Sustainable Communities Resources

New Jersey Communities

- Belmar, NJ
  - Main website: http://www.belmar.com/Default.asp?Section_ID=338
    In 3 paragraphs, this webpage summarizes Belmar's sustainability plan and its participation in NJDEP BSCIT initiatives. The author promises that a slide show describing Belmar's Sustainability Plan will be available on this page soon.
  - Sustainable Living by the Sea: Belmar's Blueprint for Building a Livable, Affordable and Inclusive Community: http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/bscit/Belmar%20Profile.pdf This 2-page outline published by the NJDEP BSCIT lists Belmar's objectives and the elements of its strategy, including the ways in which it seeks to promote "Belmar's Strong Sense of Community," use smart growth policies in its redevelopment plan, have clean water and a healthy environment, offer affordable & sustainable housing, conserve and renew energy, improve transit, and promote education and leadership in the community.

- Highland Park, NJ
  - Highland Park 2020 Profile: http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/bscit/Highland%20Park%20Profile.pdf
    This 2-page outline published by the NJDEP BSCIT lists the elements of Highland Park's sustainability strategies into three areas: environmental, economic and social. Also mentioned is the proposal for the River Road Environmental Center, a space which will run on solar power and serve as a place for the public to learn about green technologies.
  - Redevelopment Plan – see page 7 (15 of 85) for Sustainability Goals: http://hpboro.com/documents/102005HP_DRP_09_30_05_screen_000.pdf
    This detailed resource, a very thorough 77-paged document, is highly valuable as a model for cities considering sustainability initiatives. Pages 7-8 contain redevelopment plan goals and objectives, as well as the relationship of the goals to the city's master plan.

- Lawrence Township, NJ
  - Planning to be an "Eco-Municipality": http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/bscit/Lawrence%20Township%20.pdf
    The 1-page document summarizes the history of "Sustainable Lawrence," a nonprofit; refers to *The Natural Step for Communities: How Cities and Towns can Change to Sustainable Practices*, a book by Sarah James and Torbjörn Lahti; and contains links to The Natural Step, the Natural Step in Canada, Wisconsin Partners for Sustainability, Sustain Dane, and Future Search.

- Township of Cranford, NJ
  - Policy of Sustainability and Green Building Ordinance: http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/bscit/cranford%20twp.pdf
    3-paragraph summary of the Township of Cranford's resolution & ordinance passed, mentioning that Cranford's Environmental Commission was awarded with the 2005 Environmental Achievement Award by the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions.

- Township of Montclair, NJ
  - Main website: http://www.mtcenv.com/html/sustain.html
    2-paragraph description of sustainability initiatives with links.
  - Policy of sustainability: http://www.mtcenv.com/pdf/sustain.pdf
    2-page Resolution of the Township of Montclair Endorsing and Adopting the Policy of Sustainability for Township Decision-making, Purchasing, and Operations
  - Sustainable Montclair Planning Guide: http://www.mtcenv.com/pdf/sustain-guide.pdf
    29-page working draft prepared by the Montclair Environmental Commission
  - Creating a Sustainability Policy & Plan of Action (Case Study): http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/bscit/Case%20Study%20Montclair.pdf
    2-page outline of the Montclair Planning Guide's recommendations and Montclair's Recent Sustainability Programs and Projects. Published by the NJDEP BSCIT.

- Wayne Township
  - Wayne Campus Cogeneration & Renewable Energy Project: http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/bscit/wayne%20twp.pdf
    1-paragraph summary of Wayne Township's campus project

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- o 2005 - Princeton Energy Systems Receives Contract for integrated energy micro-grid in Wayne, NJ: http://www.princetonenergysystems.com/news-Wayne-microgrid.htm
  1-page description of Wayne's innovative project, "one of the first in the nation to employ a variety of advanced energy saving systems together with clean and reliable on-site electric generation."

- West Windsor Township, NJ
  - o The Sustainable West Windsor 2006 Plan: http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/bscit/westwindsor.pdf
    3-paragraph summary of West Windsor's plan, termed "the Sustainable West Windsor 2006 Plan (SWW 2006)," which focuses on greening municipal practices, policies, and decisions, in addition to developing an outreach/education program.

National and International Communities

- Ada County, ID; Canyon County, ID; Boise, ID; Meridian, ID; Garden City, ID; Nampa, ID; Caldwell, ID; Eagle, ID; Parma, ID; Star, ID
  - o Treasure Valley Partnership Agreement: http://www.usmayors.org/uscm/sustainable/tvpagreement2000.htm
    This agreement of communities in Idaho affirms their commitment to the following goals: Creating Coherent Regional Growth and Development Patterns, Linking Land Use and Transportation, Reinforcing Community Identities and Sense of Place, Protecting and Enhancing Open Space and Recreational Opportunities, and Educating, Reaching Out and Building Support for the Partnership Vision.

- American Planning Association, Chicago, IL
  - o Policy Guide on Smart Growth: http://www.planning.org/policyguides/smartgrowth.htm
    This policy guide is divided into four sections: 1). a motion to adopt a definition of Smart Growth, including a statement of Smart Growth principles, 2) a description of the Smart Growth issue, including an historical overview. 3) Specific policy motions in five categories: Planning Structure, Process and Regulation; Transportation and Land Use; Regional Management and Fiscal Efficiency; Social Equity and Community Building; and Environmental Protection and Land Conservation, 4) A list of outcomes to help readers understand what will be achieved by implementing these policies.
  - o Policy Guide on Planning for Sustainability: http://www.planning.org/policyguides/sustainability.htm
    This 15-page guide discusses the various dimensions to "the 'sustainability' issue," research and statistics that indicate global patterns of "unsustainability," the factors contributing to worldwide "unsustainability," the indicators of "unsustainability" within the United States (Part I), ways of framing the issue through planning processes and practices (Part II), general policy positions (Part III), the objectives of APA's strategy for planning for sustainability (Part IIIA), several more specific policy positions (IIIB), and various planning actions (Appendix A).

- Ashland, WI
  - o Eco-Municipality Designation Resolution: Adoption of Sustainable Community Development Policy: http://www.wisconsinplanners.org/Ecomunicipalities/AshlandEcoMunicipalityResolution.pdf
    This is a copy of the resolution adopted in 2005 by the City of Ashland, stating that it "hereby endorses the principles of sustainable community development" in its Comprehensive Plan.
  - o Alliance for Sustainability and City Councils Washburn and Ashland have endorsed The Natural Step as principles for decision-making. Ashland recently adopted an award-winning comprehensive plan: http://www.allianceforsustainability.org/about.htm
    The vision the Alliance has for a sustainable community is one which "respects its own diversity and accepts responsibility for the economic and ecological well being of the present and future through individual and collective actions."

- Austin, TX
  - o Downtown Great Streets Master Plan: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/greatstreets/
    This page has background information on the plan as well as photos of the downtown area.
  - o Sustainable Development Resolution: http://www.naco.org/Content/ContentGroups/County/Codes/Sustainable_Development/Sd003.pdf
    This is a copy of the resolution adopted in 1994 by the City of Austin, which states that the City Council staff will "develop guidelines for sustainable building practices within 6 months."

- British Columbia, Canada
  - "Sustainable Urban Landscapes: Site Design Manual for BC Communities": http://www.sustainable-communities.agsci.ubc.ca/projects/DesignManual.html This manual is intended for people interested in making better communities. Unlike traditional design and engineering manuals whose treatments of site development, environmental protection, and drainage guidelines are presented separately, this manual tries to keep all of the pieces of the urban design puzzle together. This manual "re-integrates" these pieces of the sustainable urban region. As many of us now know, a sustainable community is one that balances ecology, economy, and equity. We have tried to maintain this balance in the way we have developed and organized this manual.

- Canada
  - "Municipal Governments and Sustainable Communities: Best Practices Guide 2003: FCM-CHM2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards": http://kn.fcm.ca/file_download.php?URL_ID=5180&filename=10708958601BP_Guide_En_03_Final.pdf&filetype=application%2Fpdf&filesize=966583&name=BP+Guide+En+03_Final.pdf&location=user-S/ Each year, case studies of all submissions to the FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards that win or receive honorable mention are published in this Best Practices Guide for distribution to municipal governments across Canada. The Guide also includes summaries of all other submissions received.

- Chequamegon Bay
  - "History of Eco-Municipality Organizing in Chequamegon Bay": http://www.wisconsinplanners.org/Ecomunicipalities/History%20of%20EcoMunicipalityOrganizingChequamegonBay.pdf This resource explains the history of Chequamegon Bay's commitment to bringing an eco-municipality resolution to the municipality.

- City of Santa Monica, CA
  - Sustainable City Plan: http://santa-monica.org/epd/scp/pdf/SCP_2003_Adopted_Plan.pdf In 1994 the Santa Monica City Council took steps to address these pressures locally by adopting the Santa Monica Sustainable City Program. This program includes goals and strategies, for the City government and all sectors of the community, to conserve and enhance their local resources, safeguard human health and the environment, maintain a healthy and diverse economy, and improve the livability and quality of life for all community members in Santa Monica. This program has achieved many successes.

- City of Washburn, WI
  - "Adoption of Sustainable Community Development Policy": http://www.naturalstep.org.nz/downloads/Resolution-Washburn.pdf In this resolution, the City of Washburn endorses the principles of sustainable community development, as proposed in The Natural Step Program, and agrees to apply these principles in its planning, policy making, and municipal practices.

- Cobscook, ME
  - Sustainable Cobscook: http://www.sustainable.org/casestudies/SIA_PDFs/SIA_maine.pdf This 2 page resource describes how communities around Cobscook Bay are collaborating to achieve sustainability.
  - Cobscook Bay, Maine's, Community Plan: http://www.sustainable.org/casestudies/MAINE/ME_af_cobscook.html This resource further explains how and why the communities surrounding Cobscook Bay are working towards sustainability.

- County of San Mateo, CA
  - Sustainable Building Policy that requires future County buildings to be built to LEED standards, as developed by the US Green Building Council: http://www.recycleworks.org/greenbuilding/sus_building_policy.html This

document explains the purpose of San Mateo's policy; the definitions of "sustainable building," "life cycle cost analysis," and "LEED Rating System" (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) used in its green building policy; the procedures and responsibilities of the County Managers Office; and its budgeting and financing.

- Ecological Footprint Quiz: http://www.ecofoot.org/
  - This quiz allows you to select your country of residence, answer some lifestyle questions, and find out how much productive land and water you need to support what you use and what you discard. Your results also tell you how many earths we would need to survive if all of the people on the planet made your choices, putting the effects of an individual's actions into a global perspective.

- Grantsville, UT
  - General Plan for a Sustainable Community: http://www.sustainable.org/casestudies/SIA_PDFs/SIA_Utah.pdf
     This 2-page resource is a case study of a small rural community in Utah.

- International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)
  - ICLEI is an international membership association focused on achieving tangible improvements in global environmental conditions through the cumulative actions of local governments. ICLEI was established in 1990 to create a strong role for local governments in the worldwide movement for sustainability. The organization works to promote performance-based, results-oriented campaigns and programs. Visit their website to learn more about how ICLEI contributes to the promotion of sustainability in communities around the world. Also learn how you can become a member of this organization. http://www.iclei.org/index.php?id=1126
  - Cities for Climate Protection® (CCP)
    CCP is ICLEI's flagship campaign. The program is designed to educate and empower local governments worldwide to take action on climate change. CCP is a performance-oriented campaign that offers a framework for local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve livability within their municipalities. Learn more about this program by visiting this website: http://www.iclei.org/index.php?id=1118
  - Communities 21
    Through Communities 21, ICLEI provides assistance in:
    - Developing a Comprehensive Sustainability Plan
    - Assisting with the completion of a Sustainability Inventory
    - Presentations on the importance and relevance of sustainability initiatives
    - Formulation of procurement, transportation, and development policies that integrate sustainability criteria
    - Development of master/general plan elements that reflect sustainability criteria
    - Developing & integrating indicators of sustainability in decision-making
    - Strategies for engaging the private sector to work towards a sustainable local economy
    Visit this website to learn more: http://www.iclei.org/index.php?id=1126

- Lander, WY
  - Lander Valley 2020: http://www.sustainable.org/casestudies/SIA_PDFs/SIA_Wyoming.pdf This 2-page resource is a case study of a town in west central Wyoming.

- Lewis County, Washington
  - "Adoption of the NACo Sustainability Leadership Team's 'Proposed Statement of Values for the NACo Platform' for Lewis County": http://naco.activematter.com/UrbanTemplate.cfm?Section=Caucuses1&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=2908   In this resolution, Lewis county decides that it, in conjunction with the National Association of Counties, supports the following values which can lead to development of sustainable communities: economic vitality which is crucial to the health of every community; safe, healthy, and clean communities are necessary to ensure a high quality of life for their citizens; community stability and social wellbeing go hand in hand; natural, scenic, cultural and historic resources that are important community assets; etc.

- Marin County, CA; Menlo Park, CA; Morgan Hill, CA; Palo Alto, CA; Petaluma, CA; and San Luis Obispo, CA

- o These cities have adopted the Ahwahnee Water Principles for Resource Efficient Land Use: http://www.lgc.org/ahwahnee/h2o_principles.html This page contains the preamble, "Cities and counties are facing major challenges with water contamination, storm water runoff, flood damage liability, and concerns about whether there will be enough reliable water for current residents as well as for new development. These issues impact city and county budgets and taxpayers. Fortunately there are a number of stewardship actions that cities and counties can take that reduce costs and improve the reliability and quality of our water resources." Such community & implementation principles are discussed.
  - o Ahwahnee Community Principles for Resource-Efficient Communities: http://www.lgc.org/ahwahnee/principles.html   The preamble states, "Existing patterns of urban and suburban development seriously impair our quality of life. The symptoms are: more congestion and air pollution resulting from our increased dependence on automobiles, the loss of precious open space, the need for costly improvements to roads and public services, the inequitable distribution of economic resources, and the loss of a sense of community. By drawing upon the best from the past and the present, we can plan communities that will more successfully serve the needs of those who live and work within them. Such planning should adhere to certain fundamental principles." These principles are listed subsequently.
  - o Ahwahnee Principles for Economic Development: http://www.lgc.org/ahwahnee/econ_principles.html   The preamble proposes "a comprehensive new model is emerging which recognizes the economic value of natural and human capital" by "embracing economic, social, and environmental responsibility." Principles for promoting economic development include an integrated approach, vision and inclusion (involving the public in the planning process), reducing and alleviating poverty, promoting local businesses, specialized industry clusters, improving the availability of wired communication, providing "opportunities for continuous education and training," encouraging corporate and environmental responsibility, collaborating in the region, and more.
  - o The Center for Livable Communities: http://www.lgc.org/center/about/center.html   "The Center for Livable Communities helps local governments and community leaders be proactive in their land use and transportation planning, and adopt programs and policies that lead to more livable and resource-efficient land use patterns. Center programs can help jurisdictions expand transportation alternatives, build safer streets, encourage routine physical activity, foster civic engagement, reduce infrastructure costs, create more affordable housing, improve air and water quality, preserve natural resources, conserve agricultural land and open space, and restore local economic and social vitality."

- Martin County, FL
  - o Main website: http://ap3server.martin.fl.us:7778/GOVT/depts/gmd/sustain/ This resource provides a brief description of Martin County's Sustainability plan and it provides links to further information about the program.
  - o Specific mention of sustainability: http://www.martin.fl.us/GOVT/depts/gmd/sustain/article2.html   Over the last fifteen years, Martin County has established itself as a leader in planning for the future. This article, the second in a series of five, highlights the local comprehensive planning process in the State of Florida, and in Martin County. It also discusses Martin County 's participation in Florida's Sustainable Communities Demonstration Project.

- Minneapolis, MN
  - o Minneapolis Sustainability Programs: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/environment/Sustainability-Initiatives.asp#TopOfPage This page contains an outline of the city's sustainability plan and a discussion of issues of air quality, water quality, green neighborhoods, sustainable transportation, and resource conservation.
  - o Minneapolis Environmental Report Towards *Sustainability,* July 16, 2004: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/environment/docs/MPLSEnvOverview071604.pdf The Minneapolis Environmental Report provides a link to the City's overall Environmental goal which states, "Preserve and enhance our natural and historic environment and promote a clean, sustainable Minneapolis". More specific environmental goals and targets have been developed and are organized along the following categories: Green Neighborhoods, Sustainable Transportation, Air Quality, Water Quality, Energy Conservation in City Operations, and Environmental Justice.
  - o "Neighborhood Sustainability Indicators Guidebook: How To Create Neighborhood Sustainability Indicators in your Neighborhood": http://www.crcworks.org/guide.pdf   This guide examines six types of sustainability indicators: data poetry, core, background, and deep sustainability, affordable housing, and friendly spaces. It also offers practical tools to neighborhood organizations or research professionals who may wish to define sustainability indicators in other urban or rural locales.

- Mountain Association for Community Economic Development and Communities by Choice, Inc.
  - "Communities by Choice: An Introduction to Sustainable Community Development": http://www.communitiesbychoice.org/CbyC_Intro_Booklet.pdf   Healthy and prosperous communities do not just happen. The quality and nature of a community are determined by the choices people make over several generations. Ideally, the choices a community makes are informed and intentional. But that is not always the case. Communities by Choice explores three basic dynamics of community, introduces sustainable community development as a process for making choices about the future, and outlines a series of steps to guide communities toward becoming sustainable.

- National Association of Counties
  - "Resolution on Sustainable Development": http://naco.activematter.com/UrbanTemplate.cfm?Section=Caucuses1&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=2913 The National Association of Counties decides that it should promote, support and facilitate active county participation in local, state and federal sustainable development activities.

- PCC: Natural Markets
  - "Imagine a sustainable City" By Chantal Stevens: http://www.pccnaturalmarkets.com/sc/0601/sc0601-sustainable.html This article describes the reasons it is important to promote sustainability. If we want future generations to have the same opportunities in life that we enjoy, we will need to act now to preserve our environment.

- Philadelphia, PA
  - Urban Sustainability Forum   http://www.sustainablephiladelphia.com/index.html This efforw is using a series of public meetings designed to raise awareness and develop concrete strategies to address some of the most important issues facing Philadelphia. The Forum is being presented by a unique coalition of groups working to *make Philadelphia the greenest, most livable city in America.* Forum events will be held each month from January to June of 2006. Resources and funds are limited but leadership and a commitment to long range goals can help to fill the gaps and harness the city's vibrant spirit and creative energy. The intense, six-month long series of events focusing on the issues and challenges affecting the overall sustainability of the City of Philadelphia; Bring together experts, key stakeholders, partner organizations and the general public; host a series of public forums discussing individual issues that make up a sustainable city; Focus on the ultimate goal of developing an action plan for making Philadelphia a greener and more sustainable city.
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- Pittsburgh, PA
  - Main website: http://www.sustainablepittsburgh.org/   This page provides a general overview of the Sustainable Pittsburgh initiative as well as a number of links with more information about the program.
  - "Sustainable Pittsburgh, Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Indicators Report 2004": http://www.sustainablepittsburgh.org/pdf/2004Indicators.pdf This report is Sustainable Pittsburgh's second comprehensive assessment of regional sustainability trends for the six-county region of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Taken together, the indicators reported on here suggest four key challenge areas where Southwestern Pennsylvania needs to take stock of its long-term sustainability, expressed here as four overarching strategies for advancing toward that goal: (1) Slowing, stopping, and then reversing the increasingly inefficient of land and resources. (2) Building on our relative economic advantages to improve the vitality and dynamism of the region.(3) Investing in education, social engagement, social equity, and social capital. (4) Looking deeper into the factors that relate to a high quality of life to understand how we can develop them for all our citizens.
  - Sustainable Pittsburgh Indicators Report 2004: http://203.147.150.6/ This page allows the user to search Sustainable Pittsburgh for specific keywords or indicators.
  - "What Is Sustainable Pittsburgh?": http://www.sustainablepittsburgh.org/NewFrontPage/What_Is_Sustainable_Pittsburgh.html This website describes Sustainable Pittsburgh as a public-policy advocacy group that links economic prosperity, ecological health, and social equity. It describes the initiatives goals and provides links to Sustainable Pittsburgh's past accomplishments.

- o "Regional Environmental Performance and Sustainability: A Review and Assessment of Indicator Projects":http://www.sustainablepittsburgh.org/pdf/Full_Publication.PDF   This report examines leading regional efforts around the United States to develop environmental or sustainable development strategies, focusing on regional projects on environmental performance/sustainable indicators. This publication asks: What are leading regions doing to integrate environmental and economic development agendas? What is the state-of-the-art in regional environmental/ sustainability indicators? Who is behind these efforts? What sorts of resources are required? What are regions trying to measure and why? How do these indicator projects fit into larger environmental and regional economic development strategies? What can we learn?
  - o "Champions of Sustainability": http://www.sustainablepittsburgh.org/NewFrontPage/Champions_Inventory.html   Sustainable Pittsburgh's 'Champions of Sustainability' on-line audio library of 33 keynote presentations represents an internationally significant tutorial on the concepts and promise of sustainability. Come and 'get it' and accelerate sustainability in your home, business, community, and the world."
  - o "Southwest Pennsylvania Public Officials Design Institute": http://www.sustainablepittsburgh.org/NewFrontPage/PODI.html   The Public Officials Design Institute is dedicated to improving the design of Southwestern Pennsylvania's towns and cities by offering elected officials the hands-on, problem-specific tools they need to improve the design and well being of their communities. The objective is to instill in public officials an appreciation for the importance of design of the public realm and to understand the relationships between social, economic, and environmental considerations in creating communities. The Institute assists officials in realizing the potential that exists, and gives them the knowledge they need to seize opportunities for making positive change by influencing the design of their communities.
  - o "Public Officials Design Institute": http://www.sustainablepittsburgh.org/NewFrontPage/PODI_2004.html   This site provides a description of the 2004 Public Officials Design Institute. "Indicators of Sustainable Development": http://www.sustainablepittsburgh.org/NewFrontPage/PublicDocs/AtkissonBriefOnIndicators.htm Traditionally, indicators of economic performance are given precedence as the bellwethers of prosperity, whereas measures of long-term sustainability take a more holistic view of overall community. To both help motivate and monitor their ongoing efforts, regions are developing new measures, indicators and benchmarking systems - referred to as sustainability indicators - to chart their progress toward joint economic, social, and environmental goals. Sustainable Pittsburgh recently identified more than 150 indicator projects across the United States, 35 of which were notable projects in large regions. This resource describes, defines, and provides examples of these indicators.
  - o "Pittsburgh Region Residents Visit Sweden": http://www.sustainablepittsburgh.org/NewFrontPage/EcoMunicipalities/Eco_Municipalities_Sweden.html   Through summarizing the itinerary of the 2004 Sustainable Sweden Tour, this article discusses the communities of Sweden as prime examples of a sustainable society. "A second place ranking in the 2004 United Nations Human Development Index only confirms that Sweden has become one of the world's best places to live."

- San Francisco, CA
  - o Main website: http://www.sustainable-city.org/ This page provides links to specific elements of San Francisco's Sustainability Plan.
  - o Sustainability Plan for the City of San Francisco: http://www.sustainable-city.org/Plan/Intro/intro.htm This page defines "sustainability"; explains it in laymen's terms; discusses "Human Activity in the Closed System of Planet Earth"; addresses ways to solve environmental, social, and economic problems; outlines the structure of the plan; and identifies partners in the community, the local groups that assisted in the drafting process.

- Seattle, WA
  - o "A Plan for Managing Growth, 2004-2024, Comprehensive Plan": http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/stellent/groups/pan/@pan/@plan/@proj/documents/Web_Informational/cos_004504.pdf This 517 pg. document is Seattle's Comprehensive Plan. It details how the city will go about promoting sustainability through their core values of community, environmental stewardship, economic opportunity and security, and social equity.

- o "Sustainable Purchasing": http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/environment/purchasing.htm   This resource explains the concept of sustainable purchasing and how the city of Seattle plans to use this concept in daily practices.
- o "Accomplishments": http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/environment/agenda_accomplishments.htm This resource highlights some of Seattle's recent sustainability accomplishments.
- o "Sustainable Infrastructure/Building: Regional Forum on Sustainable Infrastructure: Sustainable Streets and Streetscapes": http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/environment/building.htm   This website describes the major findings of the meeting in May, 2004 in which representatives from Vancouver, Seattle, and Portland met in Seattle to increase awareness of sustainable infrastructure activities and programs in the three cities and discuss and identify major technical and implementation issues related to sustainable streets and streetscapes in urban areas.
- o "City of Seattle's 5 year Report: Building a Better City": http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/dpd/static/5-year_report_LatestReleased_DPDP_009930.pdf   February of 2000, the City of Seattle adopted the LEED™ standard as part of a Sustainable Building Policy, via a unanimous City Council resolution. This report highlights the City's major accomplishments and contributions in designing and constructing sustainable (green) buildings in Seattle over the past five years.
- o "Green Seattle Guide: 101 Actions for a Healthy Urban Environment": http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/environment/cag/GreenSeattleGuide_08.25.05.pdf   This is a guide to community action to protect and restore our urban ecosystems on which our quality-of-life — and that of our children and grandchildren — depends. This guide will not try to make you go back to nature or shed life's comforts for an unachievable ideal. Instead, you can leaf through it and find 101 things you can do to help protect, restore and care for Seattle's urban environment.

- Sweden
  - o "Building Sustainable Cities: Scandinavia's 'Eco-Municipalities' Show the Way": http://www.sustainablebusiness.com/features/feature_printable.cfm?ID=1269   Since 1997, Esam, a self-described "human ecological corporation" based in Umeå, and the Minneapolis, Minnesota-based nonprofit Alliance for Sustainability have been co-sponsoring annual Sustainable Sweden Tours to some of the country's 70 "eco-municipalities." These places have voluntarily committed to integrating sustainability principles as official, across-the-board policy. From rural villages to the urban capital of Stockholm, the communities arrived at decisions and crafted innovative green solutions using a holistic, democratic planning process called the Natural Step framework (TNS).

- Tampa, FL
  - o "Sustainable Communities: Demonstration Program": http://www.tampagov.net/dept_strategic_planning_and_technology/planning_management/files/pdf_files/sustainable_communities/WebBrochure.PDF   In 1997, the Florida Department of Community Affairs invited local jurisdictions to participate in the State's Sustainable Communities Demonstration Project. This program, authorized by the Florida Legislature, was designed to give local communities greater control directing growth and creating quality communities. This report provides a summary of the major accomplishments during the first two years of the Tampa-Hillsborough County Sustainable Communities Demonstration Project.

- Wayne County, MI
  - o "Roundtable on Sustainable Development": http://www.naco.org/Content/ContentGroups/County/Codes/Sustainable_Development/Sd002.pdf This is a contract "for Assumption by the City of Detroit/Wayne County Roundtable on Sustainable Development of the Administrative Responsibilities of Wayne County under the Environmental Assistance Agreement/Amendment." The document also includes a resolution creating the Roundtable to promote and support sustainable development in Detroit and Wayne County. This Roundtable is made up of representatives of businesses, community organizations, environmental interests, government entities and others who have a stake in the future economic and environmental well-being of the area.

- Whistler, British Columbia, Canada
  - o "Whistler 2020: Moving Toward a Sustainable Future": http://www.whistler.ca/files/PDF/Admin/Whistler_2020/Whistler_2020_overview.pdf Whistler 2020 renews our vision for the future. It is the overarching, community-wide vision and strategic plan for Whistler's

continued success to the year 2020 – and an ambitious step on our longer journey to a sustainable future. This document summarizes the volumes of the comprehensive sustainability plan.
- o Volume I of the comprehensive sustainability plan, entitled Whistler 2020, contains the resort community vision, values, priorities and directions: http://www.whistler.ca/files/PDF/Admin/Whistler_2020/RMOW_2020SustainBook.pdf
- o Volume II contains the 16 strategies that were developed by community task forces to guide Whistler toward achieving the vision of success and sustainability as defined in Volume I: http://www.whistler.ca/Sustainability/Whistler_2020/Strategies.php

- Wisconsin Chapter of American Planning Association
  - o Chapter Web-resources on "Eco-municipalities": http://www.wisconsinplanners.org/Ecomunicipalities/index.htm This page contains links to the APA policy on Sustainability, the Eco-Municipality Model for Sustainable Community Change (see links below), Natural Step, Sustain Dane, the History of Eco-Municipality Organizing in Chequamegon Bay, and other resources. The menu to the left of the page contains information about projects of the Wisconsin chapter of the APA.
  - o Eco-Municipality Model for Sustainable Community Change: http://www.wisconsinplanners.org/Ecomunicipalities/EcoMunicipalitySynopsis.pdf This 3-page synopsis discusses the concept of an eco-municipality, the characteristics that make an eco-municipality unique from other models, success stories, key players in the development of this model, "The Natural Step" approach to sustainability, guiding objectives for sustainability based on "The Natural Step," and "The Compass" – a tool comprised of four steps for developing an eco-municipality.

- Wisconsin Non-Profits of Note:
  - o Sustain Dane, Madison Area Green Pages: http://sustaindane.org/ This page contains the green pages, a "Directory of Madison Area Sustainability Organizations and Green Businesses."
  - o Wisconsin Partners for Sustainability (WiscPSA): http://www.wiscpsa.org/modules/tinycontent/index.php?id=18   This webpage summarizes the benefits of joining the Green Business Network, a listing of retailers and service providers in the Wisconsin region, and contains information about other WiscPSA Priority Projects. Links provide background information on the organization, its objectives & goals, and green resources.

Sustainable Communities Resources/Organizations

- NJ Bureau of Sustainable Communities and Innovative Technologies,
  - o The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) launched an initiative designed to support and help educate New Jersey communities that would like to become environmentally sustainable. DEP's vision is a sustainable New Jersey built on a network of environmentally sustainable communities. The initiative's mission is to help create that network of environmentally sustainable communities — communities that can persist over generations, enjoying a healthy environment, prosperous economy and vibrant civic life. A sustainable community does not undermine its social or physical systems of support. Rather, it develops in harmony with regional ecological characteristics. A number of New Jersey municipalities, including Montclair, Highland Park and Belmar, are already engaged in sustainability initiatives. Their noteworthy efforts encouraged DEP to develop this primer to help communities throughout the state follow the pioneering examples of these three towns. The DEP offers two levels of assistance to communities that are ready to commit to becoming environmentally sustainable. The first level will help communities incorporate the basic tools necessary to implement sustainable environmental practices. The second level will assist communities that have the basic tools in place to further integrate environmental sustainability into their daily operations. *http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/bscit/SustCommunities.htm*
  - o How to Become an Environmentally Sustainable Community –A Primer http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/bscit/howtobecome-esc.pdf
  - o Green Purchasing -A Guide for Local Communities http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/bscit/sustainable-comm/epp.pdf

- New Jersey Green Homes Office
  - o The mission of the office is to fundamentally improve the environmental performance, energy efficiency, quality, and affordability of housing in NJ. Through advocacy, education, and technical assistance we aim to accelerate the use of innovative green design and building technologies, raise building standards and create

a consumer demand for efficient and environmentally responsible -high performance homes.
http://www.state.nj.us/dca/dh/gho/

- The New Jersey Sustainable State Institute
  - New Jersey Sustainable State Institute. NJSSI is an independent agency that works with government, public interest groups, business leaders, scientists, and citizens from all walks of life, to answer the question:"*Where are we, and where do we need to be, in order to preserve our quality of life and become a sustainable state?*"NJSSI convenes multi-stakeholder processes to identify goals, indicators and targets for the future of New Jersey. We cover economic, social and environmental issues that:Are critical to the future well-being of New Jersey;Manifest over a long time period;Are difficult for most citizens to follow without indicators to track progress.   The current goals and indicators can be found in our most recent report, *Living With the Future in Mind: Goals and Indicators for New Jersey's Quality of Life.* NJSSI has recently begun developing targets of sustainable development for New Jersey starting in the field of energy. http://www.njssi.net

- Active Living by Design http://www.activelivingbydesign.org/
  - This national program of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and is a part of the UNC School of Public Health in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. This program establishes innovative approaches to increase physical activity through community design, public policies and communications strategies. Our domain section highlights the major fields that are the foundation of our program. Each section will focus on recommended publications, resources, organizations and tools. The domains are meant to provide an overview of the field http://www.activelivingbydesign.org/index.php?id=7. **Physical Activity and Health**: The roles of physical activity and health in sustaining the community   **Parks, Trails and Greenways**: How the natural environment promotes healthy communities. **Land Use**: Promoting and constructing communities that offer choices for integrating physical activity into daily life. **Transportation**: How to increase the range of practical transportation choices and expand opportunities for active travel. **Communications and Social Marketing**: How to raise awareness, change behaviors and create social change. Cr**ime**: How to address crime through environmental design and policy. **Crime**: How to address crime through environmental design and policy. **Low Income**: How to make physical activity more accessible, safe, affordable and practical in low income communities. **Physical Activity and Disabilities**: How to adapt activities, modify environments and use additional equipment to allow people with disabilities to participate in active living **Healthy Eating**: How to improve healthy eating using environmental and policy strategies

- Operation Fresh Start is a U.S. Department of Energy
  - This initiative that aims to help communities apply the principles of sustainable development when recovering from natural disasters, as well as to use sustainable planning techniques in pre-disaster development. The site provides background information to help you understand sustainable development and how this vibrant principle can be applied to strengthen your community's future. Resources include a selection of articles that present good overviews of sustainable development, as well as a list of top Web sites that offer additional information and resources. http://freshstart.ncat.org/overview.htm

- Smart Communities Network
  - The Smart Communities Network helps communities design and implement innovative strategies that enhance the local economy as well as the local environment and quality of life. Created by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, this comprehensive Web site offers an entire spectrum of information and resources related to sustainable community development, including articles; publications and manuals; model codes and ordinances; success stories; sustainable development bibliography; and a searchable database of some 1,000 organizations, agencies, and companies that work in the sustainable development arena. http://www.smartcommunities.ncat.org/

- Sustainable Communities Network (SCN)
  - Developed by the Sustainable Communities Network Partnership, this site encourages the exchange of information to help make communities more livable and increases the visibility of successful community projects. A wide range of issues related to community sustainability are addressed, including: creating communities, smart growth, growing a sustainable economy, protecting natural resources, living sustainably,

and governing community. Within these topics, you can locate case studies, resources, related Web sites, links to databases, events calendars, and suggested reading lists for specific subtopics. http://www.sustainable.org/

- DOE Office of Energy Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
  - o There is no shortage of useful information at this site, which is the home page of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. The site, which is searchable by keyword, provides links to information on the whole spectrum of energy-efficiency and renewable energy topics, as well as a list of key contacts and a list of hot topics (the federal budget or Mideast oil, for example). EREN offers access to DOE's national laboratory data bases on a host of topics, such as solar access and wind regimes. There is even a form to submit energy-related questions and lists of discussion groups on various energy-related topics. http://www.eere.energy.gov/

- Sustainable Communities Information
  - o Sustainable Communities Information is a project of the Nova Scotia Environment and Development Coalition. At this site, you'll find useful information, tools, and resources on sustainable communities. The Sustainable Communities Information Databank, for example, offers organizational profiles as well as information on topics related to sustainability. Each topic includes tools, success stories, articles and other information. You can also access Sustainable Maritimes Town Hall, an ongoing Internet discussion about sustainable communities. http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Environment/SCN/SCN_commlink.html

- Terrain.org:
  - o *A Journal of the Built & Natural Environments* http://www.terrain.org is a twice yearly online journal searching for that interface—the integration— among the built and natural environments, that might be called the soul of place.
  - o UnSprawl link http://www.terrain.org/unsprawl/ provides a great case study database of projects that exemplify unsprawl ways of developing new mixed use communities. The case studies include land use plans, site maps as well as design and community information, resources and contact information .

- Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR)
  - o LSR is a nonprofit education and research organization that provides information and assistance on topics related to sustainable development. For more than 20 years, ILSR has worked with citizen groups, governments, and private companies to develop sustainable development policies. Visit this Web site and you'll find information about ILSR's activities, such as its Carbohydrate Energy Program and its work with Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy, a coalition of organizations striving for a sustainable energy policy in Minnesota. You'll also find information on a technical and educational reports on a variety of topics, including sustainable development and sustainable energy policy. http://www.ilsr.org/
  - o The Healthy Building Network works directly with municipal governments to create purchasing policies that avoid materials that are responsible for the worst environmental health impacts. While governments must protect the public health, they also must be efficient and effective with tax revenue. In the tension between these often opposing directives, HBN finds an opportunity by helping purchasing departments use their large scale purchasing power to drive down the cost for safer alternatives. This in turn makes these materials more available to all. Additionally, these market dynamics demonstrate private industry's ability to meet regulatory challenges with innovative solution that increase both economic and environmental vitality. This hybrid model is a win - win for everyone! http://www.healthybuilding.net/municipal_purchasing.html

- International Institute for Sustainable Development
  - o IISD, a Canadian non-government organization, believes that sustainable development occurs where environmental integrity, economic efficiency, and the well-being of people meet. From this standpoint, its Web site discusses many issues related to sustainable development including the concept of sustainability, presents a chronology of sustainable development, and offers sustainable development principles from the perspectives of different groups. You'll also find a wide variety of additional information, such as calendar of events, information sources, and "Hot Topics," which features timely sustainable development-related information (and it's archived so you can access past months). http://www.iisd.org/communities/