

“We have, together, reset what communities believe is possible. Thanks to ISC for helping us recalibrate people’s expectations of what a public / nonprofit / philanthropic partnership can be and achieve.”

– Salin Geevarghese, HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of International and Philanthropic Innovation

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Overview

The Sustainable Communities Learning Network connects a local leaders from across the country working to develop more sustainable, prosperous and equitable communities. With federal investment, they are creating and implementing plans to address issues such as concentrated poverty, housing and transportation affordability and other barriers to sustainable development. The Network allows people to connect beyond their borders and regions, finding new resources, new ideas and new ways to collaborate.

Why a Network?

The federal government’s Partnership for Sustainable Communities represents an unprecedented level of integrated planning for creating vibrant, sustainable and equitable communities. We’ve created a network to guide this planning because we believe that learning across communities leads to more efficient progress and that learning from each others’ experiences, pitfalls, and improving upon innovations is the key to lasting success. We’re connecting people to each other through virtual and in-person networking opportunities, and through the network, individuals are learning to implement transformative policies and practices within their communities.

ISC’s Role

ISC developed the Learning Network to connect communities to our team’s capacity-building services, and to each other. We get to know communities to help them identify their challenges, then provide training and technical assistance directly and through

our partners to meet those challenges. By knowing the range of challenges, we can connect communities to their peers, and highlight best practices and lessons learned for other places working to grow more sustainably.

ISC Board Member the Right Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton gives keynote speech at a Leadership Academy.



Project Overview

343
LEARNING NETWORK MEMBER COMMUNITIES

14
CAPACITY-BUILDING INSTITUTIONS

\$200
MILLION TOTAL INVESTMENT BY HUD

630+
WEB-BASED RESOURCES

1,500+
REGISTERED USERS OF SCLEARNINGNETWORK.ORG

Areas of Impact

- Community engagement
- Urban sustainability
- Collaboration and implementation
- Sustainable economic development
- Intergovernmental partnership building

Partnership for Sustainable Communities Livability Principles

- Provide more transportation choices.
- Promote equitable, affordable housing.
- Enhance economic competitiveness.
- Support existing communities.
- Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investment.
- Value communities and neighborhoods.



Capacity Building Institution Partners

- Enterprise Community Partners
- Envision Utah
- Low Income Investment Fund
- Minnesota Housing Partnership
- NADO Research Foundation
- NRDC
- PlaceMatters
- PolicyLink
- Smart Growth America
- Social Policy Research Associates
- Strategic Economics
- University of Louisville (EFCN)



About ISC

The Institute for Sustainable Communities' mission is to help communities around the world address environmental, economic, and social challenges to build a better future shaped and shared by all. Since our founding in 1991 by former Vermont Governor Madeleine M. Kunin and George Hamilton, ISC has led transformative community-driven projects in 30 countries including the United States, Serbia, China, India and Bangladesh.

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Training and Technical Assistance Tracks

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| Community Engagement & Creating An Inclusive Planning Process |
| Data, Mapping and Performance Metrics |
| Economic Resilience |
| Housing and Community Development |
| Infrastructure Financing |
| Life Beyond the Grant |
| Transit and TOD |
| Sustainability in Rural, Tribal and Small Town Places |
| Using the Learning Network Website |