



Appendix F

Additional Funding and Resources



West End Revitalization Strategies Plan

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Resources

Age-Friendly: Inspiring Communities Report (2015)

Related Goal: Vibrant Commercial Corridor

A collection of 16 age-friendly "good practices" to support equitable development for communities of all ages. Visit: <http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/info-2015/8-domains-of-livability-case-studies.html>

Attracting Infill Development in Distressed Communities (2015)

Related Goal: Vibrant and Commercial Corridor

This report helps distressed communities determine their readiness to pursue infill development and identify strategies to position themselves better to attract infill development. Visit: <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/attracting-infill-development-distressed-communities-30-strategies>

The Community Engagement Guide for Sustainable Communities (2013)

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

Describes the Sustainable Communities Initiative, where communities are catalyzing new networks of relationships, finding new problem-solving methods, and creating new inclusive decision-making tables to craft an authentic vision for an equitable and prosperous future. Visit: <http://www.policylink.org/find-resources/library/community-engagement-guide-for-sustainable-communities>

Community Land Trust National Network

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

This page provides specific technical information and academic research related to the model—what makes a CLT a CLT—as well as some resources about the history of the CLT movement in the United States. Visit: <https://groundedsolutions.org/strengthening-neighborhoods/community-land-trusts>

Creating Equitable, Healthy, and Sustainable Communities: Strategies for Advancing Smart Growth, Environmental Justice, and Equitable Development (2013)

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

This report provides a menu of land use and community design strategies that combine smart growth, environmental justice, and equitable development principles. These strategies can be used by community-based organizations, local and regional decision-makers, developers, and others to revitalize their communities. Visit: <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/creating-equitable-healthy-and-sustainable-communities>



Cultivating a Competitive Advantage in Rural Counties (2014)

Related Goal: Vibrant and Commercial Corridor

This report highlights how rural counties pursue asset-based economic development initiatives that create jobs and build wealth while preserving rural landscapes, culture, and heritage. Visit: <https://www.naco.org/sites/default/files/documents/CultivatingCompetitiveAdvantage.pdf>

Defying the Odds: Sustainability in Small and Rural Places (2013)

Related Goal: Green Neighborhoods

This briefing paper offers short case studies and lessons derived from small communities who made strides in protecting the environment and promoting local economic competitiveness and community revitalization. Visit: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4568/issue-brief-defying-the-odds-sustainability-in-small-and-rural-places/>

Educate and Empower: Tools for Building Community Wealth (2015)

Related Goal: Vibrant Commercial Corridor

This report draws on case studies of 11 different community economic development initiatives from across the United States that provide strategies for helping low-income communities and communities of color build capacity and wealth. Visit: <https://democracycollaborative.org/publications/educate-and-empower-tools-building-community-wealth>

The Equitable Development Toolkit

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

This online toolkit created by PolicyLink includes 27 tools to reverse patterns of segregation and disinvestment, prevent displacement, and promote equitable revitalization. Visit: <https://www.policylink.org/resources-tools/edtk>

The Guidebook for Redeveloping Commercial Vacant Properties in Legacy Cities (2014)

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

The guidebook is designed as a “How To” manual for local leaders, identifying practices and policies that take advantage of the link between available commercial properties and needed economic re-growth strategies in legacy cities. While strategies are particularly relevant for legacy cities and their communities, they are also applicable to all cities and regions that seek to reuse commercial vacant properties to enhance community stability and economic development. Visit: <https://www.greaterohio.org/publications/redeveloping-commercial-vacant-properties-in-legacy-cities>



How Small Towns and Cities Can Use Local Assets to Rebuild Their Economies: Lessons from Successful Places (2015)

Related Goal: Vibrant Commercial Corridor

This report includes case studies of small towns and cities that have successfully complemented business recruitment by emphasizing their existing assets and distinctive resources. These case studies illustrate successful tactics that other communities can use. Visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/how-small-towns-and-cities-can-use-local-assets-rebuild-their-economies>

Infill Score

Related Goal: Vibrant Commercial Corridor

This free online tool helps communities determine infill readiness and includes strategies and case studies on attracting investment and revitalizing neighborhoods. Visit: <http://www.infillscore.com/>

Land Banks and Land Banking, 2nd Edition (2015)

Related Goal: Reinvest and Affordability

This publication provides a clear historical context about the development of land banking and its rapid evolution over the last four years. It also includes practical resources, including extensive guidance on creating and operating a land bank, template state-enabling legislation, and sample administrative policies. Visit: <https://communityprogress.org/publications/land-banks-and-land-banking-2nd-edition/>

Land Banks and Community Land Trusts (2021)

Related Goal: Reinvest and Affordability

This publication details the differences between land banks and land trusts, how they can work together, and how to grow land banks and trusts. The report also provides examples of the subject across the country. Visit: <https://communityprogress.org/publications/land-banks-and-land-banking-2nd-edition/>

Leveraging Anchor Institutions for Economic Inclusion (2015)

Related Goal: Vibrant Commercial Corridor

This brief introduces developing and implementing an anchor strategy to advance equity and economic inclusion to promote regional prosperity. Visit: <http://www.policylink.org/find-resources/library/leveraging-anchor-institutions-for-economic-inclusion>

Managing Vacant and Abandoned Property in the Green Zone of Saginaw, Michigan (2014)

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

This report identifies policy options to help Saginaw and other communities around the country experiencing population loss and property abandonment develop in sustainable and economically resilient ways. Visit: <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/managing-vacant-and-abandoned-property-green-zone-saginaw-michigan>



Preserving, Protecting and Expanding Affordable Housing: A Policy Toolkit for Public Health (2015)

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

A valuable compendium of best practices for preserving affordable housing in gentrifying neighborhoods – a crucial fair housing complement to housing mobility and desegregation strategies. Visit:

http://www.changelabsolutions.org/sites/default/files/Preserving_Affordable_Housing-POLICY-TOOLKIT_FINAL_20150401.pdf

Smart Growth and Economic Success: Investing in Infill Development (2014)

Related Goal: Vibrant Commercial Corridor

This report discusses how barriers to infill development that discourage developers are often surmountable and are beginning to diminish as infill development becomes more common. Visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-growth-and-economic-success-investing-infill-development>

Smart Growth Self-Assessment for Rural Communities (2015)

Related Goal: Healthy and Safe Connections

This tool is a comprehensive compilation of strategies that villages, towns, and small cities in rural areas can use to evaluate their existing policies to create healthy, environmentally resilient, and economically robust places. Hundreds of resources are included, organized by 11 common goal areas. Visit: <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-growth-self-assessment-rural-communities>

U.S. Department of Transportation's Rural and Small Community Planning page

Related Goal: Healthy and Safe Connections

One-stop shop for resources about transportation planning in rural and small communities on the Transportation Planning Capacity Building website. It includes links to publications, legislation and guidance, recent peer events, upcoming calendar events, and related websites. Visit:

<https://www.transportation.gov/rural/other-dot-resources>

Renter's Equity Programs

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

Rent equity rewards long-term renters with cash rewards annually for staying in place and contributing to the quality and stability of a property. Visit: <http://cornerstone-equity.org/>

Financing Equitable Development (2023)

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

This report focuses on the challenges of accessing capital for equitable development. It provides financing sources and approaches and identifies the benefits, barriers, and challenges of leveraging for equitable development projects. Visit: <https://knowledge.uli.org/en/reports/research-reports/2023/financing-equitable-development-survey-of-sources-and-approaches>

Equitable Community Planning Toolkit

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

This equitable development toolkit contains resources for leaders throughout their process of equitable planning goals and actions. The toolkit provides case studies nationwide and tools for practices and systems changes. Visit: <https://www.fourtheconomy.com/equity-toolkit>



Smart Growth and Equitable Development (2023)

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

This page provides background on Smart Growth and Equitable Development from the EPA's Smart Growth program. The page also provides additional information and resources for smart growth. Visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-growth-and-equitable-development>

Equitable Development: HUD Planning Tools for Affordable Housing (2023)

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

This page provides different planning tools for equitable development and affordable housing plans, policies, and processes. Visit: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/increasing-the-supply-of-affordable-housing/equitable-development/#planning-tools>

Ingredients of Equitable Development Planning (2019)

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

This report covers the background of equitable and nonprofit community development financial institutions, how to start equitable development, the planning process, financing projects, and how to implement them. The report also examines three different case studies in the country. Visit:

https://www.jchs.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/Harvard_JCHS_Ingredients_Equitable_Development_Planning.pdf

Promoting Equitable Development in Communities: An Overview of Five Promising Strategies (2024)

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

In this document, the Urban Institute identifies five strategies commonly referenced in equitable development frameworks across the United States. This synopsis provides leaders and policymakers with a foundational understanding of equitable development principles and guidance on how to adapt them to their communities. Visit: https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/Promoting_Equitable_Development_in_Communities.pdf

Community Engineering Corps

Related Goal: Healthy and Safe Connections

The Corps works with communities who struggle to afford traditional engineering services to help complete various projects. Visit: <https://www.ewb-usa.org/programs/community-engineering-corps/>

The National Institute of Crime Prevention

Related Goal: Healthy and Safe Connections

The institute provides training and coursework to become certified as a CPTED professional. Visit:

<https://thenicp.com/cpted-professional-designation/>

Signal Station North Lighting Guidebook (2021)

Related Goal: Healthy and Safe Connections

This guide provides extensive insight into using light for various purposes, with many examples and photos. Visit: https://signalstationnorth.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/SSN_Lighting_Guidebook.pdf



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Take it to the Bank: How Land Banks Are Strengthening America's Neighborhoods

Related Goal: Reinvestment and Affordability

The report includes (1) characteristics of successful land banks, (2) a national scan of land banking in the U.S., (3) in-depth portraits of seven diverse land banks, and (4) a rich array of appendices featuring land bank policies and other core documents. Visit: <https://communityprogress.org/publications/take-it-to-the-bank-2/>

Safe Routes to School

Related Goal: Healthy and Safe Connections

This page provides funding opportunities to construct bicycle lanes, pathways, and sidewalks for schools. Additionally, they offer educational programs for families to encourage walking and biking to school. Visit: <https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/safe-routes-school>

Safe Streets and Roads for ALL (SS4A)

Related Goal: Healthy and Safe Connections

This grant program is designed to help communities address preventable vehicle-related severe injuries and deaths by providing safer roads and appropriate vehicle speeds. Specifically, the SS4A Implementation Grants provide federal funds to implement a defined action plan to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Visit: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>

SMART SCALE

Related Goal: Healthy and Safe Connections

This program offers funding opportunities for communities with transportation projects that meet transportation needs determined by VDOT's VTrans needs and Virginia's Transportation Plan. The SMART SCALE project considers safety, accessibility, congestion mitigation, Environmental quality, economic development, and land use for funding eligibility. Visit: <https://smartscale.virginia.gov/>

Transportation Alternatives Program

Related Goal: Healthy and Safe Connections

This program, operated by the Federal Highway Administration, offers funding for various smaller-scale transportation projects like pedestrian and bicycle facilities and safe routes to school projects. Visit: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_alternatives/

US Department of Agriculture Urban and Community Forestry Program

Related Goal: Vibrant Commercial Corridor

This program is dedicated to growing and maintaining urban green spaces through grant funding and technical assistance. Visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf>