

Green Communities Criteria™

Checklist

Minnesota Green Communities brings the strengths of the Minnesota-based Greater Minnesota Housing Fund and Family Housing Fund together with Enterprise's national Green Communities initiative. Minnesota Green Communities has dedicated significant resources to loans, grants, and tax credit equity for green demonstration projects in Minnesota. To learn more, please visit www.greencommunitiesonline.org/minnesota.

Minnesota Green Communities is part of the national Green Communities initiative, a partnership between Enterprise, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and other national experts in the field. Green Communities has established a set of criteria for green building that cover a wide range of building practices, including smart siting, materials and resource conservation, water management, healthy living environment, and energy efficiency. The result will be affordable homes that benefit families and children, communities, and the environment in many ways. The criteria are listed in this document and a detailed technical manual is available online at www.greencommunitiesonline.org.

The Greater Minnesota Housing Fund and the Family Housing Fund are prioritizing projects that meet the Green Communities Criteria standards for all funding.

* Please note: Minor modifications to the criteria have been established for Minnesota. The **Minnesota Overlay to the Green Communities Criteria** was developed in conjunction with Minnesota Housing and applies to new construction projects seeking funding through the Multifamily Consolidated RFP, unless exempt or a waiver is granted.

Items marked with an asterisk indicate requirement modifications through the Minnesota Overlay to the Green Communities Criteria. Please cross-reference the two technical manuals to determine local requirements. Manuals can be found at www.greencommunitiesonline.org/minnesota.

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Integrated Design Process

Y	N	?	Item#	Item Title	Possible Points
✓			1.1	Green Development Plan	Mandatory*

Location and Neighborhood Fabric

Y	N	?	Item#	Item Title	Possible Points
✓			2.1a	Smart Site Location— Proximity to Existing Development	Mandatory (except infill or rehab projects)
✓			2.1b	Smart Site Location— Protecting Environmental Resources	Mandatory (except infill or rehab projects)
✓			2.1c	Smart Site Location— Proximity to Services	Mandatory (except infill or rehab projects)
✓			2.2	Compact Development	Mandatory* (except infill or rehab projects)
✓			2.3	Walkable Neighborhoods	Mandatory*
			2.4a	Smart Site Location— Make Use of Passive Solar Heating/Cooling	5
			2.4b	Smart Site Location— Grayfield, Brownfield or Adaptive Reuse Site	10
			2.5	Compact Development	5
			2.6	Walkable Neighborhoods	5
			2.7	Transportation Choices	12

Site Improvements

Y	N	?	Item#	Item Title	Possible Points
✓			3.1	Environmental Remediation	Mandatory
✓			3.2	Erosion and Sedimentation Control	Mandatory
✓			3.3	Landscaping	Mandatory (if providing landscaping)
			3.4	Surface Water Management	5
			3.5	Storm Drain Labels	2

Water Conservation

Y	N	?	Item#	Item Title	Possible Points
✓			4.1	Water-Conserving Appliances and Fixtures	Mandatory
✓			4.2	Efficient Irrigation	Mandatory (if irrigation is necessary)

Energy Efficiency

Y	N	?	Item#	Item Title	Possible Points
✓			5.1	Energy Efficient Building Design	Mandatory
✓			5.2	Energy Star Appliances	Mandatory
✓			5.3a	Efficient Lighting—Interior	Mandatory
✓			5.3b	Efficient Lighting—Exterior	Mandatory
✓			5.4	Electricity Meter in Each Unit	Mandatory (except for 0-BR units)
			5.5a	Additional Energy Efficient Building Design Measures—New Construction	10
			5.5b	Additional Energy Efficient Building Design Measures—Moderate Rehabilitation	10
			5.6a	Photovoltaic (PV) Panels	10
			5.6b	Photovoltaic (PV) Ready	2

Materials Beneficial to the Environment

Y	N	?	Item#	Item Title	Possible Points
			6.1	Construction Waste Management	5
			6.2	Recycled Content Material	14
			6.3	Certified, Salvaged and Engineered Wood	10
			6.4a	Water-Permeable Walkways	5
			6.4b	Water-Permeable Parking Areas	5
			6.5a	Reducing Heat-Island Effect—Roofing	5
			6.5b	Reducing Heat-Island Effect—Paving	5

Healthy Living Environment

Y	N	?	Item#	Item Title	Possible Points
✓			7.1	Low/No VOC Paints and Primers	Mandatory
✓			7.2	Low/No VOC Adhesives and Sealants	Mandatory*
✓			7.3	Formaldehyde-Free Composite Wood	Mandatory
✓			7.4	Green Label Certified Floor Covering	Mandatory (if providing floor covering)
✓			7.5a	Exhaust Fans—Bathroom	Mandatory*
✓			7.5b	Exhaust Fans—Kitchen	Mandatory* (except rehab projects)
✓			7.6	Ventilation	Mandatory* (except rehab projects)
✓			7.7	HVAC Sizing	Mandatory
✓			7.8a	Water Heaters—Mold Prevention	Mandatory
			7.8b	Water Heaters—Minimizing CO	2
✓			7.9	Cold Water Pipe Insulation	Mandatory
✓			7.10a	Materials in Wet Areas—Surfaces	Mandatory
✓			7.10b	Materials in Wet Areas— Tub and Shower Enclosure	Mandatory
✓			7.11a	Basements and Concrete Slabs— Vapor Barrier	Mandatory*
✓			7.11b	Basements and Concrete Slabs—Radon	Mandatory* (except rehab projects)
✓			7.12	Water Drainage	Mandatory*
✓			7.13	Garage Isolation	Mandatory
✓			7.14	Clothes-Dryer Exhaust	Mandatory*
✓			7.15	Integrated Pest Management	Mandatory
✓			7.16	Lead-Safe Work Practices	Mandatory
			7.17a	Healthy Flooring Materials— Alternative Sources	5
			7.17b	Healthy Flooring Materials— Reducing Dust	2

Operations and Maintenance

Y	N	?	Item#	Item Title	Possible Points
✓			8.1	Building Maintenance Manual	Mandatory
✓			8.2	Occupant's Manual	Mandatory
✓			8.3	Homeowner and New Resident Orientation	Mandatory

