

**Subject: Re: M-37 Multi-Use Community Clarification**

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Hello all. We were asked to clarify several items in the practice for "Multi-Use Community Signs" M-37. Please print and keep in your TEPL manual with the practice.

Thanks,  
Susan Kunz

1) The practice reads, "Multi-Use Community must be recorded in the appropriate County Courthouse." Who is responsible for verifying this information?

The engineer who is investigating the request. That information can be obtained from the District Engineer or from the courthouse.

2) The practice reads, "The Multi-Use Community may be signed from the nearest US, NC or Secondary Rd. It must be within 10 miles of the route to qualify." Does this mean that we sign from every US, NC or Secondary Rd within the 10 mile radius if the property owner is willing to pay for it?

The maximum number of sign locations is at the discretion of the engineer, however, in general traffic engineering recommends that up to 8 sign installations would be considered reasonable.

3) The practice reads, "A planned Multi-Use Community must have at least three amenities that are open to the public." If the community has the required two amenities to qualify, who determines when the third amenity has to be open and how do you arrive at this time line?

Traffic Engineering recommends a minimum of 12 months to a maximum of 18 months. This needs to be stated in the agreement. If the third amenity has not opened and been added to their on-site sign after 18 months, the signs on the NCDOT right of way should be removed. We recommend notifying the facility in writing 60 days prior to removal to allow the opportunity to meet the requirement.

4) Private or gated communities are to install a sign near their gate listing the amenities open to the public. Can you provide guidance on what the sign should look like? What size sign, what size letters, what color needs to be addressed.

Please view the attachment for an example that is acceptable to the Department for installation on or near the gate (as determined by the Regional or Division Engineer or designate).



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