

1. Street Width

What is the minimum pavement width allowed for streets in low density residential developments that have less than 500 daily trips (ADT)?

20 feet

If your answer is between 18-22 feet, give yourself 4 points

4

At higher densities are parking lanes allowed to also serve as traffic lanes (i.e., queuing streets)?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 3 points

0

Notes on Street Width (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

2. Street Length

Do street standards promote the most efficient street layouts that reduce overall street length?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point

1

Notes on Street Length (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

3. Right-of-Way Width

What is the minimum right of way (ROW) width for a residential street?

60 feet

If your answer is less than 45 feet, give yourself 3 points

0

Does the code allow utilities to be placed under the paved section of the ROW?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point

1

Notes on ROW Width (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

4. Cul-de-Sacs

What is the minimum radius allowed for cul-de-sacs?

47 feet

If your answer is less than 35 feet, give yourself 3 points

If your answer is 36 feet to 45 feet, give yourself 1 point

0

Can a landscaped island be created within the cul-de-sac?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point

1

Are alternative turnarounds such as "hammerheads" allowed on short streets in low density residential developments?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point

0

Notes on Cul-de-Sacs (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

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5. Vegetated Open Channels

Are curb and gutters required for most residential street sections?

YES/NO

If your answer is NO, give yourself 2 points *ESP*

0

Are there established design criteria for swales that can provide stormwater quality treatment (i.e., dry swales, biofilters, or grass swales)?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points *ESP*

2

Notes on Vegetated Open Channel (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

6. Parking Ratios

What is the minimum parking ratio for a professional office building (per 1000 ft² of gross floor area)?

3.5 spaces

If your answer is less than 3.0 spaces, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

0

What is the minimum required parking ratio for shopping centers (per 1,000 ft² gross floor area)?

4.0 spaces

If your answer is 4.5 spaces or less, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

1

What is the minimum required parking ratio for single family homes (per home)?

2.0 spaces

If your answer is less than or equal to 2.0 spaces, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

1

Are your parking requirements set as maximum or median (rather than minimum) requirements?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points *ESP*

0

Notes on Parking Ratios (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

7. Parking Codes

Is the use of shared parking arrangements promoted?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

1

Are model shared parking agreements provided?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

0

Are parking ratios reduced if shared parking arrangements are in place?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

1

If mass transit is provided nearby, is the parking ratio reduced?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

0

Notes on Parking Codes (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

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8. Parking Lots

What is the minimum stall width for a standard parking space?

9 feet

If your answer is 9 feet or less, give yourself 1 point

1

What is the minimum stall length for a standard parking space?

17.5 feet

If your answer is 18 feet or less, give yourself 1 point

1

Are at least 30% of the spaces at larger commercial parking lots required to have smaller dimensions for compact cars?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point

0

Can pervious materials be used for spillover parking areas?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points

2

Notes on Parking Lots (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

9. Structured Parking

Are there any incentives to developers to provide parking within garages rather than surface parking lots?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point

0

Notes on Structured Parking (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

10. Parking Lot Runoff

Is a minimum percentage of a parking lot required to be landscaped?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points

2

Is the use of bioretention islands and other stormwater practices within landscaped areas or setbacks allowed?


YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points

2

Notes on Parking Lot Runoff (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

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 **Time to Assess:** Principles 1 - 10 focused on the codes, ordinances, and standards that determine the size, shape, and construction of parking lots, roadways, and driveways in the suburban landscape. There were a total of 40 points available for Principles 1 - 10. What was your total score?

Subtotal Page 5 7 + Subtotal Page 6 6 + Subtotal Page 7 8 = 21

Where were your codes and ordinances most in line with the principles? What codes and ordinances are potential impediments to better development?

11. Open Space Design

Are open space or cluster development designs allowed in the community?

If your answer is YES, give yourself 3 points

If your answer is NO, skip to question No. 12

YES NO

3

Is land conservation or impervious cover reduction a major goal or objective of the open space design ordinance?

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point

YES NO

1

Are the submittal or review requirements for open space design greater than those for conventional development?

If your answer is NO, give yourself 1 point

YES NO

0

Is open space or cluster design a by-right form of development?

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point

YES NO

0

Are flexible site design criteria available for developers that utilize open space or cluster design options (e.g., setbacks, road widths, lot sizes)

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points

YES NO

2

Notes on Open Space Design (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

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12. Setbacks and Frontages

Are irregular lot shapes (e.g., pie-shaped, flag lots) allowed in the community?

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point

YES/NO

1

What is the minimum requirement for front setbacks for a one half (1/2) acre residential lot?

If your answer is 20 feet or less, give yourself 1 point

20 feet

1

What is the minimum requirement for rear setbacks for a one half (1/2) acre residential lot?

If your answer is 25 feet or less, give yourself 1 point

25 feet

1

What is the minimum requirement for side setbacks for a one half (1/2) acre residential lot?

If your answer is 8 feet or less, give yourself 1 points

8 feet

1

What is the minimum frontage distance for a one half (1/2) acre residential lot?

If your answer is less than 80 feet, give yourself 2 points

75 feet

2

Notes on Setback and Frontages (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

13. Sidewalks

What is the minimum sidewalk width allowed in the community?

If your answer is 4 feet or less, give yourself 2 points

4 feet

2

Are sidewalks always required on both sides of residential streets?

If your answer is NO, give yourself 2 points

YES/NO

0

Are sidewalks generally sloped so they drain to the front yard rather than the street?

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point

YES/NO

0

Can alternate pedestrian networks be substituted for sidewalks (e.g., trails through common areas)?

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point

YES/NO

1

Notes on Sidewalks (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

14. Driveways

What is the minimum driveway width specified in the community?

If your answer is 9 feet or less (one lane) or 18 feet (two lanes), give yourself 2 points

9 feet

2

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Criteria**

Can pervious materials be used for single family home driveways (e.g., grass, gravel, porous pavers, etc)?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points *ESP*

Can a "two track" design be used at single family driveways?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

Are shared driveways permitted in residential developments?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

Notes on Driveways (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

15. Open Space Management

Skip to question 16 if open space, cluster, or conservation developments are not allowed in your community.

Does the community have enforceable requirements to establish associations that can effectively manage open space?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points *ESP*

Are open space areas required to be consolidated into larger units?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

Does a minimum percentage of open space have to be managed in a natural condition?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

Are allowable and unallowable uses for open space in residential developments defined?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

Can open space be managed by a third party using land trusts or conservation easements?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

Notes on Open Space Management (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

16. Rooftop Runoff

Can rooftop runoff be discharged to yard areas?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points *ESP*

Do current grading or drainage requirements allow for temporary ponding of stormwater on front yards or rooftops?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points *ESP*

Notes on Rooftop Runoff (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

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Time to Assess: Principles 11 through 16 focused on the regulations which determine lot size, lot shape, housing density, and the overall design and appearance of our neighborhoods. There were a total of 36 points available for Principles 11 - 16. What was your total score?

Subtotal Page 8 6 + Subtotal Page 9 11 + Subtotal Page 10 10 = 27

Where were your codes and ordinances most in line with the principles? What codes and ordinances are potential impediments to better development?

17. Buffer Systems

Is there a stream buffer ordinance in the community?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points FR

2

If so, what is the minimum buffer width?

25 feet

If your answer is 75 feet or more, give yourself 1 point FR

0

Is expansion of the buffer to include freshwater wetlands, steep slopes or the 100-year floodplain required?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point FR

1

Notes on Buffer Systems (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

18. Buffer Maintenance

If you do not have stream buffer requirements in your community, skip to question No. 19

Does the stream buffer ordinance specify that at least part of the stream buffer be maintained with native vegetation?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points FR

2

Does the stream buffer ordinance outline allowable uses?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point

1

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Does the ordinance specify enforcement and education mechanisms?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

0

Notes on Buffer Systems (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

19. Clearing and Grading

Is there any ordinance that requires or encourages the preservation of natural vegetation at residential development sites?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points *ESP*

0

Do reserve septic field areas need to be cleared of trees at the time of development?

YES/NO

If your answer is NO, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

1

Notes on Buffer Maintenance (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

20. Tree Conservation

If forests or specimen trees are present at residential development sites, does some of the stand have to be preserved?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points *ESP*

0

Are the limits of disturbance shown on construction plans adequate for preventing clearing of natural vegetative cover during construction?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point *ESP*

1

Notes on Tree Conservation (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

21. Land Conservation Incentives

Are there any incentives to developers or landowners to conserve non-regulated land (open space design, density bonuses, stormwater credits or lower property tax rates)?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points *ESP*

2

Is flexibility to meet regulatory or conservation restrictions (density compensation, buffer averaging, transferable development rights, off-site mitigation) offered to developers?

YES/NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points *ESP*

0

Notes on Land Cons. Incentives (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

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22. Stormwater Outfalls

Is stormwater required to be treated for quality before it is discharged?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points *1/3*

2

Are there effective design criteria for stormwater best management practices (BMPs)?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point *1/3*

1

Can stormwater be directly discharged into a jurisdictional wetland without pretreatment?

YES NO

If your answer is NO, give yourself 1 point *1/3*

1

Does a floodplain management ordinance that restricts or prohibits development within the 100-year floodplain exist?

YES NO

If your answer is YES, give yourself 2 points *1/3*

2

Notes on Stormwater Outfalls (include source documentation such as name of document, section and page #):

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Time to Assess: Principles 17 through 22 addressed the codes and ordinances that promote (or impede) protection of existing natural areas and incorporation of open spaces into new development. There were a total of 24 points available for Principles 17 - 22. What was your total score?

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16

Where were your codes and ordinances most in line with the principles? What codes and ordinances are potential impediments to better development?

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To determine final score, add up subtotal from each **Time to Assess**

Principles 1 - 10 (Page 8)

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Principles 11 - 16 (Page 11)

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Principles 17 - 22 (Page 13)

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TOTAL

64