

# Florida Department of Health

## Better by design community

" this community has met the standards established by the Florida Department of Health for a Healthy Community"



Check all of the boxes below that apply to the community being evaluated

### Water Quality

- The community is using a public water system with no history of water quality issues. (20 points)
  - The community is using a private well water system with no history of water quality issues. (20 points)
  - If a lake is accessible to the community, it meets water quality standards. (10 points)
  - The community is using private or public water systems with a history of water quality issues. (- 10 points for this category)
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### Storm Water

- The community has an adequate underground storm water drainage system. (20 points)
  - The community has an adequate surface based storm water drainage system with all necessary safe guards such as fences, locked gates and emergency information. (10 points)
  - The community is designed as a Low Impact Development. (10 points)
  - The community has no more than 35% of its ground covered by impervious surfaces. (10 points)
  - The community is in a flood plain, marshland, wetland or groundwater recharge area. (-10 points for this category)
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### **Water Quantity**

- The water supply for the development will not diminish during seasonal droughts or with normal use. (20 points)
  - The permitting agency has provided written confirmation that the applicant holds sufficient water rights or letters of commitment for the community. (20 points)
  - The community is utilizing methods to increase available water such as grey water systems, cisterns for irrigation or high efficiency appliances. (20 points)
  - The community experiences water shortages or regular water restrictions.  
(- 10 points for this category)
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### **Water Conservation**

- The landscaping plan for the community includes water conservation measures such as rain sensing systems and appropriate sprinkler heads. (20 points)
  - The landscaping plan for the community uses native plants or xeriscaping to reduce water demand. (20 points)
  - There are opportunities for recycling or the reuse of water within the community.  
(10 points)
  - The community has no water reclamation or reuse options.  
(- 10 points for this category)
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### **Waste Water**

- The community has an adequate centralized waste water system. (20 points)
  - The community has adequate groundwater protection to allow on site waste water treatment systems. (20 points)
  - The sewage system of the community is undersized or unable to adequately protect the health of the public and the ground water. (-10 points for this category)
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**Air Quality**

- The community is designed to reduce trips and vehicle emissions by using effective traffic planning? (20 points)
  - The community is at least ¼ mile away from cell towers, ½ mile away from high voltage power lines and at least 2 ½ miles away from large sources of air pollutants? (20 points)
  - The community is in an area of known air pollution or the subject of regular emissions testing? (- 10 points for this category)
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**Physical Fitness**

- Open spaces, trails and sidewalks are included in the community to provide regular opportunities for play, biking and walking. (20 points)
  - The community includes park space with approved equipment for children to play with. (20 points)
  - The community has no parks, trails, sidewalks and open spaces. (- 10 points for this category)
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**Public Transportation**

- The community is designed to offer and encourage the use of travel options such as public transit, bike paths and alternative transportation. (20 points)
  - The community includes safe routes to school with a minimum of street crossings and areas of high visibility for children walking to school. (20 points)
  - The community does not provide transportation options and safe routes to school. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Public Safety**

- The community includes pedestrian signals, mid street islands and traffic calming devices such as roundabouts and narrow streets. (20 points)
  - The community includes ramps, depressed curbs and meets ADA requirements. (20 points)
  - The community does not provide sidewalks with pedestrian safety in mind. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Noise**

- The community has measures in place to mitigate nuisance noises such as set backs, sound walls and vegetative barriers. (20 points)
  - The community includes traffic quieting road designs in both residential and commercial areas. (20 points)
  - The community is subject to nuisance noises from airports, high volume roads ways or industrial facilities. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Natural Environment and Manmade Hazards**

- The community has had no natural disasters such as fires, flooding or sink holes within the last 50 years. (20 points)
  - The industry around the community has steps in place to decrease the risks of the accidental release of toxic materials or spills (20 points)
  - At least 15% of the community has been preserved for conservation. (10 points)
  - The community development plan includes the removal of invasive plant species and provisions to prohibit the planting of invasive plant species. (10 points)
  - The development of the community has required taking more than 5% of the endangered species known to inhabit this land. (-10 points for this category)
  - The community is in an area which has had either natural or manmade disasters within the last 50 years. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Solid and Hazardous Waste Disposal**

- The community includes solid waste handling in a manner that is approved by local zoning requirements and regulatory laws. (20 points)
  - The community includes a solid waste recycling program with a goal of collecting recyclables from 40% or more of the households. (20 points)
  - A household hazardous waste (HHW) center is located within 5 miles of the community or is collected within the community. (10 points)
  - The community is in an area that may be adversely affected by solid or hazardous waste disposal. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Site Contamination**

- Community has had an environmental assessment, groundwater and soil sampling to detect environmental hazards. (20 points)
  - All potential environmental hazards at this community have been addressed and adequately mitigated. (20 points)
  - Zoning regulations, industry and agricultural standards are in place that will help insure this community will not be adversely impacted by contamination. (20 points)
  - The community is in an area of contamination from past that has not been mitigated. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Zoonosis**

- This community is part of a regular mosquito surveillance and treatment program. (20 points)
  - This community has an active Integrated Pest Management program. (20 points)
  - This community is served by an agency that addresses rodent and animal control services. (20 points)
  - This community is considered at high risk for zoonotic disease transmission. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Health Equity**

- Disadvantaged populations are kept from being at greater risk to environmental hazards within the community. (20 points)
  - Environmental hazards are kept at acceptable levels across the community. (20 points)
  - The community does not address health disparity issues as one group is placed at greater risk to environmental hazards than another. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Connectivity of the project**

- The community offers 2 to 6 roads in and out of the community connected to neighboring communities. (20 points)
  - The community is connected to surrounding neighborhoods via parks, sidewalks and other amenities. (20 points)
  - The community has a central entrance, locked gate or no access to neighboring communities. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Mixed use development**

- The community provides safe access to grocery stores, public transportation, schools, parks and entertainment opportunities within a ½ mile. (20 points)
  - The community provides multi-use, multi-purpose buildings such as a community center/childcare or living space above a mercantile area. (20 points)
  - The community provides no mixed use development opportunities. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Housing Options**

- The community provides a wide range of housing options. (20 points)
- The community includes home prices that will allow home buyers from different income brackets to become neighbors and share amenities. (20 points)
- The community offers a narrow range of housing options and home prices. (- 10 points for this category)

### **Tree Preservation**

- The development preserves large trees or plants mature trees in parks and green spaces throughout the community. (20 points)
  - The community has strict, enforceable requirements regarding the preservation and planting of trees. (20 points)
  - The community is void of mature trees and/or has no requirements for the preservation and planting of trees. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Lighting**

- The community includes adequate neighborhood lighting to decrease crime and increase safety. (20 points)
  - Lighting is placed in the community along trails and sidewalks to increase the comfort level and safety of those using them. (20 points)
  - The community has invested in high efficiency or solar powered lighting options. (20 points)
  - The lighting that is placed in the community is environmentally friendly. Light is focused downwards, does not impact sea turtles and is compliant with the “dark skies” program. (20 points)
  - The community provides no lighting to reduce crime and increase safety. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Fire, Police and Emergency Services**

- Police or sheriff officers can respond to the community within 5 minutes. (20 points)
  - Fire and emergency services personnel can respond to the community within 5 minutes. (20 points)
  - Police, fire and emergency services are more than 5 minutes away from the community. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Schools**

- Schools are integrated into the community so that children can safely walk to school. (20 points)
  - Schools are located outside the community but safe bus stops and/or public transportation is provided to the schools. (20 points)
  - The community does not have a school or provide safe transportation to a school outside of the community. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Obesity Prevention**

- There markets and grocery stores with healthy food options located within ½ mile of the community. (20 points)
  - The community offers organized sports, adult or child physical education programs. (20 points)
  - The community has no grocery stores or organized physical education opportunities. (- 10 points for this category)
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### **Community**

- Sidewalks are wide enough for multiple uses. (20 points)
- The development fosters a sense of community through design, community involvement, benches, front porches etc. (20 points)
- The community uses and encourages the use of hardy and/or native plants to reduce fertilizer application. (20 points)
- The community uses an Integrated Pest Management plan (IPM) to minimize the impacts of pesticide application on beneficial insects such as pollinators. (20 points)
- Employment opportunities exist for 40% of the communities working age adults within 3 miles. (20 points)
- The community has a neighborhood association or homeowners association. (10 points)
- Community meets preparedness guidelines by having locally grown food available within 5 miles. (20 points) (I don't know about the distance here)

- Community meets preparedness guidelines by having local preparedness oversight by a local or regional preparedness coordinator. (20 points)
- The development is certified through the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) rating system, the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) and/or another nationally recognized green building standard. (20 points)
- The community is simply an area with homes. (- 10 points for this category)

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