“We believe, because it is true, that people are affected by their environment, by space and scale, by color and texture, by nature and beauty, that they can be uplifted, made to feel important.”

Jim Rouse | Founder
Enterprise Green Communities is transforming the way America thinks about, designs, builds, and rehabilitates affordable housing.

Green building integrates materials and methods that promote environmental quality, economic vitality, and social benefits through design, construction and operations of the built environment.

Enterprise Green Communities aligns affordable housing investment strategies with environmentally responsive building practices.
A holistic approach to building a green community

- Integrative Design
- Location + Neighborhood Fabric
- Site Improvements
- Water Conservation
- Energy Efficiency
- Materials
- Healthy Living Environment
- Operations, Maintenance + Resident Engagement
Programmatic Requirements

meet mandatory criteria

35 optional points
NEW CONSTRUCTION

+ 30 optional points
SUBSTANTIAL & MODERATE REHABILITATIONS
Certification

**PreBuild**
*(prior to construction)*
- Project overview
- Intended methods
- Upload: site plan, context map, energy modeling form, Category 8 outlines, other supplemental documents as necessary

**PostBuild**
*(within 60 days of construction completion)*
- Update information
- Upload: project photos & release, Category 8 documents, utility access, other supplemental documents as necessary

*All submittals reviewed within 30 days*
1. Integrative Design

1.1a Goal Setting
1.1b Criteria Documentation
1.1c Designing for Project Performance

1.2a Resident Health and Wellbeing: Design for Health
1.2b Resident Health and Wellbeing: Health Action Plan

1.3a Resilient Communities: Design for Resilience
1.3b Resilient Communities: Multi-Hazard Risk / Vulnerability Assessment
2. Location + Neighborhood Fabric

2.1 Sensitive Site Protection

2.3 Compact Development

2.5 Proximity to Services

2.8 Access to Transportation

2.10 Passive Solar Heating/Cooling

2.12 Access to Fresh, Local Foods

2.14 Local Economic Development and Community Wealth Creation
3. Site Improvements

3.1 Environmental Remediation

3.2 Erosion and Sedimentation Control

3.3 Low-Impact Development

3.4 Landscaping

3.5a/b Efficient Irrigation and Water Reuse

3.6 Surface Stormwater Management

3.7 Reducing Heat-Island Effect: Paving
4. Water Conservation

4.1 Water-Conserving Fixtures

4.2 Advanced Water Conservation

4.3 Leaks & Water Metering

4.4 Efficient Plumbing Layout and Design

4.5 Water Reuse

4.6 Access to Potable Water during Emergencies
5. Energy Efficiency

5.1 Building Performance Standard

a. New Construction, single family and low-rise MF

b. New Construction, mid-rise and high-rise MF

c. Sub and Mod Rehab, single family and low-rise MF

d. Sub and Mod Rehab, mid-rise and high-rise MF

**partner with HERS Rater / energy professional prior to, and throughout, construction**

**sampling protocol available for large projects**
6. Materials

6.1 Low / No VOC Paints, Coatings, and Primers
6.2 Low / No VOC Adhesives and Sealants
6.6 Composite Woods (Low / No Formaldehyde)

6.7a Environmentally Preferable Flooring
6.7b Environmentally Preferable Flooring Throughout Building

6.10 Asthmagen-free Materials

6.11 Reduced Heat-Island Effect: Roofing

6.12 Construction Waste Management

6.13 Recycling Storage
7. Healthy Living Environments

7.1 Ventilation

7.10 Integrated Pest Management

7.11 Beyond ADA: Universal Design

7.12 Active Design: Promoting Physical Activity within the Building

7.13 Active Design: Staircases and Building Circulation

7.16 Smoke-Free Building
8. Operations, Maintenance and Resident Engagement

8.1 Building Maintenance Manual (all MF projects)

8.2 Emergency Maintenance Manual

8.3 Resident Manual

8.4 Resident and Property Manager Orientation

8.5 / 8.6 Project Data Collection and Monitoring System
Sustainable AND Affordable
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Application
www.enterprisecommunity.org/Green

Tools & Services

GREEN COMMUNITIES CRITERIA
Our clear, cost-effective framework for all affordable housing. >>

CHARRETTE TOOLS
Customizable resources to aid your integrative design plans. >>

RESEARCH & EVALUATION
Discover new research and practical insights in green building and affordable housing. >>

CONSTRUCTION SPECs TEMPLATES
Editable specs in MasterSpec format that correspond to the 2015 Criteria. >>

TOOLS FOR RESILIENCE
Tools to help housing organizations prepare for and respond to disasters >>

ONLINE EVENT ARCHIVE
Download one of over 30 webinars we've hosted with leaders and experts in green affordable housing >>

RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT
Mobilize residents to help maximize energy-saving efforts. >>

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE
Green efforts continue after construction ends! >>

RETROFIT TOOLKIT
Upgrade existing multifamily buildings with energy-efficient features and systems. >>

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DATABASE
Experts ready to address your affordable housing technical needs. >>
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