



Planning Sustainable Places

ADVANCING A SUSTAINABLE REGION PLACE BY PLACE

SCORING CRITERIA

2027 CALL FOR PLANNING STUDIES

SUSTAINABLE PLACES PLAN CRITERIA

Intent Category – 38 points maximum

Question: 4.1 The study promotes improved travel choices (e.g. bicycling, walking, etc.)

- Response: Study does not promote improved travel choices – 0 points
Study promotes improved travel choices without clear applicant description – 3 points
Application clearly describes how study promotes improved travel choices – 6 points

Question: 4.2 Describe how the study advances improved public health.

- Response: Study does not advance improved public health – 0 points
Study advances improved public health without clear applicant description – 3 points
Application clearly describes how study advances improved public health – 5 points

Question: 4.3 Describe how the study supports investment in areas with existing infrastructure.

- Response: Study does not support investment in areas with existing infrastructure – 0 points
Study supports investment in areas with existing infrastructure without clear applicant description – 1 point
Application clearly describes how study supports investment in areas with existing infrastructure – 2 points
Application clearly describes how study supports investment in areas with existing infrastructure and explains how the condition of the existing infrastructure has been assessed – 5 points

Question: 4.4 Describe how the study promotes resiliency and adaptability (physical and/or economic).

- Response: Study does not promote resiliency and adaptability – 0 points
Study clearly explains how the study promotes resiliency and adaptability – 6 points

Question: 4.5 Describe how the study includes innovation in concept generation and public engagement.

- Response: Study does not include innovation – 0 points
Study clearly describes how study includes innovation – 3 points

Location Category – 52 points maximum

Question: 2.1 Destinations contribute to the vibrancy and attraction of a place. Please tell us about any priority destinations that are to be connected.

Response: There isn't at least 1 block in the lowest density tier for any destination type– 0 points
At least 1 block in the lowest density tier for 1 destination type– 1 point
At least 1 block in the lowest density tier for 2 or more destination types OR at least 1 block in the second density tier for 1 destination type – 2 points
At least 1 block in the second density tier for 2 or more destination types OR at least 1 block in the middle density tier for 1 destination type – 3 points
At least 1 block in the middle density tier or higher for 2 or more destination types OR at least 1 block in the top two density tiers for a single destination type – 4 points

Question: 2.2 Priority Industry Sectors contribute to the economic well-being of a place and the region. What is in your proposed scope to connect the priority industry sectors in your study area? Please tell us about any priority industry sectors that are to be connected.

Response: There isn't at least 1 block in the lowest density tier for any priority industry sector– 0 points
At least 1 block in the lowest density tier for 1 priority industry sector– 1 point
At least 1 block in the lowest density tier for 2 or more priority industry sectors OR at least 1 block in the second density tier for 1 priority industry sector – 2 points
At least 1 block in the second density tier for 2 or more priority industry sectors OR at least 1 block in the middle density tier for 1 priority industry sector – 3 points
At least 1 block in the middle density tier or higher for 2 or more priority industry sectors OR at least 1 block in the top two density tiers for a priority industry sector – 4 points

Question: 2.4 The mix of land use types contributes to the vibrancy of a place. (Points are cumulative).

Response: Less than half the blocks in the study area have at least two or more land use types – 0 points
The future land use map incorporates mixed use zoning in the study area – 1 point
The proposed study scope includes an examination of land use in the study area – 3 points
Half the block groups in the study area have at least 2 or more land use types – 3 points

Question: 2.5 Housing choice is facilitated by a mix of housing land use types. (Points are cumulative)

- Response: Less than half the blocks in the study area have at least 2 or more housing land use types – 0 points
The proposed study scope includes an examination of housing land use in the study area – 3 points
Half the block groups in the study area have at least 2 or more housing land use types – 3 points

Question: 2.6 Impervious surface can adversely affect infrastructure, water volumes, water quality and contributes to heat islands. (Points are cumulative)

- Response: Less than half the blocks in the study area have at least 40% impervious surface – 0 points
The proposed study scope explores potential solutions to address impervious surface, heat islands, or environmental stewardship solutions in the study area – 3 points
At least half the block groups in the study area have at least 40% impervious surface – 1 point
At least half the block groups in the study area have at least 60% impervious surface – 2 points

Question: 5.1-2 Does the study serve MARC's defined redevelopment area?

- Response: Study area is not within the defined redevelopment area– 0 points
Study area is within the defined redevelopment area – 5 points
Study area is within the defined redevelopment area and has declined in population and/or employment – 10 points

Question: 5.3-4 Is the study area located in an activity center identified on MARC's map of activity centers?

- Response: Study area is not within an activity center on MARC's map of activity centers– 0 points
Study area is within any activity center – 1 point
Study area is within a center of medium intensity of activity AND sponsor clearly and objectively documents how the activity has increased in intensity and walkability to warrant a higher intensity status – 3 points
Study area is within a center of high or very high intensity of activity AND/OR implements elements and recommendations of Planning Sustainable Places or corridor demonstration projects from Creating Sustainable Places initiatives AND/OR applicant clearly and objectively documents how the activity has increased in intensity and walkability to warrant a higher intensity status – 5 points

Question: 5.5-6 Does the study serve a current or future transit corridor, mobility hub (Smart Moves KC) or a local transit service?

- Response: Study area is not within a Smart Moves KC transit corridor or mobility hub, nor does it have local transit service– 0 points
Applicant describes how the study area would be served by a future Smart Moves KC transit corridor or mobility hub, or future local service – 2 points
Applicant describes how the study area is served by a current Smart Moves KC transit corridor or mobility hub, or current local service – 5 points

Question: 5.7-8 Does the study serve area(s) of persistent poverty and historically disadvantaged communities or does the study provide connections to area(s) of persistent poverty and historically disadvantaged communities with opportunities (i.e., jobs access, education, reduce health disparities, etc.)?

- Response: Study area is not within nor connects an area(s) of persistent poverty and historically disadvantaged communities (APPHDC) and doesn't have a hidden population – 0 points
Study area is within or connects an APPHDC, has documented hidden population or connects APPHDC to opportunities – 2 points
Study area is within an APPHDC, has documented a hidden population or connects APPHDC to opportunities and clearly describes how it addresses existing adverse health, social and environmental effects – 5 points

Partnership Category – 10 points maximum

Question: 6.1 Describe the partnerships formed to develop the study and the manner in which these partnerships will benefit the project.

- Response: Study does not document study partnership – 0 points
Applicant document study coordination – 2 points
Applicant documents study coordination within applicant entity **AND** partnership with entities outside applicant entity – 5 points

Question: 6.2 Describe if the study demonstrates sustained involvement with community and/or typically underrepresented stakeholders.

- Response: Study does not demonstrate involvement of community and/or typically underrepresented stakeholders– 0 points
Community and/or typically underrepresented stakeholders support the study (i.e. provide support letter) – 2 points
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Implementation Category – 13 points maximum

Question: 1.9 The study commits a non-federal match of greater than 20% (the minimum required).

Response: Study commits minimum non-federal match – 0 points
Study commits non-federal match of 25% - 49.9% – 2 points
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Question: 6.3 The study has taken steps toward implementation. (Points are cumulative)

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The application includes a letter from the mayor – 2 points
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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA

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Question: 3.8 The applicant demonstrates a commitment towards implementation.

Response: Applicant does not demonstrate past success– 0 points
Applicant clearly explains what previous planning the study builds upon – 10 points

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