

RESOURCES FOR PLANNING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Hennepin County

- **Active Living Hennepin County website:** www.hennepin.us/activeliving
- [Healthy Comprehensive Plans Checklist \(PDF\)](#), [Healthy Comprehensive Plans Checklist \(DOCX\)](#)
- [Planning for a healthy community with the comprehensive plan \(PDF\)](#)

American Planning Association

- **Sustaining Places: Best Practices for Comprehensive Plans**
<https://www.planning.org/sustainingplaces/compplanstandards/>
- **Metrics for Planning Healthy Communities:** <https://www.planning.org/media/document/9127204/>
 - Also available at www.hennepin.us/activeliving, see the Metro Healthy Comprehensive Plans Workgroup area, under "Resources"
- **Planning for Public Health site:** <https://www.planning.org/research/publichealth/>
 - [Planning & Zoning for Health in the Built Environment](#)
 - [Healthy Plan Making: Integrating Health into the Comprehensive Plan](#)
 - [Healthy Planning: an evaluation of comprehensive and sustainability plans](#)

Minnesota Department of Health

- **Healthy Places:** <http://www.health.state.mn.us/topics/places/index.html>
- **Comprehensive Plan resources:** <http://www.health.state.mn.us/topics/places/plans.html>
- **Brownfield Health Indicator Tool:** <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/hazardous/topics/brownfield.html>
- **Advancing Health Equity in Minnesota:**
http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/healthequity/ahe_leg_report_020414.pdf

Metropolitan Council

- **[Local Planning Handbook](#), [Planit Series](#), [Resources section](#), [Sector Rep Program](#)**

Other Minnesota

- **Minnesota Food Charter: Food Access Planning Guide:** <http://mnfoodcharter.com/planningguide/>
- **Great Plains Institute/GreenStep Cities:** <http://www.betterenergy.org/greenstep-cities/>

State of California's guidelines for general (comprehensive) plans.

<http://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>

- [Ch. 6 Healthy Communities](#)
- [Ch. 5 Equitable and Resilient Communities](#)
- [Chapter 3: Community Outreach and Engagement](#)

California Roundtable definition of a Healthy Community:

Health Community: A Definition

"A healthy community is one that strives to meet the basic needs of all residents; it is guided by health equity principles in the decision-making process; it empowers organizations and individuals through collaboration, civic and cultural engagement for the creation of safe and sustainable environments. Vibrant, livable and inclusive communities provide ample choices and opportunities to thrive economically, environmentally and culturally, but must begin with health."