



# Partnership for Sustainable Communities: Recent Regional Accomplishments Q1 2012

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**Region 1** – Began inviting guest speakers to participate in monthly meetings. In February, the Director of Planning for the City of Somerville presented on Form-Based Codes,<sup>1</sup> which Somerville is developing with a HUD Community Challenge Grant in the areas surrounding planned new transit stations. On March 22, the Program Delivery Team Leader for FHWA’s Rhode Island Division Office delivered a presentation on Value Capture.<sup>2</sup> Future meetings will feature other speakers.

**Region 2** – Collected data on over one thousand EPA grants from 2009 to the present. The data was filtered, geocoded, and mapped. Region 2 is currently gathering data for HUD and DOT grants.

**Region 3** – FHWA and EPA participated in the Greening America's Capitals design charrette in Anacostia Washington, DC. This community visioning session was intended to help improve pedestrian safety near the Anacostia Metro Station.

**Region 4** – Continued work on the Selma-Montgomery project in collaboration with ACE, NPS, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, city of Montgomery, AL, and others. As part of that, the Genetta Stream Daylighting project will improve water quality and access to greenspace.

**Region 5** – DOT and HUD met with the Regional FEMA Work Group to discuss opportunities for the Federal Partnership to promote the Disaster Recovery Framework with Region 5 Grantees. This is an approach to recovery that encourages resiliency.

**Region 6** – Held a meeting in Tulsa, OK on the revitalization of north Tulsa with an emphasis on eliminating brownfield areas. Federal, State and local partners participated on-site and via webinar and teleconference.

**Region 7** – USDA Rural Development has been in contact with HUD Regional Planning Grant awardees Flint Hills Regional Council, Inc. and the Regional Economic Area Partnership of South Central Kansas in order to offer assistance with any eligible projects resulting from the planning efforts.

**Region 8** – EPA and HUD met with city officials in Richardton and New England, ND as well as with representatives of the Western North Dakota consortium to plan an initial workshop for Preferred Growth Area planning to support the consortium’s HUD Planning Grant efforts to address growth impacts of the oil and gas industry on communities. FHWA North Dakota Division and NDDOT are currently working on plans for bypasses of four communities impacted by oil field traffic.

**Region 9** – EPA, HUD, FTA, and FRA continue to meet regularly with the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA), and the California Strategic Growth Council to promote Partnership principles in the planning and design of the proposed California High Speed Rail system, and in planning efforts in nearby communities likely to be impacted by the system.

**Region 10** – Completed the strategic Management Plan for the relocation of the Alaska Native Village of Newtok to Mertarvik. This document represents the culmination of a year-long effort that included community-wide council meetings, site visits, interagency planning group meetings, and more than forty-five interviews with stakeholders and potential funders.

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<sup>1</sup> An alternative to conventional zoning that regulates physical form rather than uses to shape development.

<sup>2</sup> A method to generate revenue that can be used by local governments to provide match for transportation projects and support Transit-Oriented Development.

