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NEIGHBORHOODS

Theme A



Three Pillars of Growing Successful Neighborhoods









Design Policies

Design Matters.





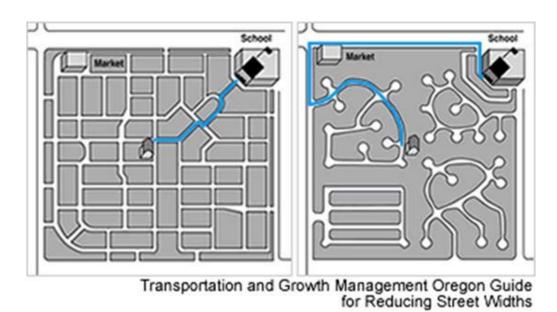
Utilize a people-first design, ensuring that roadways are moving people efficiently and providing pedestrian infrastructure that is context sensitive to the vehicle environment and land uses.





Design Policy #2

Ensure proper road connections are in place to enhance service times and access to fire and police services for all residents.

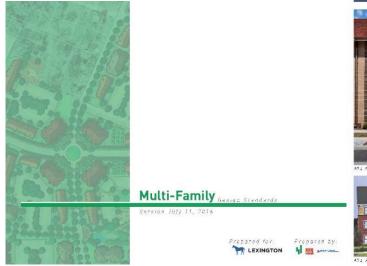






Design Policy #3

Multi-family residential developments must comply with the Multi-family Design Standards in Appendix 1.









Provide development that is sensitive to the surrounding context.





Provide pedestrian friendly street patterns and walkable blocks to create inviting streetscapes.

Lexington citizens say...

"Provide access to services and business WITHOUT the use of a car or public transportation. Easy access in and out of neighborhoods."





Design Policy #6

Adhere to the recommendations of the Lexington Area MPO Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan, adopted in 2018.







Design car parking areas so as not to be the primary visual component of the neighborhood.





Design Policy #8

Provide varied housing choice.



Townley Center



Kirklevington Park Area





Provide adequate greenspace for all neighborhoods within walking distance.

Lexington citizens say...

"We appreciate being close to parks, the arboretum, etc., and have a wealth of nature in our specific neighborhood, but wish those resources were more accessible to walk to."





Provide neighborhood focal points accessible to all residents.

Lexington citizens say...

"Need varied 'place-making' attractions and activities for all ages; arts, entertainment venues, brew-pubs, varied restaurants; a distinctive character or brand."





Design Policy #11

Single loaded streets should be utilized in order to establish clear public access to neighborhood focal points.



Castlewood Park



Willman Way





Design Policy #12

Support neighborhood level commercial areas.



Oxford Circle



Buckhorn Plaza





Provide connections to all stub streets into proposed developments and maximize street connections.





Density Policies

Grow Together.





Density Policy #1 – Corridor

The highest density of our residential development should be directed to our major corridors and downtown.





Density Policy #2 – Gap

Infill residential can and should aim to increase density while enhancing existing neighborhoods through context sensitive design.

Lexington citizens say...

"Better infill & redevelopment planning – perhaps more incentives for developers but only if their projects are not as profitable as "typical projects; more creative designs for vertical housing"





Density Policy #3 – Gap

Create opportunities for additional neighborhood supportive uses, especially in areas where services are lacking.





Density Policy #4 – Gap

Generally, locate high-density areas of development along higher capacity roadways (minor arterial, collector) to facilitate future transit enhancements.





Density Policy #5 – Gap

Provide affordable and/or compact residential options through Accessory Dwelling Units.





Density Policy #6 – Gap

Allow and encourage new compact single family housing types.

Table C: Total Incremental Units Required in 2025

	Owner-Occupied		Total	
Condominiums	1,020	2	1,020	
Townhomes/Duplexes/Single Family Homes	12,170	2,935	15,105	
Multi-Family Structures	•	6,335	6,335	
Other (Mobile homes, RV, etc.)	190	130	320	
TOTAL	13,380	9,400	22,780	

Source: Urban Partners





Equity Policies

People Matter.





Meet the demand for housing across all income

levels.

Table 21: Owner Purchased Homes by Income Segments and Housing Price Ranges (2011 to 2016)

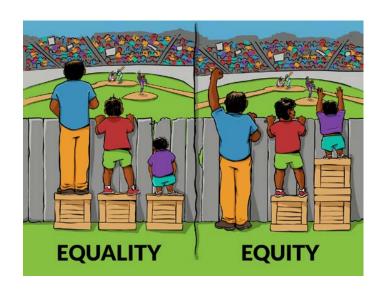
Sub-Market	Lower Priced Homes	Affordable (40%-60% Median Income)	Affordable (60%-80% Median Income)	Total Affordable	Workforce (80%-120% of Median Income)	Higher Priced Homes	All Sales
>\$85	>\$85,000	\$85,000 - \$127,499	\$127,500 - \$170,000	Below \$170,000	\$170,001 - \$255,000	Above \$255,000	
Downtown	9	13	28	50	58	65	173
In-Town Central	49	94	159	302	282	357	941
In-Town North	327	347	231	905	227	286	1,418
In-Town South	223	594	871	1,688	669	1,074	3,431
East	194	683	1,155	2,032	1,629	1,765	5,426
North	157	616	372	1,145	180	91	1,416
Northwest	9	431	928	1,368	533	67	1,968
Southwest	1	5	65	71	72	257	400
South	6	246	877	1,129	1,250	941	3,320
Southeast	231	1,055	967	2,253	1,100	823	4,176
Other	6	12	30	48	76	100	224
Total	1,212	4,096	5,683	10,991	6,076	5,826	22,893
Total %	5.3%	17.9%	24.8%	48.0%	26.5%	25.4%	

Source: Fayette County PVA, Urban Partners





Provide affordable housing across all areas, affirmatively furthering fair housing, complying with HUD guidance.







Add residential opportunities by proactively upzoning areas near transit for populations who rely solely on public transportation.

Lexington citizens say...

"A successful neighborhood allows residents to thrive. This means access to healthy food, safety, good schools, and amenities like library branches, restaurants, and parks."





Preserve and enhance existing affordable housing through the land bank, community land trust and vacant land commission.

Lexington citizens say...

"Affordable housing in the city is a need crying for relief."





Protect affordable housing tenants through improved code enforcement policies.





Provide flexibility for senior housing through Accessory Dwelling Units.





Community facilities should be well integrated into their respective neighborhoods.





Housing developments should implement Universal Design principles on a portion of their units.

Lexington citizens say...

[Incorporate] Universal Design features. [Consider] tax credit incentive for retrofitting home for aging, and education around these."

