THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS: LEVERAGING COLLABORATION

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What Is a Sustainable Community?

“What Sustainability means tying the quality and location of housing to broader opportunities, like access to good jobs, quality schools, and safe streets. It means helping communities that face common problems start sharing solutions. It means being a partner to sustainable development, not a barrier”.

~ Secretary Shaun Donovan
HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities

1. Provide more transportation choices.
2. Promote equitable, affordable housing.
3. Enhance economic competitiveness.
4. Support existing communities.
5. Coordinate policies and leverage investment.

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Partnership for Sustainable Communities: Focus for the Coming Year

- Emphasize the connection between sustainable communities and job creation, economic growth, and redevelopment.
- Provide communities with faster, more streamlined access to Partnership programs.
- Continue to cultivate and support communities adopting and implementing livability principles.
- Leverage new partners to make Federal programs work better for communities.
Roles in the Partnership

**Housing and Urban Development**
- Community Development Block Grants
- Regional Planning
- Local Challenge
- Affordable Housing Programs

**Environmental Protection Agency**
- Brownfields Restoration
- Smart Growth Technical Assistance
- Water Infrastructure Funds

**Department of Transportation**
- TIGER Grants
- FTA Core Programs
- FTA Livability Grants
- Flex Funding
- FHWA Discretionary Grants
- United We Ride
- State/Metro Planning
- Intermodal Connectivity

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**
- Rural Efforts
Partnership in Action at Office of Sustainable Communities

- Technical assistance to communities
  - Smart Growth Implementation Assistance
  - Greening America’s Capitals
- Policy and research
  - New findings on HH energy savings associated with location
- Communications and outreach
  - National Awards; annual conference; free publications
  - www.epa.gov/smartgrowth
Partnership at Work Across Many Offices at EPA

Water:
- Changes in 2010 SRF program guidance to states
- New Water Infrastructure Sustainability Policy

OSWER -- new Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grants

NEPA – (new) develop guidance on how to incorporate sustainability communities impacts into review
HUD’s Sustainable Communities Initiative

Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program
- $100 million in FY2010 (45 regions funded)
- 52% of applications came from regions under 200,000
- $70 million in FY2011 – applications under review
- Funding in FY2012?

- Community Challenge Grant Program
  - $40 million in FY2010 + DOT funding (62 communities funded)
  - $1.28 billion in demand for the program
  - $30 million in FY2011 – applications under review
  - Funding in FY2012?

- CHOICE Neighborhoods Program: $250 million request for FY12
- Rural Innovation Fund: $25 million request for FY12
Transit is a major component in HUD’s sustainability grants

• Land acquisition for mixed-income TOD
• Regional transit planning, in coordination with housing and economic development
• Corridor and station area plans
• TOD overlays, building and zoning code updates
• Inclusive public participation
• Diversity of transit types
• Increased mode split among performance goals
## DOT Sustainable Communities Across Modes

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Local Partnerships: Boston’s Fairmont Corridor

Current Conditions and Proposed redevelopment around the Upham’s Corner station

- Commuter rail line passing through 3 low-income neighborhoods
- Partnership investments helping to make the rail line an economic driver for these communities
- Selected as Partnership Brownfields Pilot
- FTA supporting 4 new stations and renovating 2 stations
- EPA funding to clean up 30+ brownfield sites
- EPA technical assistance to Green Jobs Incubator
- HUD funding helping to build 2,000+ new homes

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Partnership has never been more important.

- Leverage and align resources, priorities, plans and ideas
- Innovation from new voices and perspectives
- Political and Market-based reality tests
- Multiple benefits with single effort: new fiscal responsibility
- Quality and endurance of partnership and planning effort

"Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children."
- Tatanka Iyotanka (Sitting Bull), Hunkpapa

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http://hud.gov/sustainability