



# Partnership for Sustainable Communities: Recent Regional Accomplishments Q2

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**Region 1** – Held several trainings and seminars throughout the region in the geographic focus areas, on topics including Complete Streets, parking needs assessment, scenario planning and value capture. FEMA recently joined the Partnership and hosted an open house, discussing how FEMA integrates Climate Change/Adaptation/Coastal Planning and Sustainable Communities into its operations and how it implements its goal of advancing disaster resilient and sustainable communities.

**Region 2** – HUD and EPA hosted a workshop on encouraging community gardens in low-income and senior housing projects. Regional staff are also working hard to complete an inter-agency cross-training that enables each member to represent all of the agencies' concepts/ideas/goals, and develops a workplan and workgroups to address livability initiatives.

**Region 3** – In May, all Partners- HUD, EPA and DOT participated in an on-site meeting and site visit in Wilmington, DE, regarding the Christina River Bridge Project. The project will provide additional access to the redeveloped Riverfront area of Wilmington and has stimulated significant commercial and residential development. The project is expected to support improved transit service, access to nearby HUD-funded housing, and continued cleanup and redevelopment efforts in this former industrial area.

**Region 4** – Continued support to the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) in the Greensboro, NC, area. To date, 38 organizations have pledged to support the Regional Planning grant, and the website is well used. PART delivered a series of forums across the 12-county region, focusing on future land use and development, alternative growth scenarios, and prioritizing infrastructure needs.

**Region 5** – DOT, HUD, and EPA hosted a two-day Regional Symposium, attended by over 100 local and regional community planning and development professionals. Highlights included small group discussions with federal agency staff and workshops on a variety of topics selected by grantees.

**Region 6** – HUD participated in the MetroPlan Reg. Planning Advisory Com't meeting on health, transportation, and community design in North Little Rock, AR. The meeting included a neighborhood scavenger hunt to identify related sustainable design elements, and discussion of obesity and efforts to promote walkability. EPA sponsored a walk audit in the Showcase Community of Port Arthur Texas.

**Region 7** – In Joplin, MO, EPA is liaison for efforts related to long-term disaster recovery and coordinating with FEMA, USDA and other partners.

**Region 8** –The Tapiz at Mariposa project was honored by the Downtown Denver Partnership in June 2012. The 1099 Osage apartment building was recognized for maintaining the economic and cultural diversity of the La Alma-Lincoln Park neighborhood; the first completed building is also adjacent to a transit station. The project has received Federal funds for brownfields cleanup, affordable housing, infrastructure charrettes, and technical assistance.

**Region 9** – DOT and other Federal involvement helped to realign the future Fresno Bus Rapid Transit line to better serve downtown Fresno, including the Fulton Mall, which is the lynchpin of the City's downtown revitalization efforts and adjacent to the planned future high speed rail station site.

**Region 10** – EPA and HUD met with HHS to explore opportunities for inter-agency collaboration around children's environmental health. Next steps will be to identify unifying themes and actions. Also, Partnership staff helped connect El Centro de la Raza with other grantees; El Centro has been awarded



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\$100,000 from the Puget Sound Regional Council to support its proposed transit-oriented town center, with mixed-income housing, multicultural gathering space, and local businesses.

