

“Many residents say they chose higher-density housing specifically because they felt more secure there; they feel safer because there are more people coming and going, making it more difficult for criminals to act without being discovered.”

Higher-Density Development:

MYTH VS FACT

Crime Rates

MYTH

Higher-density development leads to higher crime rates.

FACTS

- Crime rates at higher-density developments are not significantly different from those at lower-density developments.

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“Higher-density developments can actually help reduce crime by increasing pedestrian activity and fostering a 24-hour community that puts more “eyes on the street” at all times.”

Higher-Density Development: Myth and Fact examines widespread misconceptions related to higher-density development and seeks to dispel them with relevant facts and information.

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To provide elected officials with valuable information for the decisions they make on complex issues that affect our city’s development and growth. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of their role in shaping the built environment and learn tools, strategies and talking points to make the best decisions for their constituents, the city and its future.



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