

Additional Resources Mentioned in “Smart Growth Solutions for Climate Resilience” Presentation

Our Built and Natural Environments: A Technical Review of the Interactions Between Land Use, Transportation, and Environmental Quality (2nd Edition)

Decisions about how and where we build our communities have significant impacts on the natural environment and human health. Cities, regions, states, and the private sector need information about the environmental effects of their land use and transportation decisions to mitigate growth-related environmental impacts and to improve community quality of life and human health. In 2001, EPA published *Our Built and Natural Environments* to show how development patterns affect the environment and human health. Since then, research has continued to clarify and better explain these connections. To capture this research, EPA revised and updated the report, incorporating key findings from hundreds of studies.

<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/built.htm>

Walkable 101: The Walkability Workbook (Walkable and Livable Communities Institute with support from EPA)

The workbook includes documents and slide presentations providing guidance on everything needed to organize community walkability workshops, conduct walkability audits, and prioritize changes for a better built environment. It includes a facilitator’s guide, a toolbox with resources for participants, and a walking audit survey tool. <http://www.walklive.org/project/walkability-workbook>

Using Smart Growth Strategies to Create More Resilient Communities in the Washington, D.C., Region (to be posted by the end of November 2013)

The guidebook gives local governments in the Washington, D.C., area policy options to consider when preparing for climate risks while also meeting other environmental, economic, and social goals. The guide was developed as part of a technical assistance project that EPA conducted with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. While developed for the D.C. region, the guide will likely be helpful for other areas of the country. It presents smart growth approaches that can be used in city, suburban, or rural settings and in places with similar climate change projections. http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia_communities.htm#dc

Technical Assistance Programs

Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities: This one-day, targeted technical assistance gives communities tools to implement smart growth development approaches.

<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/buildingblocks.htm>

Greening America's Capitals: This technical assistance to state capital cities helps them envision and implement more sustainable communities. Reports from past projects offer design ideas and strategies applicable to other cities. <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/greencapitals.htm>

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance: This in-depth assistance helps public-sector entities explore solutions to growth and development challenges. Reports from past projects cover a variety of topics. <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia.htm>

Sustainable Communities Hot Report

This tool, developed by the HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities with support from the U.S. Census Bureau, gives communities a quick and easy way to determine how well they are performing on various sustainability indicators. It includes indicators for transportation, housing, economic development, income, and equity. Users can view their community’s trends over time or compare it with other, similar communities.

http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/TheDataWeb_HotReport2/EPA2/EPA_HomePage2.html