



Best Practices Report | economic development

DC Department of Housing and Community Development

Washington, DC

2010 Community Challenge

<http://www.peopleplandc.org/anacostia>

Helping existing communities benefit from future economic development

The District of Columbia CHASE Neighborhoods (i.e. Congress Heights, Historic Anacostia and St. Elizabeth's in Ward 8) are poised to undergo significant revitalization due to regional development pressures combined with a huge new federal employment center on St. Elizabeth's West campus. As part of their project, the grantee has undertaken a suite of activities which together will position CHASE residents to take full advantage of improving economic conditions in their neighborhoods. These activities include:

extensive small-business technical assistance

funding for local business façade improvements

feasibility analysis of a program to use local vocational training graduates to rehabilitate distressed housing--providing benefits for the community as well

establishing a small-business incubation space and support services

Tags

capacity building, economic development, small business, workforce development and training

South Florida Regional Planning Council

Hollywood, FL

2010 Regional Planning

<http://seven50.org/>

International Agreement Between The Southeast Florida Marine Industry and Barcelona Cluster Nautic

4/1/2014

Seven50 efforts have successfully secured an international collaboration agreement for the region's marine industry (attached). The Seven50 project set the stage for implementation to be carried out by many, and in multiple forms: coalitions, partnerships, cooperation agreements and other joint ventures. The first international agreement stemming from this historic effort was officially signed in July 2013. The Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) and the Barcelona Cluster Nautic (BCN) entered into an international agreement to advance the role of the marine industry at the local, regional, national and international levels. This effort represents a tremendous opportunity to increase our region's economic diversity, positively impact high-wage job creation and strengthen the regions' global competitiveness.

Carlos Vidueira, the region's Marine Industry representative for the Executive Committee, spearheaded this task. He was responsible for making initial contact and all communications and negotiations that resulted in a very promising partnership. Delegations of both industries and local elected officials from the regions of Barcelona and Catalonia were in attendance for the official signing event. Also in attendance, and most importantly, endorsing this agreement were Barcelona's Mayor Xavier Trias, Miami Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez, Broward Commissioner Suzanne Gunzburger, Palm Beach County Commissioner Priscilla Taylor and Martin County Commissioner Ed Fielding. Attached is a clip of this morning Miami Herald's announcement and a homemade video clip of the signing ceremony.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JCFIG_FCoM&feature=youtu.be

Tags

economic development, private sector engagement, sector development

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Chicago, IL

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/2040/main>

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning supports local food production

1/10/2013

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is working to implement its Go to 2040 regional plan for prosperity -- including its goal to strengthen the region's food systems, with assistance from a 2010 HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Grant. By producing more food locally, the region could create more than 5,000 jobs and generate as much as \$6.5 billion per year in economic activity -- as well as have fresh, delicious food! CMAP has produced a new micro website <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/food> with educational resources targeted to local elected officials, planners and economic development specialists on the importance of producing local food within the metropolitan area. Click on the above link to see site and watch video.

<http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/2040/main>

<http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/food>

Tags

economic development, food, public engagement strategies

Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Rockford, IL

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.ourvitalsigns.com/>

Rockford, IL, Releases a State of Social Well-Being Report

3/1/2013

The Rockford Region's Vital Signs Initiative published a State of Social Well Being report recommending the Illinois region address high poverty levels, and, in particular, the concentration of poverty in certain neighborhoods, in order to remain competitive. Click here for more information.

<http://www.ourvitalsigns.com/>

<http://www.ourvitalsigns.com/about/socialreport.php>

<http://www.ourvitalsigns.com/about/news.php>

Tags

economic development, equity strategies

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (IL)

Peoria, IL

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.tricountyrpc.org/brilliant-bright-community-project>

By working with its partners and the community to develop the Heart of Illinois Regional Sustainability Plan, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) fostered the creation of a new organization called Focus Forward Central Illinois (FFCI)

FFCI, for the first time, united all the economic development organizations in the region, both in the public sector and the private sector, to collaboratively develop and implement an economic development strategy that benefits the entire region. Among the tasks that FFCI led was a revision and update of the region's CEDS plan to ensure that it is consistent with the goals, objectives, and regional economic development strategy developed during the Heart of Illinois visioning exercise led by the TCRPC and its staff.

<http://www.focusforwardci.com/focus-forward-central-illinois>

<http://www.tricountyrpc.org/brilliant-bright-community-project>

Tags

CEDS, economic development

City of New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

2010 Community Challenge

<http://www.livableclaiborne.com/>

City of New Orleans successfully engages Mardi Gras Indian community

9/1/2013

During the outreach efforts for the Livable Claiborne Communities, it became clear that there were many segments of the community that preferred for the LCC project team to meet with them at their own forums and learn directly from their constituencies, whether those constituent groups were place-based or formed around a social, cultural or economic interest. As part of the "Meeting in a Bag" outreach method, the LCC project team and city agency representatives were hosted by different groups during the study. Perhaps the most transformational series of meetings occurred with the New Orleans Black Indians (also known as the Mardi Gras Indians), whose skills, commerce, and industry have supported the tradition of these New Orleans Culture Bearers for generations. However, the events vividly celebrated through their unique skills have not been fully captured for their economic benefit. That opportunity unquestionably exists given the fact that there is a well-established market for the authentic culture of New Orleans by both national and international visitors. Moreover, beyond the opportunities in the tourism market the New Orleans Free Trade Zone and the local, national and international market for materials used in the fabrication provides an opportunity which can lead to the creation of import and export trade opportunities, as well as manufacturing opportunities for the Black Indian nations and the communities they represent.

Tags

arts and culture, economic development, public engagement strategies

Baltimore Metropolitan Council

Baltimore, MD

2011 Regional Planning

<http://www.opportunitycollaborative.org/>

Local workforce unprepared to fill coming jobs in transportation sector

9/29/2014

Industry growth and a tide of employee retirements in Baltimore's transportation sector will create or leave open thousands of jobs by 2020, but local job seekers aren't prepared to fill them, according to a study released Monday by the Opportunity Collaborative.

Low-income residents lack the needed technical training or have criminal records that make them ineligible for the jobs, according to the study by the coalition of state agencies, local governments, universities and nonprofits tasked with plotting a course toward sustainable economic growth for the Baltimore region. The region as a whole lacks a public transportation system that adequately connects low-income residents with employment centers and training programs.

New pathways for those workers to reach success must be created, the coalition found, lest the region miss a major opportunity to lift thousands of families out of poverty.

The study, funded as part of a \$3.5 million federal grant facilitating the collaborative, will help inform a broader Regional Workforce Development Plan the group is working to complete and release by next year.

It follows two previous studies that found middle-class employment opportunities lacking in the region, rising competition for jobs and a growing percentage of residents falling below the poverty line.

Officials focused on the transportation and warehousing sector in the new study because they see it as a promising one locally, based on expectations that the coming Panama Canal expansion will create jobs at the port of Baltimore and that major investments in transit projects such as the Red Line will further expand the industry.

The industry already employs 32,800 people in the region, and will see a net increase of at least 1,800 new jobs by 2020, the study found. Thousands more jobs will become available through the retirement of older employees, who represent a large percentage of the current workforce.

The panel discussion featured officials from regional employers — including the railroad CSX Transportation and American Sugar Refining, which operates Domino — who said they are hiring and see growth in the future.

Based on interviews with employers throughout the region, the study identified five career fields in which there is some opportunity for entry-level employees making about \$9.50 an hour to progress into family-supporting, middle-class jobs paying between \$16 and \$26 per hour. But background checks remained a major barrier for those interested in becoming drivers and logistics agents, diesel mechanics, merchant mariners and warehouse processors, the study found.

The Transportation Worker Identification Credential, a federally required security clearance for workers throughout the transportation sector, prevents many with criminal records from entering this workforce. Another barrier the study identified was the high cost of training and certification in those fields.

The study found more workforce development organizations, educational partners and employer-based training programs could increase the number of entry level workers who successfully make their way into positions paying a family wage, but did not include specific policy recommendations.

Opportunity Collaborative officials said the feedback will help them create their final report, which is expected in February.

http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2014-09-29/business/bs-bz-transportation-jobs-20140929_1_panel-discussion-greater-baltimore-committee-opportunity-collaborative

Tags

economic development, policy change, private sector engagement, quantitative results, sector development, workforce development and training

Greater Portland Council of Governments

Portland, ME

<http://sustainsouthernmaine.org/>

2010 Regional Planning

Mobilize Maine undertakes CEDS planning

1/31/2014

Comprehensive Asset-Based Economic Strategy: The Mobilize Maine initiative continues to act as the economic and workforce development arm of Sustain Southern Maine. During this reporting period Mobilize Maine completed the initial drafts of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) for both GPCOG and Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission (SMRPC) regions (each a designated Economic Development District (EDD)). Development and implementation of the CEDS is supported by a number of Action Teams working within each EDD through Mobilize Maine. In the GPCOG region these teams represent Access to Capital, Workforce Development, Regulatory Reform, and Energy. In the SMRPC region these teams represent Workforce, Access to Capital, Broadband, and Quality of Place.

Tags

CEDS, economic development

Northern Maine Development Commission

Caribou, ME

<http://gro-wa.org/>

2010 Regional Planning

Counties of Washington and Aroostook, Maine Case Study

8/1/2013

At the northernmost tip of Maine, the Counties of Washington and Aroostook came together to chart a course for mutual economic success with an integrated plan that addresses housing, transportation, water infrastructure, environmental planning, as well as economic opportunity and workforce development.

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=NorthernMEcasestudy7.pdf>

Tags

case studies, economic development, energy

City of Flint

Flint, MI

2010 Community Challenge

<http://www.imagineflint.com/>

Grant allows the first zoning code update in 51 years

4/1/2014

For the City of Flint, a \$1.57 million grant allowed the first update of the zoning code in 51 years.

The common thread across every grantee was partnerships – a fundamental component of every grantee's strategy regardless of the financial, political, or geographic scale of the planning effort.

http://www.frbsf.org/community-development/files/ci_vol26no1-The-Sustainable-Communities-Initiative.pdf

Read the HUD Case Study here: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=Flintcasestudy.pdf>

Tags

case studies, economic development, regional plan, vacant property, zoning

City of Hattiesburg

Hattiesburg, MS

2010 Community Challenge

<http://www.midtowninmotion.org/>

City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi develops impressive video to promote the economic value of a downtown redevelopment plan

10/30/2013

This video promotes the Midtown Hattiesburg redevelopment and the plan itself. It features professional production and uses all sorts of business and community leaders to make the (economic) case for having a walkable, mixed-use downtown. Currently located at:

http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid893449000001?bckey=AQ~~.AAAABDgpvmk~.ED_cDwcEXowGdmhYY7PFHDSStwMHHIaI&bctid=2618861451001

Tags

economic development, implementation strategies, public engagement strategies

Centralina Council of Governments

Charlotte, NC; SC

2011 Regional Planning

<http://www.connectourfuture.org/>

Centralina COG Develops Brownfields-Greyfields Toolkit (with focus on financial analysis of difficult sites)

3/3/2015

The Centralina Council of Governments (in the Charlotte, NC/ SC region) contracted with Cardno-TBE and Redevelopment Economics to produce a "Brownfields-Greyfields Toolkit," as a key element of the region's Connect Our Future project, supported by the HUD Sustainable Communities Program.

The Toolkit focuses on ways to make better use of existing financial tools, such as tax credits, HUD CDBG and HUD 108, Clean Water State Revolving Funds, tax increment financing, Supplementary Environmental Projects, and insurance recovery. The report also highlights well-regarded brownfields incentive tools from other states.

View the Brownfields-Greyfields Toolkit here: http://www.connectourfuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/CONNECT-ED-Brownfield-Greyfield-Redevelopment-Financing-Toolkit.pdf?utm_source=Feb+2015&utm_campaign=mar+15&utm_medium=email

A second report, "In-depth Site Reports," goes to the next level - examining the economics of site reuse for four long-term vacant or problem properties. Pro forma financial analysis was used to test alternative gap closing financial tools.

View the in-depth site reports here: http://www.connectourfuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/CONNECT-ED-Brownfield-Greyfield-Redevelopment-Financing-Toolkit-In-Depth-Site-Reports.pdf?utm_source=Feb+2015&utm_campaign=mar+15&utm_medium=email

Tags

brownfields/land recycling, economic development, finance mechanisms, implementation strategies

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

New Brunswick, NJ

2011 Regional Planning

<http://togethernorthjersey.com/>

TNJ Local Demonstration Project: North Jersey Partners Regional Workforce Collaboration

9/19/2014

The 'North Jersey Partners Workforce Report' is a TNJ deliverable whose primary objective was to provide the background research necessary for North Jersey Partners to pursue a regional workforce strategy that is integrated with regional transportation and economic development. North Jersey Partners did tremendous engagement around the Workforce Development Symposium (with great support from HUD CBIs), have solid buy-in from a very diverse group of decision-makers, and have continued a process that is likely to impact the region for many years to come.

North Jersey Partners is a regional workforce volunteer collaboration between the Workforce Investment Boards (WIB) within eight study area counties and includes: the Bergen WIB, Essex WIB, Hudson WIB, MorrisSussex-Warren WIB, Passaic WIB, Union WIB, Jersey City WIB and Newark WIB. The partnership was created under the US Department of Labor's Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) initiative in 2006, which promoted regional integration of talent development, workforce and economic development activities. Today, North Jersey Partners facilitates peer exchanges and serves as a coalition for advocacy on regional workforce issues.

Report: https://www.dropbox.com/s/9crj1xjb87wxc8a/NJP_Report_Draft_20141219.pdf?dl=0

Appendices: https://www.dropbox.com/s/ptes25h4xtjey65/NJP_Appendices_Draft_20141017.pdf?dl=0

Tags

economic development, job creation, transportation choice, workforce development and training

Bernalillo County

Albuquerque, NM

2010 Community Challenge

<http://www.bridgeboulevard.com/>

Bernalillo County Begins Implementation of its Vision for the Busy Bridge Boulevard Corridor

3/10/2015

After unanimous approval of the Bridge Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan in August 2014, funded by a joint HUD Challenge and DOT TIGER II grant, Bernalillo County is well on its way to implementing its vision for the corridor. The project received a New Mexico Main Street designation, helping to bring in additional funding, marketing and technical assistance opportunities to the corridor. The middle Rio Grande received an Urban Water designation, further raising the profile of this redevelopment project, and a State of New Mexico American Planning Association Innovation in Planning Award in Transportation was awarded to the County for the corridor redevelopment project. The County has projected with full implementation of the redevelopment plan it will attract nearly 100 new businesses along the corridor and 700 new jobs! The County is also pursuing a new TIF district for façade improvements along the corridor, new public/private partnerships, and has secured \$24 million in federal funding/local match programmed for FY16 and FY19 transportation improvement plan funds (TIP) to reconstruct the roadway with multi-modal facilities and streetscaping.

<http://www.bridgeboulevard.com/resources.html>

Tags

corridor plan, economic development, equitable development, implementation funding, implementation strategies, job creation, mixed-use development

City of Glens Falls, NY/Community & Economic Development

Glens Falls, NY

2010 Community Challenge

<http://www.agcny.org/>

Glens Falls, NY receives Smart Growth and Sustainable Planning Award

7/3/2013

The City of Glens Falls approved its Downtown Vision and Development Strategy in late June developed with support from HUD's Community Challenge Grant program. The plan identified arts and entertainment as a strong niche for Glens Falls to attract residents and tourists downtown. Well on its way to implementation, the City also approved bicycle and pedestrian recommendations, and is working on inclusionary zoning for workforce housing. Earlier this year, the City received \$500,000 in state economic development funds, which will be used for a mixed-use building with market rate apartments, office space, and parking in an infill location that's currently a parking lot.

<http://www.glensfallsldc.com/>

<http://www.pjscompany.com/projects/view/?project=glens-falls-downtown-vision-development-strategy>

Tags

arts and culture, award, economic development, finance mechanisms, implementation funding, neighborhood/downtown plan, plan adoption, policy change, transportation choice, zoning

Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority

Buffalo & Niagara Falls, NY

<http://www.oneregionforward.org/>

2011 Regional Planning

One Region Forward, NADO, and EDA develop climate resilience training for small businesses

2/25/2014

The Buffalo-Niagara region has been impacted by several flood and severe snow incidents over the past few years; climate change adaptation and mitigation has long been a focus of their planning. Through One Region Forward, they engaged private sector economic development and climate constituencies, particularly in the area of adaptation/resilience. To support these efforts, the NADO Research Foundation developed a training workshop for economic developers and business owners from rural and urban resilience, small communities on building economic resilience to severe weather. The workshop took place February 25-26, 2014 and brought approximately 50 local economic business developers, chamber staff, small business owners, and elected officials together to learn why and how they should engage in regional planning and disaster preparedness efforts, how other primarily rural regions (in Vermont and Iowa) have approached this issue, and what resources are available to assist them.

For more information, please visit <http://www.nado.org/building-economic-resilience-to-disasters-in-the-buffalo-niagara-region-workshop-materials/>

Tags

climate, economic development, resilience, small business

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Columbus, OH

<http://www.morpc.org/Sustainability/local-foods/index>

2010 Community Challenge

MORPC creates Weinland Park food district in Columbus, Ohio

2/21/2014

Weinland Park is a low-income in Columbus, OH where the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is creating an innovative food-based community center featuring community gardens, food processing, business incubators, and employment services. Besides connecting rural farmers to new urban markets, the community center will serve as a vibrant hub to revitalize a struggling rust belt community. A \$865,000 HUD grant yielded designs for facilities, street improvements and educational programs, as well as long-term strategies for sustaining the entire operation, and a coalition of partners and funders is now joining together to turn the drawings into reality.

Residents of Mid-Ohio's Weinland Park Neighborhood share plans for an urban Food District and Job Center in this video. This work is being supported by a 2010 HUD Community Challenge grant.

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/economic_resilience/ITV

Food District to Create New Jobs

The FD@WP project developed a business plan, a site plan, and architectural renderings among other things to support the development of a local food district in the Weinland Park neighborhood, a relatively distressed, low-income community located near downtown Columbus and Ohio State University. The district will include a local food hub, a food business incubator, a food industry training center, a commercial kitchen, a restaurant and banquet center, and other facilities that will make the Weinland Park neighborhood a focal point for activities that will play a significant role in rebuilding the Columbus area's local food system. When these facilities are developed, they will provide both job training and employment opportunities for Weinland Park residents and others residing in inner-city areas of Columbus that will pay a living wage and provide other benefits.

Food District to increase consumption of Local Food

Ohioans spend \$429 billion per year on food (from grocery stores, at restaurants, schools, hospitals, etc.), but less than 10 percent of that is produced within the state (Ken Meter, 2011) <http://www.crcworks.org/ohfood.pdf>. In order to increase the percentage of food produced within Columbus' foodshed and from sources within Ohio, it will be necessary to rebuild the local food system infrastructure that existed at one time but has now largely disappeared.

Tags

case studies, economic development, food, implementation strategies, job creation, sector development, small business

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Cleveland, OH

<http://vibrantneo.org/>

2010 Regional Planning

Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium Releases Conditions and Trends platform for future projections

7/5/2012

Conditions and Trends Platform Developed by Northeast Ohio, which documents the challenges in the past, challenges in the future, and looks at the assets and resources in Northeast Ohio. This tool will help lead the conversation in how to make Northeast Ohio a desirable region for businesses, residents, and visitors.

http://cat.neoscc.org/?utm_source=Vibrant%20Northeast%20Ohio%3A%20Conditions%20and%20Trends&utm_campaign=Newsletter%20C%26T&utm_medium=email

Tags

baseline, economic development, performance metrics

City of Knoxville, Tennessee

Knoxville, TN

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.planeasttn.org/>

In their Voice – New Knoxville PlanET (Eastern Tennessee's) video from WBIR

4/27/2012

Check out a panel discussion aired on WBIR's Inside Tennessee in which local mayors and Chamber of Commerce Director expound on Knoxville's Plan Eastern Tennessee, known as PlanET. This Sustainable Communities Grantee has found high interest in regionalism and sustainability among economic development community.

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/sustainable_housing_communities/ITV

Tags

economic development, public engagement strategies

City of Memphis

Memphis, TN

2010 Community Challenge

<http://www.memphisaeroplan.com/>

City of Memphis, TN and Shelby County, TN focused their SCI grant work on the development of the transportation and distribution sector by focusing on the local 'Aerotropolis' air shipping hub

2/21/2014

Since 1973, Memphis, TN airport has served as the primary distribution hub for FedEx cargo airline which has served as one of the largest economic drivers of the region. Between a lack of adequate logistics training and an inability to find transportation, many citizens were unable to hold jobs at the massive distribution center. Bolstered by a \$1.2 million HUD SCI grant, the City of Memphis, FedEx and the Memphis Chamber of Commerce assembled a coalition of corporate and philanthropic partners, post-secondary education and trade institutions, to plan for the development of a logistics job training center. This project, dubbed the 'Aerotropolis,' will aim to offer programs related to aeronautics, logistics, manufacturing, bio-logistics, bio-life sciences, and employment readiness training. The city projects the implementation of the HUD funded Aerotropolis plan will result in the creation of 15,000 direct jobs over the first twenty years.

Using a \$2.6 million HUD SCI regional grant, comprising the tri-state region surrounding Memphis, Shelby County, TN developed a plan to strengthen the region's transportation network to better connect people with employment centers. As a result, the county established priorities for new bus routes, greenways, bike routes and other alternatives to make jobs more accessible to area residents, including those who do not have access to a car.

Additionally, as a result of the robust groundwork laid with SCI integrated planning grant, Memphis was selected to receive \$15 million in DOT TIGER IV funds for a riverfront bridge and boardwalk redevelopment that is halfway completed.

Tags

case studies, economic development, job creation, sector development, workforce development and training

North Central Texas Council of Governments

Arlington, TX

2010 Community Challenge

<http://www.nctcog.org/trans/aviation/jlus/hud.asp>

NCTCOG worked with the six Ft. Worth-area municipalities to create a locally driven regional comprehensive plan

NCTCOG has successfully concluded their grant period of performance. Working with the six municipalities that surround Ft. Worth Joint Reserve Base, they produced a locally-driven regional comprehensive plan that reflects their priorities and needs and then used it to create comprehensive plan updates for five of the six participating communities. These plans will be instrumental in guiding new housing, transportation, and economic development investments throughout the region, allowing communities to advance both their own interests and regional goals simultaneously.

Through the process, NCTCOG worked with area residents, elected officials, and business leaders to identify the region's needs and possible strategies. Among the themes that emerged from this work:

Economic Development: A major finding of the analysis was that aging building conditions and disinvestment are causing a decline in the tax base in parts of the study area, so communities should pursue reinvestment through catalyst sites and other development strategies

Housing choice: 43% of the region's housing units were built before 1960, but the region is mostly built out, making new housing development difficult. Despite the fact that there is a dearth of affordable homeownership opportunities, there is high vacancy in the older multifamily units because they are in poor condition. Both new development and rehabbing existing housing will be required to meet the housing need going forward.

Transportation options: if the status quo continues, congestion will continue to worsen, and simply expanding roadways is not seen as a viable solution. Instead, transportation investments will be focused on creating more transportation options and concentrating investment in existing, underutilized commercial corridors where it can help spur economic investment.

<http://www.nctcog.org/trans/aviation/jlus/hud.asp>

Tags

capacity building, economic development, housing plan, military

The Spokane Tribe of Indians

Wellpinit, WA

2010 Community Challenge

<http://www.spokanetribe.com/hcc>

HUD Case Study describes the efforts of Northwestern US grantees Puget Sound Regional Council and Spokane Tribe of Indians, WA

8/1/2013

HUD's Sustainable Communities Initiative is assisting several communities within Washington State, including the fast-growing Puget Sound region and the Spokane Tribe of Indians.

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=WA_PSRCSpokanecasestudy.pdf

Tags

case studies, economic development

Thurston Regional Planning Council (RPG)

Olympia, WA

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.trpc.org/regionalplanning/sustainability/Pages/default.aspx>

Governor Inslee announces winners of 2014 Governor's Smart Communities Awards, including the Thurston Regional Planning Council

5/29/2014

Sixteen cities, five counties, two ports and one school district receive awards for smart growth planning.

OLYMPIA – Governor Jay Inslee today announced winners of the 2014 Smart Communities Awards. Now in its ninth year, the program recognizes achievements by local leaders who promote smart growth planning and projects that contribute to quality of life in Washington state.

"These projects help create and sustain a thriving economic climate and strengthen our ability to lead in the global economy," said Gov. Inslee. "Washington is a great state in which to live and do business thanks to these examples of leadership and innovation in community planning and development."

2014 Smart Communities Award winners are:

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Thurston County's Sustainable Thurston Vision and Action Plan integrating sustainability into all regional decision making to achieve a robust economy, vital society and healthy environment. It included, the Cities of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, Yelm, Tenino, Rainer, and Town of Bucoda

<http://www.governor.wa.gov/news/releases/article.aspx?id=271>

Tags

award, economic development, regional plan

Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

Madison, WI

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.capitalarearpc.org/grant.html>

City of Madison completes feasibility study for Madison Sustainability Commerce Center as part of the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission's (CARPC) Sustainable Communities Initiative

Located within the Capitol East District, the Madison Sustainability Commerce Center concept is a privately developed and owned 50,000-75,000 square feet commercial office and flex/tech building. In an effort to help promote sustainability, the MSCC will be housed in an energy-efficient facility incorporating the latest in green building technologies.

In addition to traditional employment center amenities, the MSCC will provide shared space for collaboration between tenants and outreach to the broader Madison community. The key objectives of this project include:

The development of a high-performance commercial building, showcasing the latest in sustainable building technologies;

The collaboration, through co-location, of firms in industries with an environmental sustainability focus, along with their service providers;

The ability to showcase, educate and engage the Madison community on industries and technologies focused on environmental sustainability.

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/capitoleast/sustainabilitycenter/>

Tags

economic development, energy, predevelopment