

Multi-Family Residential (R-6)  
Office Institutional (O-I)

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Light Industrial

### Development Strategy

Each neighborhood center should include a mix of retail, services, and offices to serve neighborhood residents' day-to-day needs. Residential development should reinforce the center by locating higher density housing options adjacent to the center, targeted to a broad range of income levels, including multi-family town homes, apartments, and condominiums. Design for each Center should be very pedestrian-oriented, with strong, walkable connections between different uses. Road edges should be clearly defined by locating builds at roadside with parking in the rear. Direct connections to greenspace and trail networks should be provided. The pedestrian-friendly environment should be enhanced by adding sidewalks and other pedestrian-friendly trails/bike routes linked to other neighborhood amenities such as libraries, neighborhood centers, health facilities, parks, and schools.

### Quality Community Objectives:

- Sense of Place
- Economic Prosperity
- Local Preparedness

### **Implementation Measures:**

- **Design Standards or Guidelines** - Community design standards or guidelines can ensure that the physical appearance of new development (or improvements to existing properties) is compatible with the character of a community, is built to a high standard, and has a pleasant appearance.
- **Sidewalk and Pedestrian Network Design** - An effective sidewalk and pedestrian network creates healthy neighborhoods and commercial areas.
- **Heat Island Mitigation** - Reducing heat in developed areas by planting shade trees, preserving open space, using cool roofing and porous paving materials.
- **Traffic Calming** - Physical improvements designed to decrease traffic speed and increase the pedestrian-friendliness of roadways.
- **Infill Development Program** - A comprehensive strategy for encouraging infill development in particular areas of the community, while also regulating this development to assure the quality of life in affected neighborhoods.
- **Bicycle Facility Standards (DCA Model Code 2-6)** - Ensuring safe, adequate and well-designed facilities are provided for bicyclists, including pavement markings, signage, and intersection crossings.
- **Mixed-Income Housing** - Mixing the middle-class with the poor in affordable developments, and creating viable communities by providing increased maintenance and security, as well as the social services needed to sustain the mix.