

Summary Table: Grading Growth Management & Land Use Plans

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| Affordable Housing | Supply of affordable housing compared to the demand. | Does the plan set forth criteria for assessing the impact of past and anticipated growth on affordable housing? Does the plan show the current supply-demand for affordable housing within the planning area? Does the plan show the supply-demand for affordable housing with anticipated growth? If demand for affordable housing exceeds the supply does the plan recommend actions for: resolving the deficit and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show the supply-demand for affordable housing with anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |
| Air Quality & Transportation | Percent of commuters driving alone. | Does the plan set forth criteria for assessing the impact of past and anticipated growth? Does the plan show the current percent of commuters driving alone within the planning area? Does the plan show the percent of commuters driving alone with anticipated growth? Does the plan recommend actions for: reducing the percent of commuters driving alone and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show the percent of commuters driving alone with anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |
| Farmland Preservation | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percent of farmland preserved. 2. Percent of planning area in agricultural use. | Does the plan set forth criteria for assessing the loss of farmland due to past and anticipated growth? Does the plan show the current percent farmland preserved and total farmland acres for the planning area? Does the plan show how the percent farmland preserved and total farmland acres will change with anticipated growth? Does the plan recommend actions for: reducing the loss of farmland, and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show how the percent farmland preserved and total farmland acres will improve with anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |
| Flooding | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating. 2. Percent of homes subject to first floor flooding. 3. Percent of homes benefitting from flood proofing. | Does the plan set forth criteria for assessing the impact of flooding due to past and anticipated growth? Does the plan show the current NFIP rating or other criteria for the planning area? Does the plan show the projected NFIP rating and/or how other criteria will change with anticipated growth? Does the plan recommend actions for: reducing the number of residents at risk due to flood damage, and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show how the criteria will improve with anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |
| Historic & Cultural Resources | Preservation of significant archaeological, cultural and historic resources. | Does the plan set forth criteria for assessing what constitutes preservation of an archaeological, cultural and historic resource? Does the plan show existing archaeological, cultural and historic resources within the planning area? Does the plan show archaeological, cultural and historic resources which may be threatened by anticipated growth? If any archaeological, cultural and historic resources is threatened does the plan: recommend actions for preserving the resource and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show the existing archaeological, cultural and historic resources preserved with anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |

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| Keeping Taxes Low | Cost of infrastructure expansion and effect on tax-payer burden. | Does the plan present criteria for assessing the impact of past and anticipated growth on tax rates? Does the plan show the tax burden for covering the cost for past growth within the planning area? Does the plan show the cost to tax-payers for infrastructure expansions needed for anticipated growth? Does the plan recommend actions for: placing the burden for infrastructure expansions on the development companies and others who profit directly from growth; and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show the cost to tax-payers for infrastructure expansions needed for anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |
| Parks & Recreation Area Congestion | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supply of park and recreation areas compared to the demand determined from public opinion survey data. 2. Compare the ratio of parks and recreation areas per 1,000 residents in your area with regional or statewide data as set forth in reports such as City Park Facts and the NRPA Field Reports. 3. Is there a minimum of 10 acres of park and recreation area for every 1,000 residents. | Does the plan set forth criteria for assessing the impact of past and anticipated growth on the supply and demand for park and recreation areas? Does the plan show how park-recreation areas within the planning area currently rank with regard to the criteria? Does the plan show how park-recreation areas within the planning area will rank with anticipated growth? If supply of park-recreation area does meet the criteria then does the plan recommend actions for: resolving the deficit and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show how park-recreation areas will rank with anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |
| Police, Fire & EMS Services | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of police officers per 1,000 residents. 2. Fire and EMS response times. 3. Fire insurance rates based on ISO criteria. 4. EMS patient outcomes. | Does the plan set forth criteria for assessing the impact of past and anticipated growth? Does the plan show current how police, fire and EMS services rank within the planning area with regard to the criteria? Does the plan show how police, fire and EMS services will rank with anticipated growth in the planning area? If police, fire or EMS will fail to meet the criteria does the plan recommend actions for: resolving the inadequacy and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show how police, fire and EMS services will rank with anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |
| School Overcrowding | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student enrollment as a percent of school capacity; or 2. Teacher-student ratios compared with established standards or regional-statewide norms. | Does the plan set forth criteria for assessing the impact of past and anticipated growth on schools? Does the plan show current percent utilization for each public school within the planning area? Does the plan show percent utilization for each public school with anticipated growth? If any school will have a utilization greater than 100% does the plan recommend actions for: resolving overcrowding and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show percent utilization for each public school with anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |
| Stormwater BMP Maintenance | Percent of BMPs in good condition. | Does the plan contain data on the number of existing stormwater BMPs? Does the plan show the percent of existing BMPs in good condition? Does the plan show how the number of BMPs will increase with anticipated growth? Does the plan show the number of inspectors required to meet a minimum inspection frequency of once every three years? Does the plan show how the required number of inspectors will be funded? |

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| Streams, Lakes, Rivers & Tidal Waters | 1. Current and future quality based on the percent impervious area for the watershed of each named water body or waterway. 2. Current and future quality expressed as excellent, good, fair or poor based upon fish or other biological sampling data; not just chemical parameters or bacteria data. | Does the plan set forth criteria for assessing the impact of past and anticipated growth? Does the plan show current quality of all named waters within the planning area? Does the plan show the quality of all named waters with anticipated growth? If any named waters are or will be of Poor or Fair quality does the plan recommend actions for: restoring the waters to a Good condition and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show the quality of named waters with anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |
| Traffic Congestion | Congestion as measured with current Level of Service criteria at all intersections with a traffic light. | Does the plan set forth the congestion level of service deemed acceptable? Does the plan show current congestion for each signalized intersection within the planning area? Does the plan show congestion for each signalized intersection with anticipated growth? If any signalized intersection will have an unacceptable Level of Service, does the plan recommend actions for: resolving congestion and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show the Level of Service with anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |
| Tree & Forest Preservation | 1. Percent of planning area with a tree canopy or with forest. 2. Percent urban tree canopy goal. | Does the plan set forth criteria for assessing the impact of past and anticipated growth on tree and forest cover? Does the plan show the current percent tree or forest cover within the planning area? Does the plan show percent tree or forest cover in the planning area with anticipated growth? If tree or forest cover will decline with anticipated growth or fail to meet a goal then does the plan recommend actions for: resolving the shortfall and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show percent tree or forest cover with anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |
| Walkable & Bikable Communities | 1. Mileage of roadways where it is safe to walk or bike. 2. Percent of students walking to school. 3. Mileage of trails for walking-bicycling. | Does the plan set forth criteria for assessing the impact of past and anticipated growth? Does the plan show current how the planning area presently ranks with regard to the criteria? Does the plan show current how the planning area will rank with anticipated growth? Does the plan: recommend actions for making improvements, and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show current how the planning area will rank with anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |
| Water Supply Adequacy | 1. Safe or sustainable yield based on drought-period water balance or equally comprehensive, science-based analysis. | Does the plan set forth criteria for assessing water supply adequacy? Does the plan show the current drought-period water supply and demand for the planning area? Does the plan show how water supply and demand will change with anticipated growth? Does the plan recommend actions for: resolving water supply deficiencies, and provide the factual basis for the effectiveness of each action? Does the plan show how the shortfall will be resolved with anticipated growth plus the effect of the actions? |