

Community Checklist



The following checklist provides a helpful means of assessing a community regarding its physical character and conditions, its background and structure, as well as its services and facilities.

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

- stable (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?

- car carpool bus train

Distance to nearest expressway: _____

How many miles to work? _____ Length of time? _____

What will monthly commuting costs be? _____

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

Quality and location _____

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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Phone _____

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 _____

Impressions
