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AARP Public Policy Institute developed this evaluation guide to help residents, advocates, and local leaders identify areas of success and potential opportunities for improvement in their community.

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This tool measures the quality of life in American communities across multiple dimensions. The Index allows users to compare communities, adjust scores based on personal preferences and learn how to take action to make their own communities more livable.


Place/Matters
http://placematters.org/
A non-profit think tank for civic engagement and process in planning, working to improve public process, with new approaches, new technologies and with the goal of making civic engagement a more valuable component of the planning process for cities, municipalities, districts and regions.

http://pocket-neighborhoods.net/
A guidebook for building neighborhoods where people engage with each other in a small scale community. The book includes stories about healthy neighborhoods, the people who live there and the planners, architects, developers, craftspeople and gardeners who helped build them. The book covers historical and new neighborhood examples with photos, drawings, illustrations and site plans

Project for Public Spaces
http://www.pps.org/
Project for Public Spaces (PPS) is a nonprofit planning, design and educational organization dedicated to helping people create and sustain public spaces that build stronger communities.
In developing the Pattern Book, the City of Roanoke strives to preserve and enhance the character and quality of its residential neighborhoods. The Pattern Book is a design aid for new construction and renovation of residential buildings (single-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, townhouses, and multifamily dwellings).

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