Principles of Smart Growth

To support Smart Growth development, Sacramento’s City Council adopted the following Smart Growth Principles into the General Plan (Resolution 2001-805):

1. Mix land uses and support vibrant city centers.

2. Take advantage of existing community assets emphasizing joint use of facilities.

3. Create a range of housing opportunities and choices.

4. Foster walkable, close-knit neighborhoods.

5. Promote distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place, including the rehabilitation and use of historic buildings.

6. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas.

7. Concentrate new development and target infrastructure investments within the urban core of the region.

8. Provide a variety of transportation choices.

9. Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost-effective.

10. Encourage citizen & stakeholder participation in development decisions.

11. Promote resource conservation and energy efficiency.

12. Create a Smart Growth Regional Vision and Plan.


14. Support land use, transportation management, infrastructure, and environmental planning programs that reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality.