



### Smart Growth Principles

- ▶ Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place...a Pennsylvania legacy
- ▶ Create walkable neighborhoods
- ▶ Mix land uses
- ▶ Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
- ▶ Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty and critical environmental areas
- ▶ Strengthen and direct development toward existing communities
- ▶ Provide a variety of transportation choices
- ▶ Take advantage of compact building design
- ▶ Make development decisions predictable, fair and cost effective
- ▶ Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration

For more information see [www.smartgrowth.org](http://www.smartgrowth.org)

### Implementing the Vision

For more information on how your community can implement sustainable visions, visit the websites listed below.

- ▶ Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection, [www.depweb.state.pa.us/ocrlgs/site/default.asp?ocrlgsNav=1](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/ocrlgs/site/default.asp?ocrlgsNav=1)
- ▶ Erie County Dept. of Planning, [www.eriecountyplanning.org](http://www.eriecountyplanning.org)
- ▶ Economic Development Corporation of Erie County, [www.connectforsuccess.org](http://www.connectforsuccess.org)
- ▶ Pennsylvania Sea Grant, [www.pserie.psu.edu/seagrants/seagindex.htm](http://www.pserie.psu.edu/seagrants/seagindex.htm)
- ▶ Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture, [www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=128859](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=128859)
- ▶ Pennsylvania Dept. of Community and Economic Development, [www.landuseinpa.com](http://www.landuseinpa.com)
- ▶ Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority, [www.pennvest.state.pa.us](http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us)
- ▶ Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation, [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us)
- ▶ 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania, [www.10000friends.org](http://www.10000friends.org)
- ▶ Pennsylvania's Keystone Investment Principles, [www.depweb.state.pa.us/news/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=477326](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/news/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=477326)



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## Sustainable Visions for Pennsylvania's Communities

Smart Growth that meets the needs of Pennsylvania's communities...

# Smart Growth Principles

Building around the needs of Pennsylvania's communities...



A group of appointed planning and zoning officials, agency personnel, professional planners and elected officials from northwestern Pennsylvania were surveyed.

Here is what the group said...

- ▶ Present land use patterns and trends in Pennsylvania need to change.
- ▶ Present land development patterns degrade the health of the Lake Erie watershed.
- ▶ Reinvesting in existing urban areas and brownfields, and preserving open space should be priorities.
- ▶ State planning and funding resources are valuable in helping communities address land use challenges.

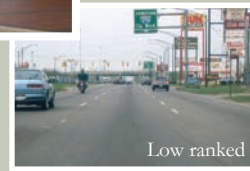
These results represent the opinions of 24 appointed planning and zoning officials, agency personnel, professional planners and elected officials that participated in a roundtable, held 9/14/05 in Erie, Pa. For more information, visit [www.glc.org/landuse/paroundtable](http://www.glc.org/landuse/paroundtable).

When asked to rank different visions, here is what the group liked. Follow-up analysis shows that the most desirable visions can be linked to several smart growth principles as shown below.

## *Create walkable neighborhoods*



High ranked

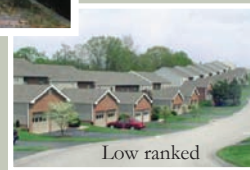


Low ranked

## *Foster distinctive, attractive places with a strong sense of place*



High ranked



Low ranked

## *Mix land uses*



High ranked



Low ranked

## *Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty and critical environmental areas*



High ranked



Low ranked

## *Take advantage of compact building design*



High ranked



Low ranked

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