

# Sustainable Communities (Partnership)

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# Policy Priorities

## SUSTAINABILITY

For HUD, sustainability means:

*“ensuring that the land we build on is clean, or will be clean; investments in neighborhoods help residents lead healthy, safe, affordable and productive lives; buildings invested in are energy efficient and healthy; and, the regions we support improve their economic strength and provide opportunities for all residents.”*

# The Federal Government's Leadership in Sustainable Communities

President Obama signed Executive Order 13514 on October 5, 2009 titled:



***“Federal Leadership in Environmental Energy and Economic Performance.”***

The Order requires agencies to meet a number of energy, water, and waste reduction targets. In addition it requires development of sustainable Federal Buildings in alignment with the “Livability Principles” put forward by HUD, DOT and the EPA.

# Six Livability Principles



- Support Existing Communities
- Provide more Transportation Choices
- Value Communities and Neighborhoods
- Promote Equitable Affordable Housing
- Coordinate Policies and Leverage Investments
- Enhance Economic Competitiveness

# OSHC and HUD's Sustainable Communities Partnership



- **Goal:** to stimulate more integrated planning to guide state, metropolitan, and local investments in land use, transportation and housing, as well as to challenge localities to undertake zoning and land use reforms to support more *inclusive*, sustainable communities.
- **HUD Resources:**
  - \$100 million for Regional Planning Grants
  - \$40 million for Community Challenge Grants (paired with DOT's TIGER II planning grants- a total of up to \$75 million)
  - \$10 million for HUD/DOT/EPA research effort

# Impressive Results: Regional Planning Grants



- 45 regions received grants
- 10 of the 25 largest metropolitan areas are participating
- 80 million U.S. residents in jurisdictions that were awarded Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants
- 13 regions from small communities and rural places
- 6 consortia led by nonprofit organization
- 3 regions driven by tribal leadership
- \$120 million in co-investment from partners leverages federal investment
- 29 regions achieved Preferred Sustainability Status

# Impressive Results:

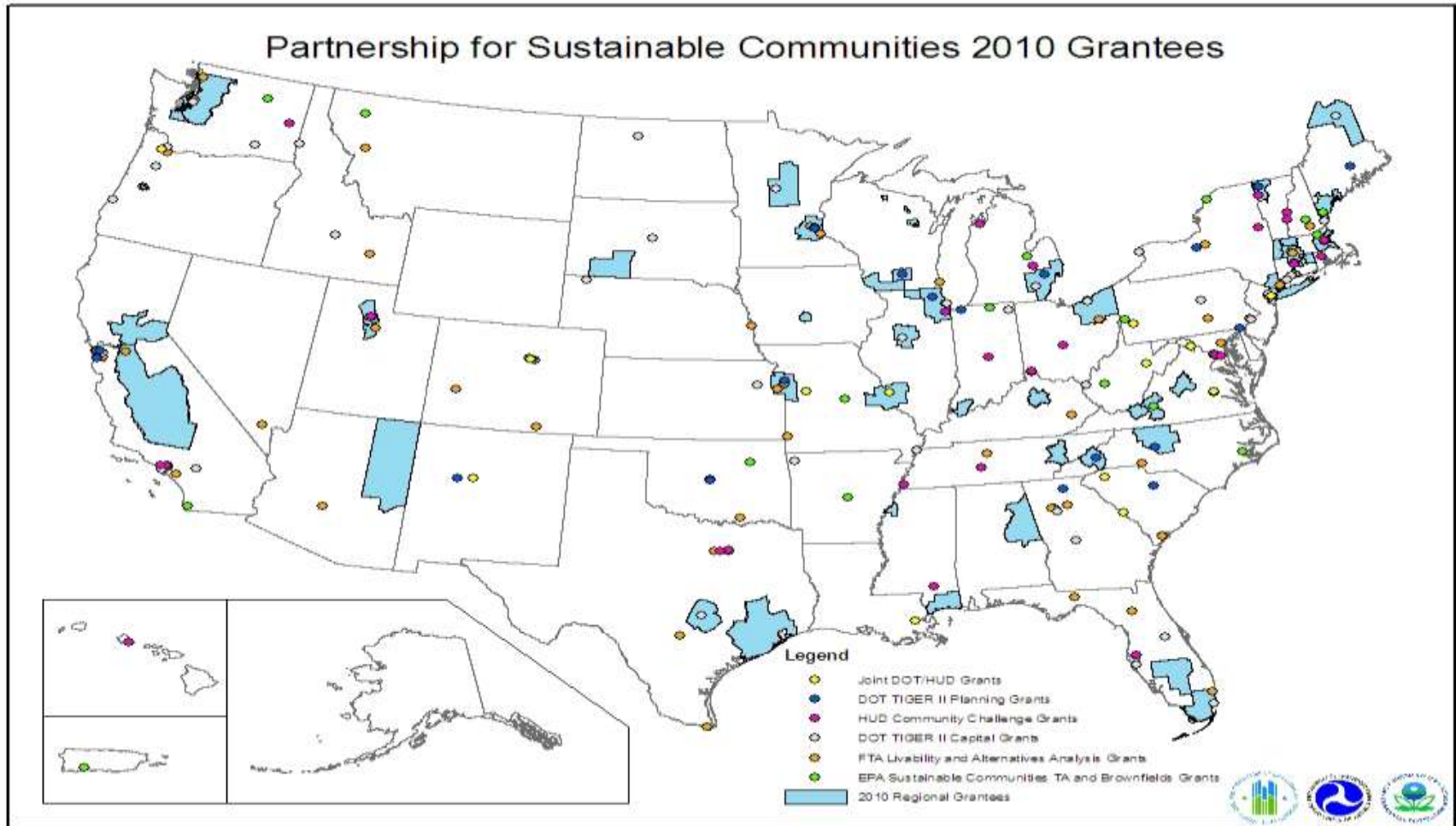
## Challenge Grants

- 42 communities received Challenge or Combination grants\*
- Of those, 10 grants awarded to small communities and rural places
- 27 grantees will recommend zoning or building code changes
- \$48 million in co-investment from partners leverages federal investment

**Note:** DOT awarded an additional 19 DOT TIGER II Planning Grants



# Sustainable Communities Grantees



# Sustainable Communities Grantees and Preferred Sustainability Status



# Let's talk about Demographics in Region VIII

## The Rocky Mountain Region



US Census  
Estimates

2009	Colorado	Wyoming	North Dakota	South Dakota	Utah	Montana
Total population	5,024,748	544,270	646,844	812,383	2,784,572	974,989
Urban population	4,338,362	163,362	330,805	377,477	2,480,155	345,354
Rural population	686,386	380,908	316,039	434,906	304,417	629,635
Percent that is urban	86.34%	30.01%	48.86%	46.47%	89.07%	35.42%

# Region VIII - 2010 Sustainable Communities Planning Grants, Community Challenge/Tiger II Grants and Brownsfield Grants



Environment

Energy



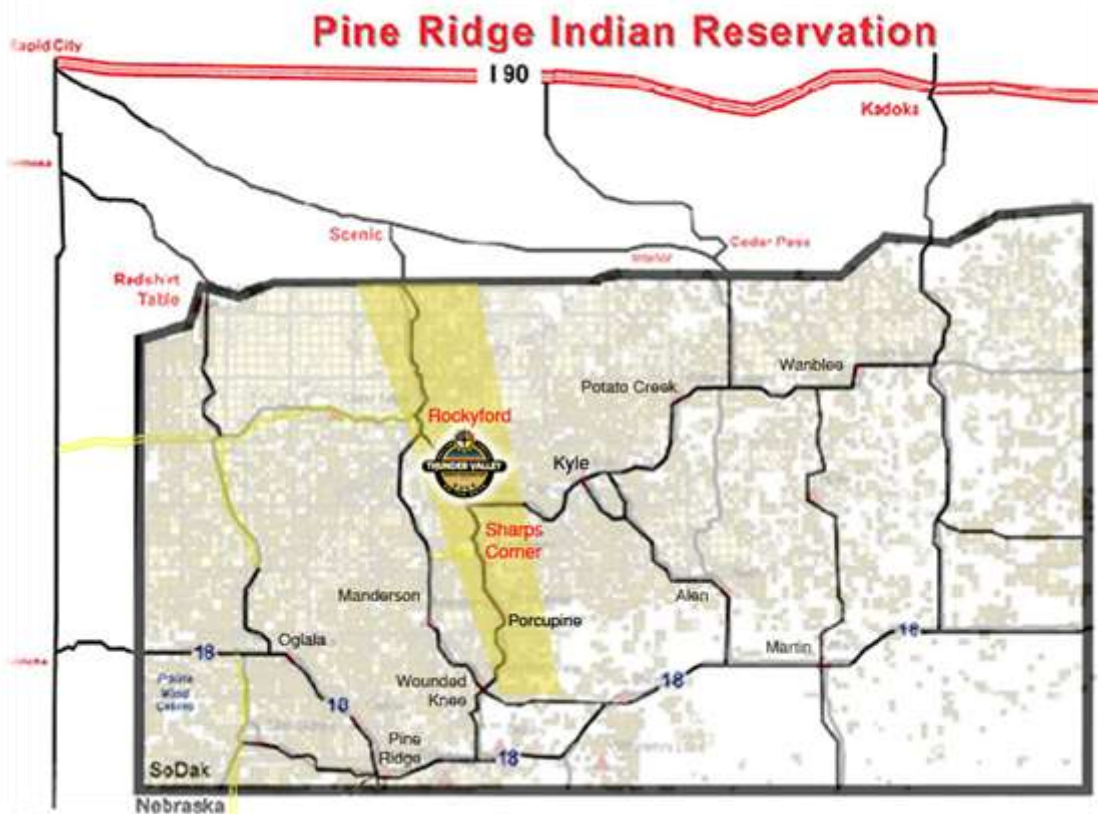
Transit Oriented Development



Planning

# Thunder Valley CDC Oglala Lakota Nation

**\$996,100 Sustainable Communities  
Planning Grant**



The HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership are working with Thunder Valley CDC and the Oglala Lakota Nation to develop a regional plan that will encompass the entire Pine Ridge Reservation in the area of Housing, Land Use, Environment, Water, Natural Resources, Health, Transportation, Food/Agriculture, Education, Energy, Waste Water, Social Services, Public Facilities and Public Improvements, Safety, Culture and Spirituality.



# State of Colorado

## Challenge Grant/TIGER II

- Colorado Dept of Local Affairs received \$1,281,965 Planning HUD/DOT Joint Challenge and TIGER II \$395,600 for Colorado Sustainable Main Streets Initiative
- Three Colorado cities will receive technical assistance in creating downtown master plans that emphasize TOD, historic preservation, arts & culture, land use changes, affordable housing, and land acquisition.
- Five Points in downtown Denver is one of the neighborhoods also receiving Challenge Grant funding.
- Ms. Andy Hill from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs will go into greater detail during her presentation.



# City and County of Denver

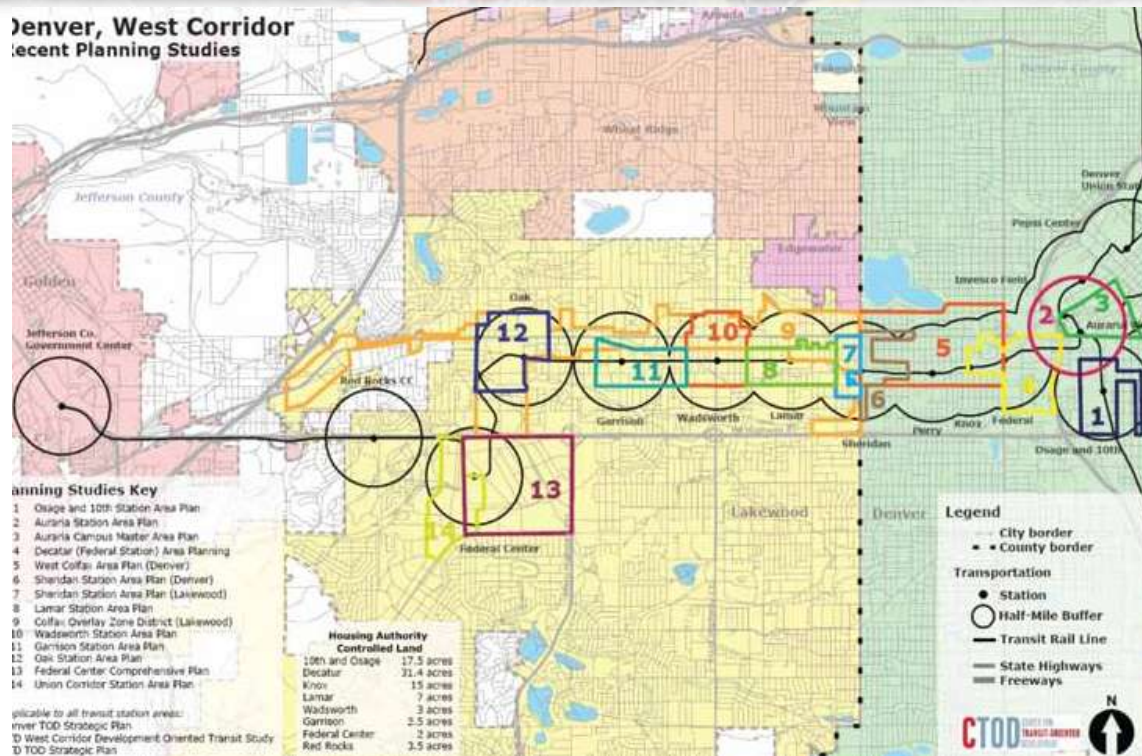
Challenge/Tiger II Grant \$2,953,372  
 Brownsfield Grant (EPA) \$175,000



Sheridan Blvd Station and Knox Perry Station areas



Denver, West Corridor  
 Recent Planning Studies



# Questions and Answers

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# Colorado Sustainable Main Streets



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# Colorado Sustainable Main Streets

- Sustainability principles
- Pilot communities
- Outcome based
- Executive Order
- Partnerships and leveraging
- Ongoing commitment





# Colorado Sustainable Main Streets

## *Partnerships and Leveraging*

Office of Economic Development  
& International Trade  
Dept. Transportation  
Gov's Energy Office  
Dept. Public Health & Environment  
State Historical Fund  
Dept. Labor & Employment  
Dept. Agriculture  
Gov's Office and Lt. Gov's Office  
Dept. Natural Resources  
Dept. Health Care Policy & Financing  
University of Colorado, Denver  
Colorado State University





# Colorado Sustainable Main Streets

## *Partnerships and Leveraging*



Downtown Colorado, Inc.

Sonoran Institute

American Planning Assoc. (Colo.)

Local chambers of commerce

Local Main Street® organizations

Local historic preservation boards

Community groups

Local private businesses

Foundations

U.S. Housing & Urban Development

U.S. Department of Transportation

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Dept. Ag, Rural Development



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## HUD Challenge and DOT TIGER II Funds

- Rifle and Five Points- integrated planning
- Monte Vista and Fowler- historic preservation and economic development





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## Monte Vista

- Redesign historic building downtown to include retail and affordable housing





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## Rifle

- Transit Oriented Development Strategic Plan





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## Lessons Learned (so far):

- Partnerships bring better solutions
- Policy changes are more effective with procedural changes to implement them





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