

**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Traffic engineering and Safety Systems Branch**

**STANDARD PRACTICE
For
Multi-Use Community Signing**

It is the standard practice of NCDOT, based on engineering judgement, to install “Multi-Use Community” signs for qualifying developments. Signs shall be located and erected according to the standards of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the North Carolina Supplement to the MUTCD, and the North Carolina Roadway Standard Drawings.

CRITERIA

- Qualifying Multi-Use Communities shall consist of multiple land uses including, residential, retail and office (or other employment opportunities) uses. Each qualifying multi-use community must also have at least three (3) amenities that are open, during normal operating hours, to the public such as a community park, golf course, community center, library, school, restaurant, wellness center, swimming pool, cinema, church, or other public enrichment opportunities.
- A planned Multi-Use Community that is under construction qualifies for signage if the community has a minimum of two (2) of their proposed amenities operational and opened to the public.
- The Multi-Use Community must be recorded in the appropriate County Court House as a planned Multi-Use Community.
- The Multi-Use Community may be signed from the nearest US, NC, or Secondary Road. It must be within ten (10) miles of the route to qualify if located outside of an incorporated city.
- The Multi-Use Community must be within two (2) miles of the nearest US, NC or Secondary Route to qualify for signing if located within an incorporated city.
- Multi-Use Community signs shall not be allowed on interstates, freeways, or any full control of access facility.
- Private or gated Multi-Use Communities do not qualify for signs, unless a sign is posted on or near the gate that list the amenities that are open and available to the public.
- A qualifying Multi-Use Community shall submit their request in writing to the appropriate Division Engineer.
- All costs associated with the installation and maintenance of approved Multi-Use Community signs are the responsibility of the requester.
- The sign designs shall conform to the attached NCDOT standards.