

## Smart Growth Resources

### **Smart Growth**

#### ***What is it?***

Smart growth is walkable, sustainable, compact development that efficiently uses existing resources and infrastructure. It enhances existing community character and community livability. The links below provide additional information regarding smart growth characteristics, principles, and case studies.

#### ***Learn More:***

<http://www.smartgrowth.org>

<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/>

<http://www.environmentcolorado.org/>



### **Great Streets/Complete Streets**

#### ***What is it?***

Great Streets and Complete Streets are closely related concepts advocating that streets and roadways should equally serve all major travel modes – driving, transit, walking, and biking. Such streets and roadways are well-designed corridors that encourage economic vitality and commerce in their surroundings, as well as to move vehicle traffic calmly, safely, and efficiently. The following list provides additional Great Streets and Complete Streets information, characteristics, and examples.

#### ***Learn More:***

<http://www.greatstreets.org/>

<http://www.completestreets.org/>

[Bicycle Colorado \(advocacy organization\)](#)



## **Active Living**

### ***What is it?***

Active Living incorporates physical activity into daily routines. It incorporates community design, travel choices, and other strategies to encourage active, healthy lifestyles. Balanced travel choices – especially walking and biking, facilitate active living and healthy communities.

### ***Learn More:***

<http://www.activeliving.org/>

<http://www.activelivingresearch.com/>



## **Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND)**

### ***What is it?***

TND is a critical community design strategy to promote smart growth, complete streets, and active living. It blends various housing types and complementary land uses in compact developments to preserve open space, encourage balanced travel choices, and prevent sprawl. TND features narrow, highly-connected street networks designed to support safer driving, walking, biking, and transit use. TND design is meant to capture the best aspects of historic, livable communities like Gunnison and Crested Butte.



### ***Learn More:***

<http://www.cnu.org/>

<http://www.tndtownpaper.com/>

<http://www.newurbanism.org/>



## **Transportation Efficient Development (TED)**

### ***What is it?***

TED maximizes accessibility to non-auto travel modes – walking, biking, and public transit – while reducing the need to drive alone. It has been proven effective in changing people’s travel behavior. TED incorporates the following major characteristics.

- Compact, mixed use development
- Transportation network connectivity (applies to all modes)
- Safe and attractive pedestrian environment
- Efficient parking policies and management
- Mixed income housing and design options



### ***Learn More:***

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Research/Reports/500/549.1.htm>  
<http://www.mrsc.org/Subjects/Transpo/efficientlanduse.aspx>

