

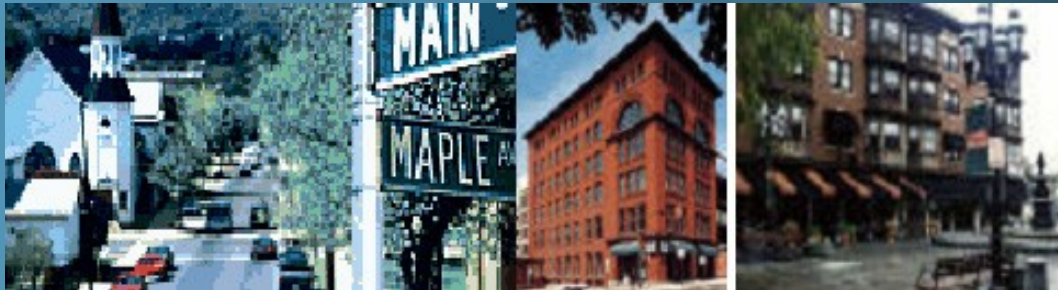
Smart Growth 101

About Us
Mission
How We Get it Done



About Us

- Statewide non-profit organization
- Diverse coalition of interests





Mission

Promote patterns of development that.....

- Revitalize city & town centers
- Preserve historic, cultural and natural resources
- Expand economic opportunity for all Rhode Islanders



How We Get it Done

- Policy Reform / Advocacy
- Outreach / Education
- Helping Municipalities

Website

Monthly e-news

Printed Newsletter

What is Sprawl?

Sprawl is irresponsible development that wastes tax dollars, destroys farmland and open space, and encourages neglect of existing infrastructure and community resources.



What is Smart Growth?

Smart growth is well-planned development that protects open space and farmland, revitalizes communities, keeps housing affordable and provides more transportation choices.



What Smart Growth “Is” And “Is Not”

More transportation choices and less traffic

Not against cars and roads

Vibrant cities, suburbs and towns

Not anti-suburban

Wider variety of housing choices

Not about telling people where or how to live

Well-planned growth that improves quality of life

Not against growth

Smart Growth is Defined by Outcomes

1. Neighborhood Livability
2. Better Access, Less Traffic
3. Thriving Cities & Town Centers
4. Shared Benefits
5. Lower Costs, Lower Taxes
6. Keeping open Space open

Neighborhood Livability

- Quality of Life
- Safe, Convenience, Attractive, Affordable



Better Access, Less Traffic

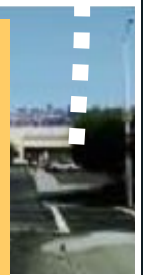
- Convenience
- Transportation Choices



Everything is a Drive Away

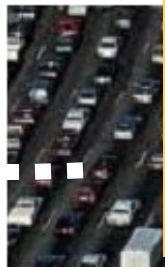


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Suburban parents spend
17 full days a year
behind the wheel, more than the
average parent spends dressing,
bathing and feeding a child.

Source: Surface Transportation Policy Project



Recreation



Workplace

Thriving City & Town Centers

- Investment in existing centers
- Sense of place.



Shared Benefits

- Choices
- Growth is only be **Smart** if it benefits the many, not just the few



Lower Costs, Lower Taxes

- Sprawl costs more money
- Existing infrastructure conserves resources and keeps taxes down



Keeping Open Space Open

- Smart growth protects open space, farmland and forests



How is Smart Growth Achieved?

To achieve Smart Growth, communities should:

- Mix Land Uses
- Encourage Growth in Existing City & Town Centers
- Take Advantage of Existing Community Assets
- Housing Opportunities and Choices
- Foster “Walkable” Close-Knit Neighborhoods
- Promote a “Distinctive Sense of Place” through Preservation
- Preserve & Protect Open Space, Farmland, & Critical Environmental Areas
- Provide a variety of Transportation Choices
- Make Development Decisions Predictable, Fair and Cost-Effective
- Encourage Citizen Participation in Development Decisions

Sprawl Vs. Smart Growth



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So, how can YOU make a difference?

1. Be informed
2. See alternatives / opportunities
3. Get involved
4. Help us build awareness
5. Encourage young people realize they can make a difference in shaping their communities



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