

Design for Health Checklists for Comprehensive Plan Elements

Land Use Plan

Questions for All Sections

	Yes	No	NA	Comment
Is there explicit language connecting the plan element to human health?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Where are there areas where explicit language could be added?				
What other health topics, if any, could be incorporated into this section?				
Is there an implementation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Essential to Health

	Yes	No	NA	Comment	DFH Topic
Are all residential areas planned for an average of 4 (preferably 7) units per gross acre?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Accessibility
Is regular transit service planned for all residential and employment areas (preferably within 1200m of all residential areas).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Accessibility
Are all residential areas, schools, day care facilities, playgrounds and sports fields required to be more than at least 200 m (656 ft) from a major road (AADT>40,000)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Air Quality
Is the off-street trail system planned to serve all residential areas, preferably with 400-600m of all residential areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Physical Activity
Are planned residential uses located in areas with existing water and sewer infrastructure or where it is planned to occur with development?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Water Quality
Are there existing or planned vegetated buffers along all water bodies (preferably 20m to 50m) to prevent non-point pollution from impervious surfaces?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Water Quality
Do planning policies for redevelopment include evaluation of lead-bearing substances in exposed surfaces of dwelling units, child care facilities, schools, or recreation facilities used by children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Environment and Housing
Are there plans to ensure that there are supermarkets/fruit and vegetable stores located throughout the municipality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Food
Are complete street, shared street and traffic calming concepts incorporated into the future land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Safety
Are there plans or policies to provide adequate street lighting along all major streets?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Safety

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Are at least 50% of residential units affordable to persons at or below the medium household income, and/or is there at least a 20% ownership and 20% rental unit housing mix?					Social Capital
Does the land use plan incorporate neighborhood commercial and/or mixed-used development to encourage transportation related walking?					Accessibility, Physical Activity
Are mixed-use centers included as alternatives to the conventional suburban style office and research park type employment center?					Accessibility
Does the plan allow for clustering of different activities together (to make it easier to access a variety of services at one stop via public transit, bicycling, walking, and by car)?					Accessibility
Does the plan incorporate a variety of housing densities? Variety of housing cost?					Social Capital
Does the plan provide separation between heavy industrial (potentially contaminating) uses and residential uses?					Environment and Housing
Does the plan provide separation between natural resources and potentially contaminating land uses or businesses?					Environment and Housing; Water Quality
Does the plan identify brownfield locations that may be opportunities for infill development if cleaned up?					Environment and Housing
Are there policies or incentives that regulate the brownfield cleanup?					Environment and Housing
Does the plan link existing and future housing development with employment and services?					Accessibility
Does the plan identify existing and plan for future opportunities for local food production (i.e. community gardens, protection of agricultural land)?					Food
Has a community food security assessment (USDA ERS) been created to establish barriers to healthy food, income levels, lost farmland, community gardens and farmer's market availability within urbanized areas?					Food

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Good for Health

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Are there policies that encourage the inclusion and maintenance of the natural environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Mental Health
Are there policies that require that all developments have views of greenery for mental health benefits?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Mental Health
Have principles of CPTED been incorporated into the plan to create a sense of safety? (i.e. information and orientation, interaction and socialization, ownership and stewardship, seeing and being seen, land use and design, activity and programming, management and maintenance)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Safety
Has a safety checklist been consulted for standards on pedestrians and bicyclists, health/accessibility, motor-vehicle and transit riders, building, home and workplace, public facilities, and the natural environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Safety, Accessibility
Have educational materials been distributed to farmers, developers, landowners and the general public about the options and alternatives to sprawl (i.e. TDR, PDR, conservation subdivisions)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Water Quality
Are ground and surface water protected through tools like a reservoir protection overlay zone, prohibiting storage, treatment, production, or disposal of federally-recognized hazardous materials (excluding dry cleaning, photo processing, service stations, or junkyards)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Water Quality, Environment and Housing