



Appendix B Model Health Element

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*An outline of an example health element
for a local jurisdiction's comprehensive plan,
or other planning processes*
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APPENDIX B

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SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose Statement

The statement should provide a foundation for how the community addresses the relationship of health and the built environment. How does the community view its future health and wellness? What actions are needed to implement the community's vision for its future?

B. Assessment and Conclusions

What current conditions exist regarding health and the built environment? Summarize any evaluation or assessment that addresses health as it relates to various aspects of community. In addition to traditional health indicators, also address the health aspects of the community's ecosystem, equity and access, building construction and siting, economic opportunity and education, housing, and safety.

SECTION II: GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES

Topic: Health and the Natural Environment

1.1: Clean Land and Soils

Goal
Objective
Policies

1.2: Clean Water

Goal
Objective
Policies

1.3: Clean Air and Climate

Goal
Objective
Policies

Topic: Health and the Built Environment

2.1: Healthy Communities, Development Patterns, Community Design

Goal
Objective
Policies

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Goal: A broad statement of a community's vision for a desired future condition.

Objective: A specific outcome to guide actions to achieve a goal.

Policy: A formal statement adopted by a community's officials to direct or guide decisions, actions, and approvals.

EXAMPLE

Topic: Health and the Natural Environment

Goal: The community will have a clean and healthy natural environment that is supports human well-being and wildlife.

Objective: All land and soils are clean for ecological functions to occur and for safe use by residents of the community.

Policies: Remediate any superfund sites to conditions at or better than establish standards prior to approving development.

2.2: Housing for All, Healthy Homes and Neighborhoods, Preventing Displacement

Goal
Objective
Policies

2.3: Resilient Economy, Reducing Poverty

Goal
Objective
Policies

2.4: Healthy Connections, Mobility and Accessibility for All

Goal
Objective
Policies

2.5: Services and Infrastructure, Reduce/Recycle/Reuse

Goal
Objective
Policies

Topic: Health and Public Safety

3.1: Safe Places, Safe Environments

Goal
Objective
Policies

3.2: Prevention

Goal
Objective
Policies

3.3: Hazards Reductions, Mitigation

Goal
Objective
Policies

3.4: Emergency Response

Goal
Objective
Policies

Topic: Systems of Health Care

4.1: Service Delivery

Goal
Objective
Policies

4.2: Care Systems

Goal
Objective
Policies

4.3: Care for the Whole Person, Body/Mind/Spirit

Goal
Objective
Policies

Topic: Health and Human Services, Equity and Justice

5.1: Protection of Vulnerable Populations

- Goal
- Objective
- Policies

5.2: Access to Care

- Goal
- Objective
- Policies

5.3: Advocacy

- Goal
- Objective
- Policies

5.4: Housing the Homeless

- Goal
- Objective
- Policies

Topic: Behavioral Health

6.1: Core Services

- Goal
- Objective
- Policies

6.2: Early Intervention, Youth Diversion Programs

- Goal
- Objective
- Policies

SECTION III. IMPLEMENTATION

A. Action Strategies: Responsible Party, Date and Schedule, Budget

Individual Strategies

B. Monitoring: Implementation and Performance

Targets (relate to Objectives | Indices or Measures | Findings)

Source

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