



## Best Practices Report | implementation strategies

### City of Santa Monica

Santa Monica, CA

2010 Community Challenge

<http://smgov.net/>

#### Santa Monica, CA Receives \$75,000 Arts Grant for Bergamot Expo Rail Station

7/26/2013

The City of Santa Monica, CA received a \$75,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) supporting artist residencies and banner murals for the Bergamot Station Arts Center during the construction of a new Expo Light Rail stop at the site. The City of Santa Monica developed the Bergamot Area Plan with a HUD Sustainable Communities grant. Read the full article.

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

<http://www.smgov.net/departments/pcd/>

<http://www.smmirror.com/articles/News/Santa-Monica-Receives-75K-Grant-From-National-Endowment-For-The-Arts/38056>

#### Tags

arts and culture, finance mechanisms, implementation strategies

### Denver Regional Council of Governments

Denver, CO

2011 Regional Planning

<https://drcog.org/planning-great-region/metro-vision>

#### Denver Housing Authority Recognized at Awards Ceremony

6/7/2012

Denver Housing Authority Recognized at Downtown Denver Partnership's Awards Ceremony for the completion of the 1099 Osage building senior housing project. The building is LEED-Platinum certified and was one of the initiatives of the Regional Partnership on Sustainable Communities. The project is contributing to the vitality and sustainability of Denver's core city by utilizing the existing assets in the community. For the video about the project click here.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBmfwfGOfyI&list=UUivm7KpGXWZkR7wGyjXXVqg&index=5&feature=plcp>

#### Tags

green building codes/standards, implementation strategies, infill strategy

### Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

Evansville, IN

2010 Regional Planning

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

#### Southwest Indiana has an advantage by using their 'Millennial Plan for 2040' when applying for new Indiana Regional Cities Initiative in 2015.

4/13/2015

The State of Indiana is promoting a new program called the Regional Cities Initiative to encourage population growth and sustain healthy, vibrant communities in Indiana.

<http://indianaregionalcities.com/about/>

Southwest Indiana, comprised of Warrick, Vanderburgh, Posey and Gibson counties is pursuing the Regional Cities designation and has identified the SCI-funded Millennial Plan for 2040 as a key foundational plan for their pursuit.

The eight-year Regional Cities initiative focuses on quality of place through enhancement of transportation and infrastructure; housing and neighborhoods; economic development; environment and healthy communities; arts and culture; and, land use and building construction. Each potential "Regional City" is encouraged to develop vision and action plans that will shape their communities by leveraging key regional assets with the idea to attract talent, entice new private investment and create new jobs.

Press release: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/SouthwestIndianaPicksWinn/04/prweb12621591.htm>

Millennial plan: <http://www.seacplan.org/>

Millennial plan summary: [http://seacplan.org/Documents/The\\_Millennial\\_Plan\\_for\\_2040\\_Volume\\_Summary.pdf](http://seacplan.org/Documents/The_Millennial_Plan_for_2040_Volume_Summary.pdf)

## Tags

cost savings, federal and state alignment, implementation strategies, plan adoption, regional plan

### Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Greenfield, MA

2010 Regional Planning

<http://frco.org/program-services/land-use-planning-zoning/>

#### Franklin Regional COG, of MA received a \$75K grant to turn their planned farm and food economy into a reality.

6/11/2013

Franklin Regional Council of Governments in Greenfield, MA, a 2010 Regional grantee, received a \$75,000 grant from the Kendall Foundation to build on the Franklin County Farmland and Foodshed Study, contained within their Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. They will use the New England Food Vision as a framework, which calls for the region to produce up to 80% of clean, fair, just, and accessible food for all New Englanders by 2060, while reaping social, economic, and environmental benefits in the process.

In June 2013, Franklin Regional COG received a \$74,025 grant from the Henry P. Kendall Foundation to continue their work to build a strong farm and food economy and to develop a robust and resilient regional food system for Franklin County. Partners include area farmers, Communities Involved in Sustaining Agriculture, Community Action, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Franklin County CDC, Franklin Land Trust, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Massachusetts Food Policy Alliance, and the Western Mass Food Bank, among others.

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

[http://issuu.com/conwaydesign/docs/franklincounty20120522\\_hires](http://issuu.com/conwaydesign/docs/franklincounty20120522_hires)

## Tags

finance mechanisms, food, implementation strategies

### Mid-America Regional Council (CCP)

Kansas City, MO

2011 Community Challenge

<http://www.marc.org/Regional-Planning/Creating-Sustainable-Places>

#### MARC creates Implementation Guidebook as a tool for local governments

2/5/2014

The Implementation Guidebook offers tools, indicators, templates and best practices that any community can use as a roadmap for how to create more sustainable places.

## Tags

implementation strategies

### 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~~,AAAABDgpmk~,ED\\_cDwcEXowGdmhYY7PFHDStlwMHHIaI&bctid=2618861451001](http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid893449000001?bckey=AQ~~,AAAABDgpmk~,ED_cDwcEXowGdmhYY7PFHDStlwMHHIaI&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](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](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

<http://togethernorthjersey.com/>

2011 Regional Planning

### 4 Together North Jersey demonstration projects awarded nearly \$3 million from NJ Transportation Alternatives Program for full implementation

2/20/2015

In February 2015, the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) board approved a slate of projects for funding under the NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). TAP provides federal funding for construction of community based "non-traditional" projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system.

Among the projects funded in the NJTPA region, four projects grew out of the Together North Jersey Local Demonstration Project (LDP) subgrant program (see featured projects below). The TAP grants awarded for these projects total nearly \$3 million that will go directly toward implementing the recommendations of LDP program. According to TNJ director Jon Carnegie, this is "further evidence of the value of HUD's investment in improving conditions in our region."

The four LDP projects funded on a larger scale by federal TAP funding are:

- >Orange City Township, Highland Avenue Station Rehabilitation Project, \$614,000
- >Essex County (Maplewood, Newark, South Orange Village), Irvington Avenue Streetscape Improvements, \$850,000
- >Woodbridge Township, Woodbridge Bicycle Connect Compatible Roadways, \$688,000
- >Passaic City, Market Streetscape Enhancement Project, \$750,000

About TNJ Local Demonstration Projects:

[http://togethernorthjersey.com/?page\\_id=648](http://togethernorthjersey.com/?page_id=648)

About the NJ Transportation Alternatives Program: <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/alternatives.shtm>

### Tags

implementation funding, implementation strategies, subgrants, transportation choice

## Bernalillo County

Albuquerque, NM

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

2010 Community Challenge

### New Mexico Bridge Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan Unanimously Approved

9/23/2013

The Bridge Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan was unanimously approved by the Bernalillo County, NM Commission on August 27. The project, funded by a 2010 HUD Community Challenge and DOT- TIGER II grant, focuses on transforming a major crossing of the Rio Grande into a pedestrian- and transit-friendly road that encourages new commercial and residential development in keeping with the area's small business climate while reducing future traffic delays. The Corridor's recent designation as a "MainStreet" by the New Mexico MainStreet program will help direct financial and technical resources to the plan's implementation.

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

<http://www.bernco.gov/stage/SVMainStreet/>

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

### Tags

corridor plan, implementation strategies, plan adoption, TOD

## Bernalillo County

Albuquerque, NM

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

2010 Community Challenge

### 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

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

2010 Community Challenge

### Glens Falls, NY, Receives Brownfield Grant, Implements Community Challenge Plan

**10/21/2013**

The City of Glens Falls was awarded a \$124,000 Brownfield Opportunity Area grant from the State of New York to complete a revitalization plan for a downtown area that includes 45 acres and 20 brownfields or vacant sites, to spur investment for mixed use projects, new housing and to create jobs. The grant will help implement several of the goals of its Downtown Vision and Development Strategy <http://www.glensfallsldc.com>, completed with a 2010 HUD Community Challenge grant. For more information on the grant program, see <http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/10172013-brownfields-grants>

#### Tags

brownfields/land recycling, finance mechanisms, implementation strategies, plan adoption

## City of Glens Falls, NY/Community & Economic Development

Glens Falls, NY

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

2010 Community Challenge

### NY Governor Cuomo Announces \$70 Million in Funding for 68 Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects; \$480,000 to Glens Falls School Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

**10/27/2014**

The City of Glens Falls has been allocated \$480,000 for the Fire Road, Crandall Park and Kensington Road Elementary School Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements.

Ed Bartholomew stated that today's announcement represents an important collaboration by the City of Glens Falls with Glens Falls School District, YMCA and the Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council which has resulted in a substantial and important safety project going forward.

This project recommended by the recently concluded "City's Community Challenge HUD Grant" will greatly enhance safety for bicyclists, pedestrians who walk, and ride in the Kensington School, Crandall Park YMCA / Fire Road area.

The improvements include new sidewalks, multi-use path and raised crosswalk along Kensington Road, Jerome Avenue and Fire Road in the City of Glens Falls, thus formally connecting several major and important pedestrian generators including an elementary school (K-4), YMCA and significant public park facilities with separate accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclist of all ages;

The estimated Project cost is \$575,000 to \$600,000 with 80% going from state funding and 20% from local matching funds.

#### Tags

implementation funding, implementation strategies, performance metrics, transportation choice

## 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](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

## City Of Dallas

Dallas, TX

<http://dallastod.com/>

2010 Community Challenge

### Comprehensive station-area TOD planning leading directly to implementation

The City of Dallas has used developed five station-area plans covering seven South Dallas DART stations. Not only are the plans themselves excellent, but each identifies a catalyst site that will help jump-start development and ensure that the plans move quickly to implementation. The grantee has moved this process along even further by repurposing funds originally slated for land acquisition for pre-development. Together, these plans will spur mixed-use development and bring more workforce and mixed-income housing--a total of 682 new housing units--to a transit stations in an historically disinvested area of the city. For more information, see <http://dallastod.com/about/>.

### Tags

implementation strategies, station area plan, TOD

## City of Richmond, VA

Richmond, VA

<http://hullstreet360.com/>

2010 Community Challenge

### Richmond begins implementation of SCI grant by pursuing \$36 million Hull Street Road plan; includes bike path, sidewalks and landscaping

11/4/2015

Richmond officials are advancing a \$36 million plan to add sidewalks, a bike path and landscaping along a 2.3-mile stretch of Hull Street Road. The plan, still in its early stages, came before the city's Urban Design Committee for a first review in November 2015.

In planning documents, officials write that the plan will make the road look more pleasing through landscaping and other enhancements, and also safer for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists by including new turn lanes, medians and crosswalks. Currently, sidewalks along Hull Street Road end just west of Southside Plaza.

The city said it plans to seek final approval for the project in October and construction could begin in the fall of 2018.

Broadly, the plan follows recommendations made in the Hull Street Corridor Revitalization Plan, an SCI-funded planning document which the city developed cooperatively with Chesterfield County through a series of public meetings in 2013.

[http://www.richmond.com/news/local/city-of-richmond/article\\_a6432ad1-fcd7-55b8-accf-f4aad8997b4c.html?](http://www.richmond.com/news/local/city-of-richmond/article_a6432ad1-fcd7-55b8-accf-f4aad8997b4c.html?)

### Tags

corridor plan, implementation funding, implementation strategies, transportation choice

## New River Valley Planning District Commission

Radford, VA

<http://nrvivability.org/>

2010 Regional Planning

### The Community Foundation of New River Valley allows community members to contribute to specific NRV Livability initiatives

**4/23/2014**

After the New River Valley grant (NRV Livability) finished its Sustainable Communities grant, the Community Foundation picked up the mantle. This includes organizing their first big giving campaign around the 4 themes from the NRV Livability report. Their online giving campaign featured four themes. Clicking on a theme brings up donation opportunities and data from the report.

As of 4/28/2014, the total raised by GiveBigNRV is \$61,537, and the total raised on the GiveBigNRV Giving Day was \$39,863.

<https://cfnrv.givebig.org/c/NRV>

#### Tags

implementation funding, implementation strategies, philanthropy, public engagement strategies

## Puget Sound Regional Council

Seattle, WA

<http://www.psrc.org/growth/growing-transit-communities/>

2010 Regional Planning

### Growing Transit Communities Strategy document regarding TOD Compacts and Transit Corridor Action Strategies was adopted by the oversight committee in July 2013

**7/12/2013**

Adoption of the Growing Transit Communities Partnership culminating document: the Growing Transit Communities Strategy, consisting of a Regional Compact, a toolkit of Recommended Strategies and Actions, and Individual Work Plans, a Transit Community Typology, and 74 Station Area Profiles. The document was approved by the project Oversight Committee on July 12, 2013. To date, 19 project partners have signed onto the GTC Compact, including the Puget Sound Regional Council.

Element B: TOD Compacts and Transit Corridor Action Strategies

TOD Compacts and Transit Corridor Action Strategies: Estimated percentage completion: 100%. The primary deliverables—the Growing Transit Communities Compact and the Toolkit of Recommended Actions and Strategies—were completed in June 2013, and approved and adopted by the GTC Oversight Committee on July 12, 2013. After approval, staff has worked with consortium partners to adopt the compact. As of December 31, 2013, 19 jurisdictions and organizations have signed the compact, including the Puget Sound Regional Council.

The Growing Transit Communities Partnership Oversight Committee took action and unanimously approved the final drafts of the Regional Compact and the majority of the recommendations in the Toolkit of Recommended Strategies and Actions on July 12, 2013, and the Compact was approved by the Puget Sound Regional Council on September 26, 2013. This commits PSRC to work toward the GTC goals, and to consider how to implement actions that are called for in the strategy.

<http://www.psrc.org/growth/growing-transit-communities/growing-communities-strategy/read-the-full-growing-transit-communities-strategy/>

#### Tags

final product, implementation strategies, ongoing partnerships, plan adoption, TOD

## Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

Madison, WI

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

2010 Regional Planning

### FitchburgWisconsin Completes Catalytic Stormwater Project

**3/1/2013**

The City of Fitchburg, WI, a member of the Capital Area Regional Planning Grant consortia, has completed a catalytic demonstration project on stormwater control. The project aimed to determine which combination of Best Management Practices (BMPs) could achieve no increase in runoff volume from new developments. To read the report click here.

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

[http://danedocs.countyofdane.com/webdocs/PDF/capd/2013\\_postings/Publications/ModelingReport\\_FINAL\\_web.pdf](http://danedocs.countyofdane.com/webdocs/PDF/capd/2013_postings/Publications/ModelingReport_FINAL_web.pdf)

#### Tags

baseline, green infrastructure, implementation strategies, water and wastewater