

SMART GROWTH DEFINED 1

Smart growth is an urban [planning](#) and [transportation](#) theory that concentrates growth in the center of a city to avoid [urban sprawl](#); and advocates compact, [transit-oriented](#), [walkable](#), [bicycle-friendly](#) land use, including neighborhood schools, [complete streets](#), and [mixed-use development](#) with a range of housing choices.

Smart growth values long-range, regional considerations of [sustainability](#) over a short-term focus with goals to achieve a unique sense of community and place; expand the range of transportation, employment, and housing choices; equitably distribute the costs and benefits of development; preserve and enhance natural and cultural resources; and promote public health.