

Creating Great Neighborhoods: Density in Your Community

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Smart Growth is increasingly popular. More and more Americans want to live in neighborhoods that offer convenience, value and a high quality of life. Places where we can walk or bicycle to the store or restaurant, where our offices are a short drive, bus or train ride away, and where children can walk to school. We want neighborhoods where there is open space, clean air, and clean water.

There is increasing recognition nationwide that density is an integral component to the creation of these types of neighborhoods. Building great dense places with good design is not just abstract theory - it is a practical approach to growth that is being used in diverse places across the country.

The National Association of Realtors®, in cooperation with the Local Government Commission and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, announces the release of a publication on the critical importance of density to our communities. This publication highlights the success of nine community led efforts to create vibrant neighborhoods through density, provides readers with an understanding of the connections between smart growth and density, and introduces five time tested design principles to ensure density becomes a community asset and not a liability.



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