



# Partnership for Sustainable Communities: Recent Regional Accomplishments Q3

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**Region 1** –Surveyed FY2010 and FY2011 HUD grantees to gauge the level of interest in a Regional conference. Based on the high level of interest, the Partnership is now planning the conference, which will include topics such as: social equity strategies in transit-oriented development (TOD) projects, place-based economic development, and measuring real-time impacts.

**Region 2** – HUD, EPA, and DOT met to coordinate support for the North Jersey Sustainable Communities Consortium (NJSCC). Since that time USDA has also joined the effort.

**Region 3** –Participated in a meeting for Envision Lehigh Valley, a plan funded by a HUD grant which aims to create a sustainable region by addressing economic and social distress in the region. Partnership members participated in discussions on economic development, fresh food access, transportation choices, housing choices, and climate and energy and served as resources.

**Region 4** –Participated in an implementation teleconference for the EPA-funded Greening America’s Capitals (GAC) plan in Jackson, MS, which includes park, roadway, sidewalk, and lighting improvements that will use green infrastructure to better treat stormwater and enhance landscape viability. The US Economic Development Administration and state agencies also participated in the meeting.

**Region 5** –EPA and FEMA are working together to increase collaboration on issues of brownfield redevelopment and stormwater/floodplain management. Discussions on these policies are ongoing and positive outcomes would allow more partnering between FEMA and EPA on projects.

**Region 6** – Sponsored a workshop on “Planning for Sustainable Transportation in the 21st Century” in Houston, TX in partnership with the Texas Transportation Institute. The workshop centered on best practices for livability and sustainability programs and projects in the Houston area and provided an opportunity to discuss how agencies, local governments and the private sector can work together.

**Region 7** – FTA reviewed the draft University City, MO TIGER II housing and transportation planning study. EPA will be conducting a Building Block technical assistance project which will complement the work being done under the TIGER funded planning study.

**Region 8** – Welcomed new Federal Partners, including USDA and the US General Services Administration (GSA). The GSA participated in meetings for the Western Corridor Light Rail Line in Denver, CO, as the Administration owns land in the Federal Center Station area.

**Region 9** –San Francisco Bay Area Partnership workgroup continued to analyze the paper jointly authored by HUD and DOT entitled “Federal Barriers to Local Housing and Transportation Coordination.” The group is identifying innovative practices in the Bay Area and California that address barriers that still exist. The group plans to document these findings and share results with their respective agencies.

**Region 10** – Participated in the second “Children’s Environmental Health Federal Partners Workshop.” As a result of this emerging collaboration, each Federal agency created a map outlining how their programs and partners intersect with children’s health in different environments, from homes to schools to communities. The group is identifying unifying themes and projects to collaborate on to improve children’s health in the region in 2012.

