

**SMART Communities: PROJECT OVERVIEW** 

# **Defining Sustainability**

Sustainability is our capacity as a community to grow and change, to more deeply understand the inter-relationships of our human, economic, and natural systems, and to make the decisions today that ensure our viability and resilience for tomorrow.

## **Purpose Statement**

To build upon our successes and to further integrate sustainability throughout our region, within our organizations, our guiding documents, and into our decision-making. To develop expertise, tools, and processes that will be implemented to enhance livability, ensure social equity, increase transportation choices, provide affordable housing, and build a healthy local economy as integrated and efficient systems.

# **Key Program Areas**

- Lane Livability Consortium
- Public Engagement
- Integration of Housing/Economic Development/Transportation
- Climate Change/GHG
- Public Health
- Strategic Infrastructure Investments
- Capacity Building

## Goals

- To provide a *regional forum* for sustainable community planning and development, including improving our economic health, providing affordable housing, and increasing transportation choices;
- To build regional and organizational capacity for sustainability;
- To better *integrate* core community planning functions, especially in the areas of affordable housing, economic development and transportation;
- To make our public engagement programs more equitable and inclusive;
- To incorporate emerging public policy issues such as public health and climate change into our existing regional plan for sustainable development;
- To develop infrastructure investment strategies that use our limited public resources wisely and sustainably for multiple community benefits; and
- To identify ways of monitoring and *measuring progress* towards sustainable community outcomes.



# SMART Communities: PRELIMINARY TIMELINE

## **Year One**

Lane Livability Consortium Chartering/Meetings

Public Engagement Phase I

Sustainability Baseline Assessment(s)

## **Year Two**

Lane Livability Consortium Trainings/Meetings

Public Engagement Phase II

Climate Change Planning Phase I

**Regional Investment Strategy** 

Public Engagement Phase III

## **Year Three**

Climate Change Planning Phase II

Public Engagement Phase IV

Sustainability Toolkits/Capacity Building

**Sustainability Performance Measures** 

Lane Livability Consortium Ongoing Agreements

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