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East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Altamonte Springs, FL

2011 Regional Planning

<http://www.ecfrpc.org/Programs-and-Projects/HUD-Sustainable-Communities-Planning-Grant.aspx>

The Parramore Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan will be receiving an APA Florida Award of Excellence in the Neighborhood Planning category

9/9/2015

The Parramore Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan will be receiving an APA Florida Award of Excellence in the Neighborhood Planning category at the conference in Hollywood, FL in September. Curt Ostrodka and Paul S. Lewis will be accepting the award on behalf of VHB and the City of Orlando at the Plenary Session on September 9, 2015.

<http://www.floridaplanning.org/parramore-comprehensive-neighborhood-plan/>

Tags

award, neighborhood/downtown plan

Greater Portland Council of Governments

Portland, ME

2010 Regional Planning

<http://sustainsouthernmaine.org/>

Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities visits City of Portland

11/24/2014

Representatives from HUD, EPA, DOT, and FEMA visited Portland's India Street Neighborhood and afterwards sat down for a roundtable discussion with City staff hosted by Mayor Michael Brennan and Acting City Manager Sheila Hill Christian. City staff presented the highlights of the India Street Neighborhood Plan to the PSC, and then the group brainstormed ways the PSC might assist during plan implementation.

The Neighborhood was chosen as a Center of Opportunity Pilot Community by Sustain Southern Maine (SSM). SSM was a Greater Portland Council of Governments project which carried out a 3 year regional planning process funded by the HUD Office of Economic Resilience's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. Alex Jaegerman, Planning

Division Director, expressed his appreciation for SSM's work, saying in his 30 years in planning it was one of the first times a regional approach was taken and disparate planning efforts knitted together.

Portland volunteered the India Street Neighborhood to be examined with the idea of learning how to create vibrant, lively places positioned to attract the next generation of jobs and housing growth. The Sustain Southern Maine effort was catalytic in leveraging outside resources, and in forming a neighborhood association which together with City staff developed the Plan which is now being presented to City Boards.

Tags

federal and state alignment, neighborhood/downtown plan

City of University City

University City, MO

2010 Community Challenge

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

Exceptional TOD plan for the St. Louis region's first "car-optional" neighborhood

Defined by its sturdy brick apartments and graceful tree-line streets, University City's Parkview Gardens neighborhood is both the historic and cultural heart of University City and centrally located within the St. Louis metropolitan area. Bordered by one of the nation's great commercial streets—the Delmar Loop—and University City's historic civic center, the Parkview Gardens neighborhood is bounded on two sides by a vibrant shopping, entertainment, and cultural arts district.

However, pedestrian, bike and vehicular connections--both within the neighborhood and to outside destinations--are inadequate and deteriorating.

The goal of the Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Sustainable Development Plan is set the state for development that fully leverages the neighborhood's assets and results in the region's first "car-optional" neighborhood. The extensive and detailed plan attends to every important detail by analyzing a dozen different "neighborhood infrastructures," including the physical determinants of public health and safety; waste, recycling and utilities; blue/green infrastructure; public space; and mobility and transit infrastructure. When overlaid, these infrastructures paint a comprehensive, cross-cutting, and thoroughly interconnected picture of a healthier, more walkable, more accessible, and thriving future.

<http://www.parkviewgardensvision.org/about-project/about-project>

<http://www.parkviewgardensvision.org/sites/default/files/files/Parkview%20Gardens%20work%20plan%205-4-11.pdf>

Tags

equitable development, green infrastructure, neighborhood/downtown plan, public transit, TOD

City of Hattiesburg

Hattiesburg, MS

2010 Community Challenge

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

The Midtown Master Plan: a comprehensive vision for mixed-use infill development at a major employment and educational center

The Midtown Master Plan aims to take full advantage of Midtown's strategic location among the region's major economic drivers - Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg Clinic, and The University of Southern Mississippi - to become a successful and sustainable mixed-use community. The Master Plan lays out a comprehensive vision organized around four themes: Activation (emphasizing mixed-used and infill development to spur activity), Connection (pedestrian- and bike-friendly streets and distributed vehicle circulation), Greening (leveraging existing and new natural assets as attractions and for ecosystem services), and Promotion (creating a marketable identity for the neighborhood). The plan will result in numerous public realm improvements, increased economic activity, and approximately 900 new housing units of various types.

Tags

infill strategy, neighborhood/downtown plan

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

City of Glens Falls, NY/Community & Economic Development

Glens Falls, NY

2010 Community Challenge

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

Glens Falls, NY plan receives multiple awards for excellence

6/11/2013

The Glens Falls, NY, Downtown Vision and Development Strategy received the 2013 Smart Growth and Sustainable Planning Award by the American Society of Consulting Planners— an affiliate of the American Planning Association. The strategy identified arts and entertainment as a strong niche for Glens Falls to attract residents and tourists downtown.

In addition, the plan received the 2013 Merit Award for Planning & Analysis from the NY Upstate Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

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

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

Tags

arts and culture, neighborhood/downtown plan

Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority

Buffalo & Niagara Falls, NY

2011 Regional Planning

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

People United for Sustainable Housing (PUSH) Buffalo

The Green Development Zone (GDZ)

6/2/2014

People United for Sustainable Housing (PUSH) Buffalo

As a key participant on the One Region Forward Housing and Neighborhoods Working Team,

People United for Sustainable Housing (PUSH Buffalo) is a local membership-based community organization in Buffalo, NY working to mobilize residents to create strong neighborhoods with quality, affordable housing, expand local hiring opportunities and to advance economic justice in Buffalo. Founded in 2005, PUSH strives to:

Decrease the rate of housing abandonment by reclaiming empty houses from neglectful public and private owners and redeveloping them for occupancy by low-income residents; and

Develop neighborhood leaders capable of gaining community control over the development process and planning for the future of the neighborhood.

PUSH's Green Development Zone (GDZ)

After undertaking several green construction projects along the Massachusetts Avenue Corridor in the City of Buffalo, PUSH and its members decided to designate the district as a Green Development Zone in 2008. The Green Development Zone (GDZ) is PUSH Buffalo's internationally recognized effort to grow a new community economy in a 25-square block area on Buffalo's West Side. The GDZ initiative creates a national model of urban revitalization by concentrating strategic investments in green-design housing rehabilitation, environmental sustainable projects on vacant land, community gardens, and other urban agriculture projects. In April 2011, PUSH Buffalo's Green Development Zone won the Changemaker's International Sustainable Urban Housing Competition. The "Changemaker's" competition was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of State and the American Planning Association. To date, there are more than 30 parcels of property in the zone that have gone from vacant spaces to vital parts of PUSH's growing sustainable movement.

Key strategies to achieve a sustainable neighborhood with opportunities for all that live in the Green Development Zone include:

Significant new investment in high quality, affordable housing through rehabilitation of vacant, abandoned buildings, as well as new constructions on long, vacant lots on an increased scale from previous efforts;

New commercial development, support for small business and improvements to business districts within PUSH's Green Development Zone

Advocating for strategic investment in public infrastructure

Continued acquisition of vacant and abandoned property through the Buffalo Neighborhood Stabilization Corporation Land Bank;

Continued redevelopment of vacant lots for urban agriculture, open space and green infrastructure to address combined sewer overflows;

Use of innovative green building techniques, weatherization of occupied units and developing new energy systems; and

Creating a community jobs pipeline

For more information, please visit <http://greendevlopmentzone.org/>

Tags

affordable housing creation, green building codes/standards, neighborhood/downtown plan, workforce development and training

City of Burlington, Vermont

Burlington, VT

2010 Community Challenge

<http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/PlanBTV/>

Burlington hopes to replicate their own Public Engagement Strategy in other neighborhoods, as they seek to capitalize their gigabit internet service.

3/14/2014

The city will use the Public Investment Action Plan (PIAP) process in its South End Neighborhood as well, where new street grids will be established within the Rail Yard Enterprise area in conjunction with the EPA and U.S. DOL and will also resurrect the Champlain Parkway project which will divert truck traffic from residential neighborhoods. The South End is also the home of Dealer.com, on of Burlington's fastest growing business with over 800 employees. Dealer.com and other Burlington businesses also hope to benefit from the new BTV Ignite New England's Gigabit City initiative that is dedicated to aligning Burlington Telecom's powerful gigabit infrastructure (100 times faster than the national average) as a tool, testbed and accelerator for economic, educational and community benefit.

<http://btvignite.com/>

Tags

broadband internet, neighborhood/downtown plan, private sector engagement, transportation choice

City of Burlington, Vermont

Burlington, VT

2010 Community Challenge

<http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/PlanBTV/>

Burlington City Arts Foundation Receives 2014 NEA Our Town Grant for \$100,000 to create 'Cultural Master Plan'

7/23/2014

The NEA grant will support an artist-led engagement and visioning process to develop a comprehensive cultural master plan for Burlington's South End. Artists will lead community workshops to facilitate temporary public art projects and exhibitions that are inspired by the history of South End and that will articulate hopes for the future. Lead partners, Burlington City Arts Foundation and City of Burlington Planning and Zoning Department, will engage a master planning team to outline opportunities for new cultural spaces, permanent public art, and artist live/work space. The neighborhood of South End, a U.S. Housing and Urban Development Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area, is home to 12,160 residents, 71% of the whom have a low to moderate income. - See more at: <http://arts.gov/national/our-town/grantee/2014/burlington-city-arts-foundation#sthash.wnZeh31U.dpuf>

Tags

arts and culture, implementation funding, neighborhood/downtown plan

Thurston Regional Planning Council (CCP)

Olympia, WA

2011 Community Challenge

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

Capitol-Martin Corridor and Neighborhood District Plans Final Presentation to HUD

11/17/2014

Thurston presented the culmination of their Community Challenge grant to Dwayne in November of 2014. This powerpoint details the various plans for their development of Woodland District, Brewery District, and Captiol Boulevard, and Martin Way and how they are interconnected.

Statistics include:

- >7 foreclosed properties acquired and planned for redevelopment
- >\$21 million in public and private investments to date
- >50 Meetings and workshops
- >2 Community surveys
- >228 Business interviews
- >4000 people in low-income households included in outreach
- >30 Planning Commission and Televised Council Briefings

<http://www.trpc.org/regionalplanning/landuse/Documents/WorkplanNarrativeUpdatedJune2013.pdf>

<http://www.thurstonedc.com/programs-services/past-projects/challenge-grant/>

Tags

neighborhood/downtown plan, performance metrics, quantitative results