

New Partners for Smart Growth Conference Seattle, February 3–6, 2010

- Registration topped 1800 (including 65 from EPA, 51 from HUD, 16 from DOT)
- Opening Plenary Session – Feb. 4th – Featuring Secretary Donovan, Secretary LaHood
- Day-long workshop on Smart Growth and Environmental Justice – Feb. 3rd – registration tops 230
- EJ tract/scholarships/focus on partnership and climate issues.



New Partners for Smart Growth Conference Charlotte, February 3–5, 2011



10th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth: Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities

February 3-5, 2011

The Westin Charlotte
Charlotte, North Carolina

*Presented by the Local Government Commission.
Look for more details about the 2011 event in
the coming months: www.NewPartners.org*



Save the Date 2011: It's never too early to start thinking about next year!

Regional Activities and Opportunities:

➤ Regional Coordination

- HQ facilitation of information exchange, inter-agency coordination, ideas for regional implementation
- HQ workgroup (with regional representation) to discuss regional implementation

➤ Partnership work in the Regions

- Encouraging mini-Partnerships in regions
- Identify Federal-Federal regional barriers (and solutions)
 - Example: Region 9 reassessment of SIP process
- Leveraging HUD, DOT, and EPA resources in specific communities

Regional Activities and Opportunities:

- Involving the Regions in HQ pilots and TA
 - Technical Assistance projects (Louisville)
 - BF pilots
 - SRF pilots

Partnership Priorities for 2010

1. Address more than 300 recommendations received from states and various stakeholder groups;
2. Align funding and get money out the door;
3. Show visible progress in coordinating transportation, housing and water infrastructure planning;
4. Build regional capacity.

Partnership Technical Assistance: Louisville, Kentucky

- Louisville's Division of Planning and Design Services
- Cornerstone 2020
- Floyd's Fork Area
- Public Education & Toolkit
 - Centers Concept
 - Suburban Retrofit
 - Affordable Housing
 - Access, Mobility, Connectivity, Walkability.
- Participation by DOT, HUD, EPA

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance
Louisville, Kentucky Floyd Fork Area
Retrofitting Existing Places with New Town Centers
Last updated January 2010



Preliminary Project Goals

- Engage in public education that explains Louisville Metro's Centers Concept, what these new centers will look like, and the benefits centers can provide to the community
- Examine the built environment of the Floyd's Fork area and identify strategies for linking existing commercial property, affordable housing, roads and other infrastructure, maximizing local access and relieving the transportation burden to the automotive corridors
- Study the land development review and approval process to determine how development can meet the goals of *Cornerstone 2020*
- Develop recommendations for how the Centers Concept can be implemented and a toolkit for suburban retrofit can be applied to the Louisville's Floyd Fork area
- Demonstrate how compact development, infrastructure strategies, and retrofitting techniques can provide convenient access and connections to new and existing development

The Floyd's Fork area is a 47,000-acre watershed at the eastern fringe of Jefferson County, Kentucky, 16 miles from Louisville's metropolitan core. The Floyd's Fork stream corridor is a beautiful meandering waterway winding through hills and farmland in a semi-rural countryside.

The area has seen some development but growth is slow and complicated by terrain, inadequate roadway systems, lack of sewer, and recent economic conditions. Low-density development on large parcels in unplanned locations has had a noticeable impact on the rural landscape, quality of life, and road infrastructure. Much of the existing development in the Floyd's Fork area is not walkable, lacks sidewalks, has poor public transportation, and is characterized by single-use development projects making it difficult to get around without a car in an area with rising traffic congestion and over-used roadways.

Although, development like this is common across the country, the Floyd's Fork area serves as an opportunity to improve connectivity for its residents, while providing for new ways to grow that do not over burden the road network, maintain a walkable environment, and enhance the rural countryside.

Louisville Metro is committed to accommodating growth and development that maintains the area's rural character and preserves the scenic and environmental benefits of Floyd's Fork stream corridor. *Cornerstone 2020*, the Louisville-Jefferson County comprehensive plan adopted in 2000, focuses on growth patterns that encourage the creation of mixed-use "centers" that create walkable, compact development at project-specific sites while connecting new projects to existing development.

Louisville Metro requested assistance through EPA's Smart Growth Implementation Assistance program to develop a public education campaign around their model for creating centers (*Centers Concept*), that will explain the benefits of this kind of development and a toolkit for suburban retrofit that will guide development in the Floyd's Fork area.



Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Louisville, Kentucky Fact Sheet
More about Smart Growth <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/>

Thank you!



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