



Building Communities Principles and Methodology



Regional Plans for Sustainable Development

Principles



Communities will best participate in regional planning when they are assured their own **community priorities** are supported



Sound economic development planning leads to broader sustainability **plans focused on transit, housing, livability, and the environment**



The **Livability Principles** advanced by the HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities **form the foundation** for sustainability planning



Regional sustainability planning should **result in activities** that diversify the economy, provide transportation choices, and offer affordable housing opportunities

Methodology

1

Each city, town, and tribe within the region should begin their involvement in the process by **developing their own economic development strategic plan**

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During the initial community-planning phase of the process, **regional sustainability issues and projects will emerge**

3

Upon adopting the community strategic plans, the region will **aggregate and prioritize the sustainability issues** into a Regional Sustainability Plan

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The **regional consortium** that developed the plan should **remain intact for plan implementation**