

Smart Growth

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What is Smart Growth?

- Smart Growth covers a range of development and conservation strategies that help protect our health and natural environment and make our communities more attractive, economically stronger, and more socially diverse.



How the EPA assists Smart Growth

- Working with tribes, states, regions, and communities through grant opportunities and technical assistance.
- Conducts research and shares the reports and other publications.
- Assists in bringing in diverse interests to benefit the success of the project through Partnerships



Potential Benefits

- Improved air quality/reduced green house gas emissions
- Improved water quality
- Revitalize existing infrastructure, encourage Brownfields redevelopment
- Open space conservation
- Improve food availability



Current and Past Work

- Local Food, Local Places 2020—Lake Charles, LA and Opelousas, LA
- Greening America's Communities 2020—Bernalillo County, NM
- Recreation Economy for Rural Communities 2020—Grants, NM
- Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities 2021—Eunice, LA and SW Houston, TX
- Local Foods, Local Places 2021—Tulsa, OK and Wyandotte, OK



Little Rock, AR Greening America's Capitols 2010

- The City of Little Rock, AR used the design concepts to request \$900,000 through the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission to incorporate natural elements into Main Street.
- Requested \$1.2 million from the Pulaski County Brownfields Program to cleanup properties on Main Street.
- Received \$150,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts' Our Town Program to continue improvements.
- Between 2010 and the unveiling of The Creative Corridor in 2015, Little Rock's Main Street received more than \$100 million in private investment.

North Lake Charles, LA LFLP Workshop 2021



Links

- EPA Smart Growth
 - <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth>
- Smart Growth Network
 - <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-growth-network>
- Smart Growth America
 - <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/>



Questions???



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