



The Sustainable Communities Initiative

Lesson in Place-Based Federal Policy and Collaborative Capacity Building

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HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities



Partnership Livability Principles:

1. Provide more transportation choices.
2. Promote equitable, affordable housing.
3. Enhance economic competitiveness.
4. Support existing communities.
5. Coordinate policies & leverage investment.
6. Value communities and neighborhoods.

Sustainable Communities Initiative

- **Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program**

- \$100 million in FY2010 (45 regions funded)
- \$70 million in FY2011 (29 regions funded)

- **Community Challenge Grant Program**

- \$40 million in FY2010 + DOT funding (62 communities funded)
- \$30 million in FY2011 (27 communities + states funded)

- **Capacity Building Network to support local and regional grantees**

- ***Preferred Sustainability Status:***

- **Community Development Block Grants**
- **Choice Neighborhoods**
- **Energy Efficiency and Weatherization efforts (with DOE)**

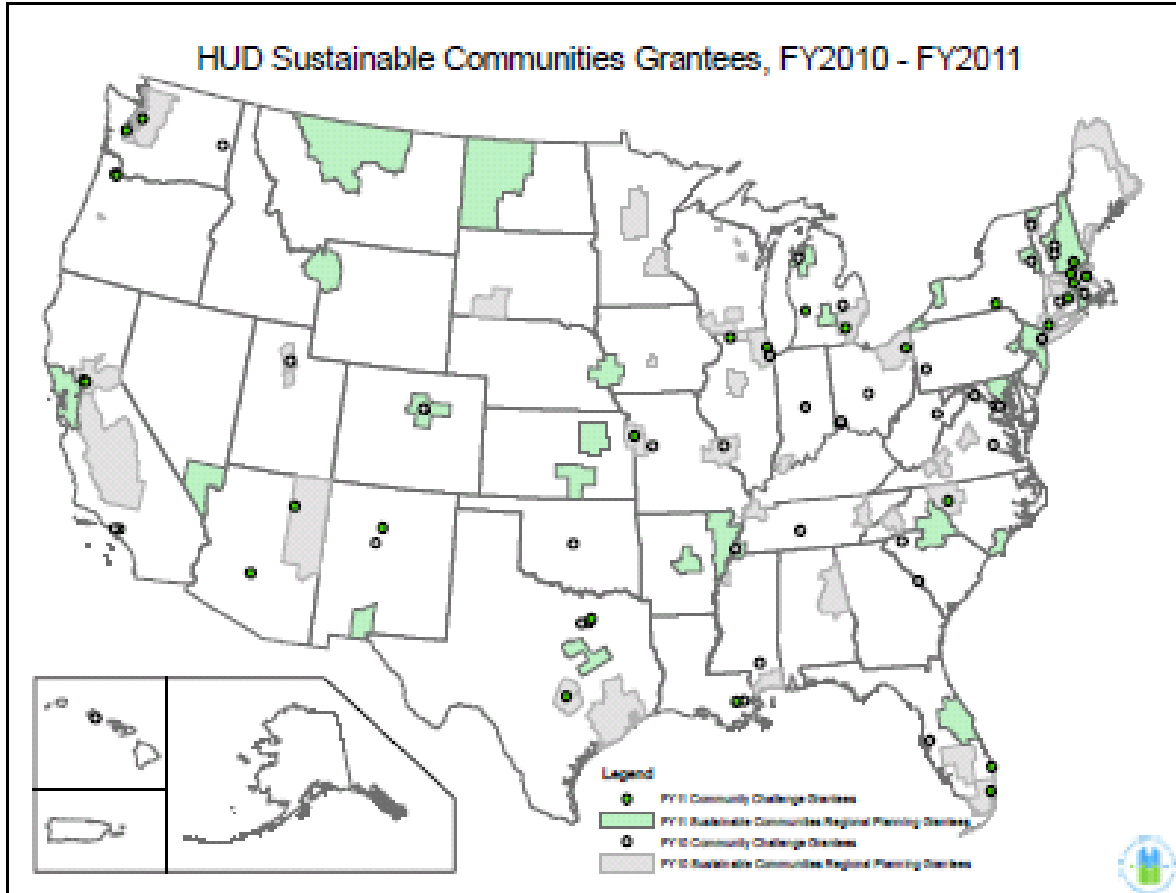
HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grantees



Including initiatives in MT, ID, WY, NV, NE, and AK.

Two statewide efforts in New Hampshire and Rhode Island

More than 133 million Americans who live in grantee regions and communities.



A total federal investment of \$240 million leveraged over \$253 million in additional private investment and local commitment.

Program Lessons from SCI

- Expanding the Practice of Regional and Urban Sustainability Policy and Planning
- Elevating Equity and Inclusion
- Supporting the Use of New Planning Tools

Resources for Regional Sustainability and Livable Communities

- Think Regionally; Act Locally
- Connection between Transportation and Land Use
- Transit-Oriented Development
- Multimodalism
- Community Engagement
- Emerging linkages: housing, climate, health, economic development



PAS Report 586: Emerging Trends



Recent Research on SCI



HUD Cityscape Journal, Vol. 19, Number 3, Symposium on Planning Livable Communities

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/periodicals/cityscpe/vol19num3/index.html>

Heberle, McReynolds and Sizemore (University of Louisville) and Joseph Schilling (Urban Institute)

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