**Smart Growth Checklist for Planning Projects**

Introduction

The New York State Department of State's Smart Growth Community Planning program funds comprehensive plans, area plans, and zoning regulations that incorporate the Smart Growth planning principles, outlined in the chart below. Communities have found that aligning planning and zoning with these principles helps lay the groundwork for resilient, healthy, vibrant, and unique places.

The checklist below is meant to help identify where and how smart growth principles have been incorporated into a comprehensive plan, area plan, or zoning code. Explain how each principle has been incorporated into the final document and indicate what page/section this can be found on.

If additional space is needed, please feel free to include additional pages. An alternative format can be used, so long as all the requested information included in the chart is provided.

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| **Smart Growth Principle** | **Summary of Principle Incorporation** | **Sections & Pages** |
| **Allow for and encourage neighborhoods with a mix of uses, such as residential, commercial, and community spaces.** | | |
| **Enable a diverse mix of housing types, providing opportunity and choice for people of all ages, abilities and incomes.** | | |
| **Prioritize infill and redevelopment of existing buildings to revitalize neighborhoods and downtowns, including areas around public transit.** | | |
| **Provide well-planned, equitable, and accessible public spaces for people of all ages and abilities.** | | |
| **Encourage compact neighborhood design and concentrated development around existing infrastructure.** | | |
| **Preserve open space, agricultural resources, and natural resources.** | | |
| **Prioritize transportation options that are safe and accessible for everyone, including pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit users.** | | |
| **Promote climate resiliency and adaptation, preferably through nature-based solutions, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.** | | |
| **Build on unique traits to create an attractive and welcoming community with a strong sense of place.** | | |

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| **Engage in an inclusive, collaborative public planning process that considers the needs and character of the community.** | | |