



Planning Regionally for Sustainable Communities

Overview

Changing How the Region Approaches Growth

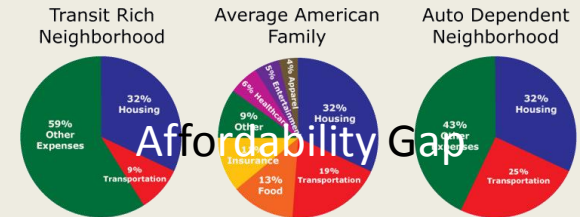


Why work regionally?

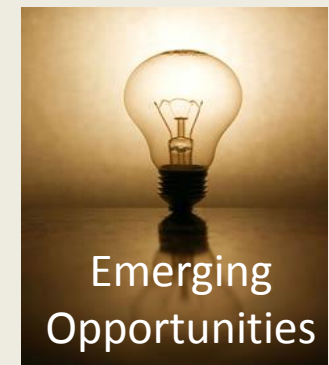


REGIONAL CHALLENGES

PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

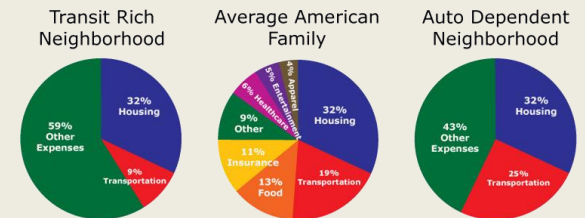


Source: Center for TOD Housing + Transportation Affordability Index, 2004 Bureau of Labor Statistics



Piedmont Triad Motivation

- Economic hardship
- Sprawl and farmland loss
- Affordability gap
- Disjointed region
 - 4 MPO's
 - 2 COGs
 - 75 towns



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Piedmont Triad Motivation



- Lack of housing choices
- Too much congestion, time wasted in traffic, too few choices
- Sedentary lifestyle = costly health issues

Motivating Opportunities

- Increased diversity
- Abandoned factories
- Emerging sectors
 - Nanotech, nanoengineering
 - Health sciences
 - Logistics
- Re-uniting the Region



Why work regionally?

- Natural systems know no boundaries
- Economy is regional, global
- Stretch scarce resources
- Collaboration beats competition
- Make a stronger region
 - more attractive
 - more resilient

Why work regionally?

- Preserve assets
- Get beyond Zero-sum game
 - Options:
 - Stay on the sidelines
 - Play
 - ***Change the game***

Think globally



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North Carolina Regional Applicants for HUD Sustainable Communities Grants (2010)



2010 Regional Applicants:

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Western North Carolina | Kerr Tar Region |
| PART | PlanIt EAST |
| CONNECT Consortium | City of Wilmington |
| PRISM Research Triangle | |

Regions Planning to Apply in 2011:

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| Rocky Mount-Edgecombe-Nash | BRAC-RTF |
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Act locally



What does Sustainability mean?

- Balancing current and future needs
- Preserving vital assets
- Stronger town centers
- Surviving hard times
- No one left out

Does it matter?



Where will the journey lead ?





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