Design for Health Checklists for Comprehensive Plan Elements

Urbanization, Redevelopment, Economic Development

Questions for All Sections

	Yes	No	NA	Comment
Is there explicit language connecting the plan element to human health?	☐	☐	☐	
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?	☐	☐	☐	

Essential for Health

	Yes	No	NA	Comment	DFH Topic
Are there plans to ensure that there are supermarkets/fruit and vegetable stores located throughout the municipality?	☐	☐	☐		Food
Does planning policy for redevelopment include evaluation of lead-bearing substances in exposed surfaces of dwelling units, child care facilities, schools, or recreation facilities used by children?	☐	☐	☐		Environment and Housing
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 in a neighborhood or census tract?	☐	☐	☐		Social Capital
Are polluting sources regulated locally and well as by state and federal governments (evaluating businesses that disproportionately pollute within neighborhoods like dry cleaners, automotive paint shops, manufacturing)?	☐	☐	☐		Air Quality
Are there existing or planned transit stops for all residential areas in urbanizing or redeveloping areas (ideally within 1200m)?	☐	☐	☐		Accessibility
Are all residential areas planned for an average of 4 (preferably 7) units per gross acre?	☐	☐	☐		Accessibility
Is a tree canopy provided in parks, open space, and streetscapes to establish a 50% to 100% canopy coverage in the redevelopment area?	☐	☐	☐		Mental Health
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?	☐	☐	☐		Air Quality

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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
Are there appropriate ordinances or policies used for mixed-use design of neighborhood, village, town, and city centers?					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)?					Water Quality
Does the plan include "buy local" campaigns supported by marketing efforts, and local food distribution?					Food
Is public financing provided for infill development and alternative uses for contaminated sites?					Environment and Housing
Will Environmental Impact Assessments and public information disclosure about toxics be used as tools to mitigate health hazards?					Environment and Housing
Are dangers of heavy metals, inorganic solvents, pesticides, crowding and transportation noise, considerations when evaluating housing quality?					Environment and Housing
Is water quality connected to planning for industrial centers and roads in relation to well location?					Water Quality
Are brownfields inventoried through a shared database providing liability resources?					Environment and Housing
Does the plan identify brownfield locations that may be opportunities for infill development if cleaned up?					Environment and Housing
Are there policies or inentcives to encourage the drevelopment of brownfield sites?					Environment and Housing
Are assistance programs provided for lead-paint testing, removal, coverall or tenant relocation provided?					Environment and Housing
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)?					Safety