact Development | Community Development Plan, Commonwealth Capital Application |
| ✓ | | 10 | Stormwater and Erosion Control Bylaw | Community Development Plan |
| | | 10 | Stormwater Utilities | |
| ✓ | ✓ | 11 | Commercial Site Plan Review | |
| | | 11 | Commercial Performance Standards | |
| | | 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+ | |
| | | 16 | Planning Board Assistance Program | |

+ Valley Vision MOA; Clean Energy Plan MOA