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Evaluating a Proposed Project

A Few Things to Keep in Mind when Evaluating a Proposed Project

(From "Choosing Our Community's Future: A Citizen's Guide", Smart Growth America)

- **What is specifically being proposed?** Find out as much detail as possible from direct sources such as the city planner involved or from the developer, themselves.
- **What are the current zoning codes and design guidelines for the project area?** Focus on what the developer is "lawfully" allowed to do and especially what he/she is required to do (i.e. parking spaces, building setbacks, open space requirements, etc.)
- **What does your city or region's comprehensive plan say?** If the proposed development undermines or does not support the vision, goals, and objectives outlined in the plan citizens can argue a strong case for changing or even denying development permits.