

## Vermont Smart Growth Principles

[\(24 V.S.A. § 2791\)](#)

### (13) "Smart growth principles" means growth that:

- A. Maintains the historic development pattern of compact village and urban centers separated by rural countryside.
- B. Develops compact mixed-use centers at a scale appropriate for the community and the region.
- C. Enables choice in modes of transportation.
- D. Protects the state's important environmental, natural and historic features, including natural areas, water quality, scenic resources, and historic sites and districts.
- E. Serves to strengthen agricultural and forest industries and minimizes conflicts of development with these industries.
- F. Balances growth with the availability of economic and efficient public utilities and services.
- G. Supports a diversity of viable businesses in downtowns and villages.
- H. Provides for housing that meets the needs of a diversity of social and income groups in each community.
- I. Reflects a settlement pattern that, at full build-out, is not characterized by:
  - i. scattered development located outside of compact urban and village centers that is excessively land consumptive;
  - ii. development that limits transportation options, especially for pedestrians;
  - iii. the fragmentation of farm and forest land;
  - iv. development that is not serviced by municipal infrastructure or that requires the extension of municipal infrastructure across undeveloped lands in a manner that would extend service to lands located outside compact village and urban centers;
  - v. linear development along well-traveled roads and highways that lacks depth, as measured from the highway.