

## **Incorporate Smart Growth Principles into Land-Use Policies and Regulations**

### **City of Hudson Climate Smart Communities**

#### ***Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty and critical environmental areas:***

The City of Hudson Code, Part II, General Legislation/Zoning, Article V Supplementary Regulations, 325-28 Conservation Development: <https://ecode360.com/5082619>

The purpose of this section is to promote the health and general welfare of the City of Hudson by preserving open space, providing recreational opportunities, protecting natural resources, preserving scenic views, particularly views of the Catskill Mountains and the Hudson River, and reducing infrastructure and related maintenance costs associated with reducing the width or length of streets and reducing the distance over which utilities must be extended by encouraging flexibility of design and development of land in such a manner as to preserve the natural and scenic qualities of open lands.

#### ***Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place:***

The City of Hudson Code, Part II, General Legislation/Zoning, Article XIV Community Character Preservation: <https://ecode360.com/32993195>

Updated in 2018, this article prohibits the use of formula retail in all districts within the City with some exceptions. This is meant to preserve the character of the City of Hudson.

The City of Hudson Code, Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 169 Historic Preservation

The City of Hudson recognizes that the protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of landmarks and historic districts are necessary to promote the economic, cultural, educational, and general welfare of the public and are a matter of public policy. These features are critical to the character of the community.

#### ***Create walkable neighborhoods***

The City of Hudson Code, Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 266 Streets and Sidewalks: <https://ecode360.com/5081626>

This section addresses requirements for streets and sidewalks, including sidewalk construction standards, specification, care, etc, ultimately contributing to more walkable neighborhoods. A section addressing sidewalk obstructions, 266-7, was added in 2003 to prevent the impeding of pedestrian traffic.

The City of Hudson Code, Part II General Legislation/Zoning, Article III District Use Regulations: <https://ecode360.com/16031827>

This section addresses using the Core Riverfront C-R District for publically accessible walking and biking trails.

***Promote density that facilitates non-car transportation options***

The City of Hudson Code, Part II, General Legislation/Zoning, Article V Supplementary Regulations, 325-28 Conservation Development: <https://ecode360.com/5082619>

Conditions of conservation development include providing linkages for pedestrians and bicycles between conservation areas and the riverfront.

***Mixed Uses***

The City of Hudson Code, Part II, General Legislation/Zoning, Article V Supplementary Regulations, 325-28.2 Incentivize Zoning: <https://ecode360.com/5082619>

The purpose of this section is to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the community by preserving and making available open space; protecting natural resources; preserving scenic views; protecting and encouraging the rehabilitation of historic buildings, structures, archaeological sites, or other resources recognized as eligible for listing on the State or National Register of Historic Places or as a local landmark; promoting housing units affordable to low- and moderate-income residents; using environmental or "green" building design; and promoting public ingress, egress and use of the Hudson River and its waterfront.

The City of Hudson Code, Part II General Legislation/Zoning, Article III District Use Regulations: <https://ecode360.com/16031827>

The purpose of the Core Riverfront C-R District is to encourage a mixture of compatible uses at the riverfront; to provide access to the riverfront for water-dependent transportation and recreational uses and water-enhanced uses.

The City of Hudson Code, Part II General Legislation/Zoning, Article III District Use Regulations, 325-17.4: <https://ecode360.com/16031827>

The Riverfront Gateway G-R District includes Mixed-use development.

***Diversity of housing opportunities and choices.***

The City of Hudson Code, Part II General Legislation/Zoning, Article III District Use Regulations, 325-17.4: <https://ecode360.com/16031827>

The Riverfront Gateway R-G District includes inclusionary zoning to ensure economically diverse housing, including affordable housing.

The City of Hudson Code, Part II, General Legislation/Zoning, Article V Supplementary Regulations, 325-28.2 Incentivize Zoning: <https://ecode360.com/5082619>

This section addresses incentivizing zoning to promote housing units affordable to low- and moderate-income residents.