

Re-energizing Rural Mainstreets



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Creating (re-creating) great places to work and live



- Main Streets can be ground zero for rural revitalization.
- Attractive and vibrant town centers are places people want to be and shop and eat and play and
- The new economy and realities of public funding require using what we have more effectively.
- Where we build new, redevelop old, how we grow, and even retract can make all the difference over time.



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America's rural infrastructure bank:

- Affordable housing
- Broadband installation
- Clean water—drinking and waste
- Community and civic buildings (incl education/libraries)
- Business loans
- Renewable energy (incl bio fuels)

Contact Rural Development State Offices:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/StateOfficeAddresses.html>

Partnership for Sustainable Communities



**Fall 2011 report from the Partnership in cooperation with
USDA**



“Supporting Sustainable Rural Communities”

[http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov/pdf/
Supporting_Sustainable_Rural_Communities_FINAL.PDF](http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov/pdf/Supporting_Sustainable_Rural_Communities_FINAL.PDF)

August 2010 Report from Int’l City/County Mgmt Assoc

“Putting Smart Growth to Work in Rural Communities”

[http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge_network/documents/kn/Document/301483/
Putting_Smart_Growth_to_Work_in_Rural_Communities](http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge_network/documents/kn/Document/301483/Putting_Smart_Growth_to_Work_in_Rural_Communities)

Some Leading Resources For Revitalizing Rural Towns and Economies



- Partnership for Sustainable Communities
<http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov/>
- EPA Office of Sustainable Communities <http://www.epa.gov/dced/>
- USDA Rural Development <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html>
- HUD Office of Housing and Sustainable Communities
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/sustainable_housing_communities
- Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) <http://www.rupri.org/>
- Nat'l Trust Main Street Center
<http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/about-main-street/the-center/>
- National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) www.nado.org