2015 saw the completion of our work on the four-year U.S. HUD and EPA-funded Sustainable Communities Initiative. The Sustainable Communities Initiative supported the work of 143 urban, suburban and rural places as they developed plans that encompassed environmental, social and economic considerations to make truly sustainable places. From our unique vantage point as the project's Learning Network Coordinator, ISC has gotten to see communities go through major transformations in how they plan. In the hard work of creating their plans, many of these communities saw substantial – and sometimes unexpected – benefits.

In June 2015, we released Better Plans for Better Places: How the Sustainable Communities Initiative changed the way the country plans for a prosperous and sustainable future.

Our report examined four major themes of the Initiative and spotlights how communities – from Seattle to the New River Valley in Virginia – put those themes and the six livability principles into action.

CIVIL SOCIETY FORWARD IN SERBIA

In November 2014, we marked the completion of the two-year USAID-funded Civil Society Forward (CSF) project with a celebratory event in Belgrade. The event served as an opportunity not only to showcase the results of our partner organizations and recognize the progress that Serbia’s civil society has made, but also to discuss the present and future challenges facing civil society in Serbia.

Our agenda showcased the accomplishments of our 11 partner organizations: Trag Foundation, Zaječar Initiative, Autonomous Women Center, Belgrade Center for Security Policy, Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA), Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia, Lawyers’ Committee for Human Rights (YIHR), Lesbian Human Rights Organization (LABRIS), Urban In and Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR), and the Ana & Vlad Divac Foundation.

As part of CSF’s Human Rights Sustainability Initiative program component, the following human rights organizations were recognized:
- Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia
- Humanitarian Law Center
- Lawyers’ Committee for Human Rights (YUCom)
- Lesbian Human Rights Organization (LABRIS)
- Urban In and Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR)

These 17 organizations are ready to be equal partners in the processes underway to strengthen Serbia’s European perspective, to support rapid development of all social segments based on a sound grounding of European values, and to transfer knowledge and experiences to citizens and other relevant stakeholders.

This event marked the end of ISC’s decade of work in Serbia. We are so proud of the community organizations and leaders we’ve worked with there, and the progress Serbians have made on local civic activism and advocacy, building a culture of philanthropy and strengthening their capacity to engage for stronger communities and a stronger country.

See more at: betterplansbetterplaces.iscvt.org

2015 HIGHLIGHTS:

1. INDIA EHS CENTER SIGNING WITH SYMBIOSIS INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
   - Event: November | India
   - Details: See more at: www.iscvt.org/program/serbia-civil-society-forward

2. EHS NETWORK SUMMIT
   - Event: March | Hong Kong
   - Details: See more at: www.iscvt.org/program/serbia-civil-society-forward

3. HUD CLIMATE & ECONOMIC RESILIENCE WORKSHOP
   - Event: March | Boston
   - Details: See more at: www.iscvt.org/program/serbia-civil-society-forward

4. EHS CENTER GENDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
   - Event: April | Bangladesh
   - Details: See more at: www.iscvt.org/program/serbia-civil-society-forward

5. SOLAR MARKET PATHWAYS WORKSHOP
   - Event: May | Utah
   - Details: See more at: www.iscvt.org/program/serbia-civil-society-forward

6. GLOBAL RESILIENCE PROJECT
   - Event: June | Bangladesh
   - Details: See more at: www.iscvt.org/program/serbia-civil-society-forward

7. SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL RESILIENCE WORKSHOP
   - Event: July | Florida
   - Details: See more at: www.iscvt.org/program/serbia-civil-society-forward

8. SOLAR INSTALLATION IN XIALAN
   - Event: August | China
   - Details: See more at: www.iscvt.org/program/serbia-civil-society-forward

9. US-CHINA CLIMATE LEADERS SUMMIT
   - Event: September | California
   - Details: See more at: www.iscvt.org/program/serbia-civil-society-forward

Sustainable communities are possible — we know because every day, we see places where people live and work together, growing stronger over time, with the resilience to adapt in a rapidly changing world. We’re changing the conversation to share what’s possible.
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IN 24 YEARS ISC HAS MANAGED 103 PROJECTS IN 30 COUNTRIES

Where We Work

- Current
- Completed
- Office locations

10 offices & 70 staff

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TRAINEES ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING

21,000+

LOCAL LEADERS FOCUSING ON PRAGMATIC SOLUTIONS

3,500+

COMMUNITIES COMMITTED TO TRANSFORMATION

500+

2015 FINANCIALS

REVENUE
8.3 MILLION

EXPENDITURES
10.7 MILLION

Programs
68%

Administration
16%

Fundraising & Development
2%

Approximately $8.7 million of our expenditures – or about 82% – were direct program services.

For audited financial statements please visit our website www.iscvt.org