



Green Communities Criteria™

To be eligible for grants, loans and tax credit equity, a project must comply with all of the mandatory provisions of the Green Communities Criteria. In addition, new construction must earn 25 points from the Optional Criteria, while moderate rehab projects must earn 20 points from the Optional Criteria.

Single family projects must include at least 15 homes occupied by households with incomes at or below 80 percent of area median income and rental projects must include at least 25 apartments occupied by households at or below 60 percent of area median income.

Green Communities Criteria Checklist

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
			2.1b	Smart Site Location — Protecting Environmental Resources	Mandatory
			2.1c	Smart Site Location — Proximity to Services	Mandatory
			2.2	Compact Development	Mandatory
			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	Surface Water Management	5
			3.4	Storm Drain Labels	2

Water Conservation

Y	N	?	Item #	Item Title	Possible Points
			4.1	Water-Conserving Appliances and Fixtures	Mandatory
			4.2	Water-Conserving Landscaping	Mandatory
			4.3	Efficient Irrigation	Mandatory

Energy Efficiency

Y	N	?	Item #	Item Title	Possible Points
			5.1	Efficient Energy Use	Mandatory
			5.2	Energy Star Appliances	Mandatory
			5.3	Efficient Lighting	Mandatory
			5.4	Electricity Meter	Mandatory
			5.5	Additional Reductions in Energy Use	15
			5.6	Photovoltaic (PV) Panels	15

Materials Beneficial to the Environment

Y	N	?	Item #	Item Title	Possible Points
			6.1	Recycled Content Material	14
			6.2	Certified Wood	10
			6.3	Water-Permeable Walkways and Parking Area	10
			6.4a	Reduce Heat-Island Effect – Roofing	5
			6.4b	Reduce Heat-Island Effect – Paving	5

Healthy Living Environment

Y	N	?	Item #	Item Title	Possible Points
			7.1	Paints and Primers	Mandatory
			7.2	Adhesives and Sealants	Mandatory
			7.3	Composite Wood	Mandatory
			7.4	Carpet	Mandatory
			7.5	Exhaust Fans	Mandatory
			7.6	Ventilation	Mandatory
			7.7	HVAC Sizing	Mandatory
			7.8	Water Heaters	Mandatory
			7.9	Cold Water Pipe Insulation	Mandatory
			7.10	Materials in Wet Areas	Mandatory
			7.11	Basements and Concrete Slabs	Mandatory
			7.12	Surface Water Drainage	Mandatory
			7.13	CO Sensors in Garages	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	Owner's Manual	Mandatory
			8.2	Resident's Manual	Mandatory
			8.3	Owner Orientation	Mandatory