

Normal Neighborhood Plan

Neighborhood Module Concept Plans



Example 1

The neighborhood module envisioned for the Normal Neighborhood Plan area is pattern of housing that fosters a strong sense of community among nearby neighbors, while preserving their need for privacy.

Neighborhood amenities include a diversity of housing choices, shared common greens, pedestrian interconnectivity, community garden areas, and auto access from rear alleys with opportunities for shared parking.



Example 2

Development in the Normal Neighborhood should be:

1. Family-friendly, exhibiting qualities that support children and families. Family-friendly development might include these elements:

- A variety of housing sizes and types of a varying square footage.
- Development in neighborhood modules built around common open space with direct links to neighborhood natural areas
- Common areas that include play equipment, sun shelter and community gardens
- Design that allows smaller homes to add a bedroom or accessory residential unit
- Front and rear porches that orient to both street frontages and common open space areas
- Aging in place design features

2. Energy efficient, exhibiting qualities that recognize conservation and new energy sources. Energy efficient units might include these elements:

- East-West orientation with pitched roofs
- Homes pre-wired for photovoltaic electric systems
- Homes pre-wired and pre-plumbed for solar water heating
- Homes built to Earth Advantage energy standards or comparable industry equivalent
- Use of overhanging eaves and front/rear porches for shade

3. Water efficient, exhibiting qualities that recognize the benefits of long term conservation practices. Water efficient units might include these elements:

- Homes pre-plumbed for grey water systems
- Residences designed with low water-use landscaping
- Inclusion of drought-tolerant trees and watering systems that promote appropriate root development
- Inclusion of sun shelters to provide shade
- Homes pre-plumbed for water retention and storage

4. Inclusive of micro-agriculture. Developments supportive of micro-agriculture might include these elements:

- Placement of a food or flower garden at each home
- Gardens pre-plumbed for drip irrigation
- Gardens designed for irrigation and shade cloth systems