Are Equitable Development and Smart Growth At An Impasse?

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Smart Growth   vs.   Equitable Development?

Equitable development emphasizes creating communities and regions where **residents** of *all* incomes, races, and ethnicities *participate in and benefit from decisions* that shape the places where they live.

Principles	SG	EQD
Mix land uses	X	X
Compact building design	X	X
Range of housing opportunities and choices	X	X
Walkable neighborhoods	X	X
Communities with a strong sense of place	X	X
Preserve open space and protect the environment	X	X
Focus development in existing communities	X	X
Variety of transportation options	X	X
Coordinate and streamline development approval processes	X	X
Community/stakeholder collaboration in development decisions	X	X

Intentional integration of *people-focused* strategies with place-focused strategies

How are the community's interests authentically factored into the development process?

How do we even define "community" and why is this important?

At the end of the day…

Local and state governing bodies must choose to pursue equitable development by enacting, implementing AND enforcing policies which protect, support and improve ALL communities within their regions.

Why?

Equitable development is the "smart" growth strategy!

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