

## Green Communities Criteria Checklist

Minnesota Green Communities brings the strengths of the Minnesota-based Greater Minnesota Housing Fund and Family Housing Fund together with Enterprise's national Green Communities initiative. Minnesota Green Communities has dedicated significant resources to loans, grants, and tax credit equity for green demonstration projects in Minnesota. To learn more, please visit [www.mngreencommunities.org](http://www.mngreencommunities.org).

Minnesota Green Communities is part of the national Green Communities initiative, a partnership between Enterprise, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and other national experts in the field. Green Communities has established a set of criteria for green building that cover a wide range of building practices, including smart siting, materials and resource conservation, water management, healthy living environment, and energy efficiency. The result will be affordable homes that benefit families and children, communities, and the environment in many ways. The criteria are listed in this document and a detailed technical manual is available online at [www.mngreencommunities.org](http://www.mngreencommunities.org).

The Greater Minnesota Housing Fund and the Family Housing Fund are prioritizing projects that meet the Green Communities Criteria standards for all funding.

Please note: Minor modifications to the criteria have been established for Minnesota. The **Minnesota Overlay to the Green Communities Criteria** was developed in conjunction with Minnesota Housing and applies to multifamily and single family new construction projects and multifamily rehabilitation projects seeking funding through the Multifamily Consolidated RFP and the Single Family Consolidated RFP, unless exempt or a waiver is granted.

Items marked with an asterisk \* indicate requirement modifications through the Minnesota Overlay to the Green Communities criteria. Please cross-reference the technical manuals to determine local requirements. Manuals can be found at [www.mngreencommunities.org/publications](http://www.mngreencommunities.org/publications).

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\* indicates Minnesota Overlay modification may apply

### 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: New Construction	Mandatory * (except infill sites or rehabs)
✓			2.1b	Smart Site Location—Protecting Environmental Resources: New Construction	Mandatory (except infill sites or rehabs)
✓			2.1c	Smart Site Location—Proximity to Services: New Construction	Mandatory * (except infill sites or rehabs)
✓			2.2	Compact Development: New Construction	Mandatory * (except rehabs)
✓			2.3	Walkable Neighborhoods: Sidewalks and Pathways	Mandatory *
			2.4a	Smart Site Location: Passive Solar Heating/Cooling	4
			2.4b	Smart Site Location: Grayfield, Brownfield or Adaptive Reuse Site	10
			2.5	Compact Development	5
			2.6	Walkable Neighborhoods: Connections to Surrounding 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	Landscaping	Mandatory * (if providing landscaping)
			3.4	Surface Water Management	5
			3.5	Storm Drain Labels	2

### Water Conservation

Y	N	?	Item#	Item Title	Possible Points
✓			4.1a	Water-Conserving Appliances and Fixtures: New Construction	Mandatory
✓			4.1b	Water-Conserving Appliances and Fixtures: Moderate Rehabilitation	Mandatory *
			4.1c	Water-Conserving Appliances and Fixtures	5
✓			4.2	Efficient Irrigation	Mandatory * (if irrigation is necessary)

### Energy Efficiency

Y	N	?	Item#	Item Title	Possible Points
✓			5.1a	Energy Efficient Use: New Construction	Mandatory *
✓			5.1b	Energy Efficient Use: Moderate and Substantial Rehabilitation	Mandatory *
✓			5.2	Energy Star Appliances	Mandatory * (if providing appliances)
✓			5.3a	Efficient Lighting: Interior	Mandatory
✓			5.3b	Efficient Lighting: Exterior	Mandatory
✓			5.4	Electricity Meter	Mandatory (see full criteria for exceptions)
			5.5	Additional Reductions in Energy Use	Optional (see full criteria)
			5.6a	Renewable Energy	15
			5.6b	Photovoltaic (PV) Ready	2

### Materials Beneficial to the Environment

Y	N	?	Item#	Item Title	Possible Points
			6.1	Construction Waste Management	5
			6.2	Recycled Content Material	14
			6.3	Certified, Salvaged and Engineered Wood	5
			6.4a	Water-Permeable Walkways	5
			6.4b	Water-Permeable Parking Areas	5
			6.5a	Reducing Heat-Island Effect: Roofing	5
			6.5b	Reducing Heat-Island Effect: Paving	5
			6.5c	Reducing Heat-Island Effect: Plantings	5



## Healthy Living Environment

Y	N	?	Item#	Item Title	Possible Points
✓			7.1	Low/No VOC Paints and Primers	Mandatory
✓			7.2	Low/No VOC Adhesives and Sealants	Mandatory *
✓			7.3	Urea Formaldehyde-Free Composite Wood	Mandatory
✓			7.4	Green Label Certified Floor Covering	Mandatory * (if providing floor covering)
✓			7.5a	Exhaust Fans—Bathroom: New Construction and Substantial Rehabilitation	Mandatory *
✓			7.5b	Exhaust Fans—Kitchen: New Construction and Substantial Rehabilitation	Mandatory *
			7.5c	Exhaust Fans—Kitchen: Moderate Rehabilitation	5
✓			7.6a	Ventilation: Except for Moderate Rehabilitation	Mandatory *
			7.6b	Ventilation: Moderate Rehabilitation	10
✓			7.7	HVAC Sizing	Mandatory
✓			7.8	Water Heaters: Mold Prevention	Mandatory
✓			7.9a	Materials in Wet Areas: Surfaces	Mandatory
✓			7.9b	Materials in Wet Areas: Tub and Shower Enclosures	Mandatory
✓			7.10a	Basements and Concrete Slabs: Vapor Barrier	Mandatory *
✓			7.10b	Basements and Concrete Slabs—Radon: New Construction and Substantial Rehabilitation	Mandatory *
✓			7.11	Water Drainage	Mandatory *
✓			7.12	Garage Isolation	Mandatory *
✓			7.13	Clothes Dryer Exhaust	Mandatory *
✓			7.14	Integrated Pest Management	Mandatory
✓			7.15	Lead-Safe Work Practices: Rehabilitation	Mandatory *
			7.16	Healthy Flooring Materials: Alternative Sources	5
			7.17	Smoke-free Building	2
✓			7.18	Combustion Equipment: Includes Space and Water-Heating Equipment	Mandatory *

## Operations and Maintenance

Y	N	?	Item#	Item Title	Possible Points
✓			8.1	Building Maintenance Manual	Mandatory *
✓			8.2	Occupant's Manual	Mandatory
✓			8.3	Homeowner and New Resident Orientation	Mandatory