

community checklist



Use this checklist to evaluate community services and amenities.

Community name: _____

Physical Character and Conditions

Type of community

- ☐ urban ☐ suburban ☐ rural

Type of terrain

- ☐ hilly ☐ flat ☐ mixed

What is the town's predominant character?

- ☐ tourist ☐ college ☐ bedroom community
☐ historic site ☐ resort ☐ company town

Housing density

- ☐ sparse ☐ medium
☐ dense ☐ varied

How is the area zoned? _____

Does the community contain the housing type you will be seeking?

- ☐ yes ☐ no

Note any negative features (e.g., jet airplane noise, heavy traffic, industrial odors):

Background and Structure

Population

What is the population?

Is the community's population

- ☐ growing
☐ declining
☐ stable

Is the population

- ☐ stationary (move infrequently)
☐ mobile

Is the average income

- ☐ high
☐ upper middle
☐ lower middle
☐ low

Character and Government

What is the structure and reputation of local government?

Does the community have its own economic base?

- ☐ yes ☐ no

Is it ☐ uniform (one industry) ☐ diverse

Is it ☐ declining ☐ growing ☐ stable

What is the extent of industrial and commercial development?

- ☐ limited
☐ moderate
☐ extensive

Is the area zoned to your satisfaction?

- ☐ yes
☐ no

Is the community

- ☐ self-contained
☐ dependent on adjacent communities

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Services and Facilities

Transportation

What are traffic conditions? _____

Is there adequate available public transportation?

- ☐ locally ☐ to work ☐ to nearby metropolitan centers

What commuting transportation is available: ride share, subway, ferries, biking, walking, car rentals, car shares, bike share (citi bike)?

- ☐ car ☐ carpool ☐ bus ☐ train

Distance to nearest expressway: _____

How many miles to work? _____ Commuting time? _____

Monthly commuting costs? _____

Shopping

Is shopping available

- ☐ as part of the central business district
☐ in major shopping centers
☐ through neighborhood stores and services

Municipal Services and Resources:

- ☐ electricity ☐ fuel oil ☐ garbage collection
☐ gas ☐ sewer ☐ water
☐ snow removal ☐ public library
☐ active public recreation (parks/playgrounds)

Health Facilities

- ☐ hospital(s) ☐ clinics/medical centers
☐ specialized medical facilities ☐ health clubs

Culture and Entertainment

- ☐ music ☐ theater (live/films) ☐ museums
☐ zoos ☐ sports arenas ☐ night life

TV

- ☐ cable ☐ satellite

Is reception

- ☐ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ poor

If you play an instrument or are interested in theater groups, etc., are there established groups you could join?

- ☐ yes ☐ no

Education

Determine those educational facilities required by you in this community. For more in-depth school information, make an appointment with the school superintendent to discuss your children's particular needs.

Are satisfactory public schools available?

- ☐ yes ☐ no

Educational facilities available:

- ☐ day care ☐ nurseries ☐ pre-school programs
☐ elementary ☐ secondary ☐ community college

☐ four-year college

☐ graduate school (type) _____

☐ vocational/technical (type) _____

☐ adult education ☐ free universities

School name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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Quality and location _____

Religion

Is a church/synagogue/house of worship of your choice available?

- ☐ yes ☐ no

Recreational Sports Activities/Facilities:

☐ baseball ☐ YMCA/YWCA

☐ hockey ☐ public swimming

☐ country club ☐ public golf course

☐ health clubs ☐ public tennis courts

☐ soccer ☐ riding stables

☐ football ☐ other _____

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Impressions

