

Creating Sustainable Communities and Housing Opportunities

Understanding the Administration's Sustainable Communities Initiative

What is the Sustainable Communities Initiative?

- Partnership between HUD/DOT/EPA
- Regional in Scope
 - How do local projects fit regional needs?
- Smart Growth
 - Transit Oriented Development

The Six Livability Principles

- 1. Provide more transportation choices.**
Decrease household transportation costs, Reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil, improve environment, and promote public health.
- 2. Promote equitable, affordable housing.**
Expand location- and energy-efficient housing choices for people of all ages, incomes, races and ethnicities to increase mobility and lower the combined cost of housing and transportation.
- 3. Enhance economic competitiveness.**
Improve economic competitiveness through reliable and timely access to employment centers, educational opportunities, services and other basic needs by workers as well as expanded business access to markets.
- 4. Support existing communities.**
Target federal funding toward existing communities and safeguard rural landscapes.
- 5. Coordinate policies and leverage investment.**
Align federal policies and funding to remove barriers to collaboration, leverage funding and increase the accountability and effectiveness of all levels of government to plan for future growth, including making smart energy choices such as locally generated renewable energy.
- 6. Value communities and neighborhoods.**
Enhance the unique characteristics of all communities by investing in healthy, safe and walkable neighborhoods – rural, urban or suburban.

Affirmative Furthering of Fair Housing

- Promote Racial/Ethnic Integration
- Ensure Accessibility
- Provide Housing for Large Families
- New Way of Thinking
 - Geography Matters!
 - Prioritizing Investment

Complementary HUD Programs

HUD's Transformational Programs

- Choice Neighborhoods (HOPE VI)
- PETRA (Public Housing)
- SEVRA (Housing Choice Vouchers)

All of these programs will factor in Affirmative Furthering of Fair Housing

Issues and Opportunities in IL

- Chicago Area – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
 - \$4,250,000
- Peoria – Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
 - \$1,200,000
- Rockford – Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
 - \$600,000

Issues and Opportunities in IL

What this means for housing organizations.

- Affordable Housing Developers
 - Greater emphasis on affordable housing in high-opportunity areas
- Housing Counselors
 - Expanding options to more neighborhoods
- Fair Housing Organizations
 - Engaging beyond enforcement
