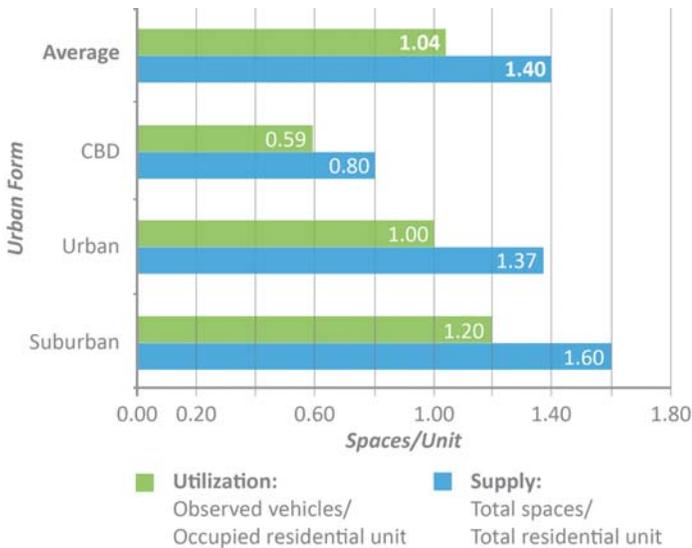


# Right Size Parking

## WHAT IS THE “RIGHT SIZE” FOR PARKING?

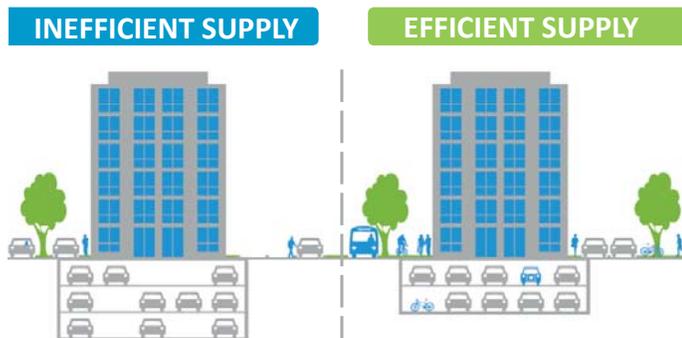
Right-sizing parking means striking a balance between parking supply and demand. Although field data collection found some projects that were not oversupplied, **on average parking was found to be oversupplied with 1.4 spaces built per dwelling unit but used at only about 1 space per unit.** Applied to a typical suburban project with 150 units, the result is roughly \$800,000 spent to build unused parking.

### FIELD WORK FINDINGS: SPACES USED PER UNIT



## WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Over-building parking supply leads to increased automobile ownership, vehicle miles traveled, congestion and housing costs. In addition, it presents barriers to smart growth and efficient transit service.



## HOW CAN WE MOVE FORWARD?



### OPTIMIZE PARKING FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES.

Right-sized parking can increase housing affordability, economic development, access to transit, and support livable, walkable communities.



### RIGHT SIZE YOUR CODES.

The project has created new tools to help adjust zoning code to reflect local characteristics of parking use. Try out the [Website Calculator](#), read the [Policy Memo](#) online, and watch for the results of future pilot and demonstration projects.



### RIGHT SIZE YOUR PROJECTS.

Our research found that parking use depends on location and context. The [Website Calculator](#) estimates use based on pricing, transit access, location of jobs and people, and building characteristics.

[www.rightsizeparking.org](http://www.rightsizeparking.org)



### THE RIGHT SIZE PARKING CALCULATOR

This map-based tool allows users to create custom scenarios for a specific parcel. The user adjusts the scenario using variables related to the building and its location, including proximity to transit, price of parking, jobs and population, and more. Understanding the influence of these variables helps determine how much parking is “just enough” for a particular site.

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