

Regional Community Development News – August 23, 2006 [regions_work]

A weekly compilation of news links about and for regional communities pursuing local and regional development. Published on line since November 11, 2003.

1. Survey: Washington exodus to Va., elsewhere likely after attack - Daily Press, VA

DAVIS, W.Va. -- Suburban Washington, D.C., residents would likely jump in their cars and drive through the Eastern Panhandle, Maryland and Virginia in the event of a terror attack, a new West Virginia University survey shows.

West Virginia officials say the survey underscores the need for a regional plan to handle an exodus of 6 million or 7 million people.

Many of them plan to leave the region, either heading north, south or straight through the panhandle, said WVU assistant professor Brian Gerber, who worked on the survey. He presented the results Wednesday to more than 100 public safety officials gathered for a regional evacuation conference. The event is considered a first step toward creating a regional evacuation plan.

The WVU survey of 800 residents of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia also shows many believe an attack is likely, Gerber said. "This is a very real issue that should be addressed," he said. "There's going to be some sort of large-scale self evacuation."

Homeland security officials for the National Capital Region, which includes the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, disputed the WVU study's findings, although they acknowledged that they had not reviewed it. They said a study conducted by the University of Virginia last year found that most residents would comply with "shelter in place" directives if there was a terror attack.

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2. Regional experts try to calm Atlanta's traffic problems - Macon Telegraph - Macon, GA, USA

As Atlanta motorists know, the city's population boom has exacted a price: Traffic-choked roads that rank among the nation's most clogged.

And with 2.3 million more people expected to move to the city over the next 25 years, city elders fear that congestion will only get worse.

But there is hope, experts from other booming regions told a room full of Atlanta's political and business leaders at a Thursday forum.

With the right partnership between policy makers and the private sector - and a popular consensus among the city's residents - leaders can reshape Atlanta's roads to keep pace with the projected growth.

As Craig Benedetto put it, "Congestion can be your friend. And desperation can be your ally."

Benedetto helped organize a \$14 billion San Diego plan to build a network of new high occupancy lanes, extend trolley service and beef up local streets.

Officials from Denver, too, offered their transit plan as a sign of encouragement. Workers there are reconstructing the main highway south of town and building 137 miles of light-rail and bus-rapid transit lanes.

Before it could be approved, the plan's boosters painstakingly presented it to each individual community for comments and suggestions.

"They had buy-in. They had ownership of the plan," said Clarence Marsella, the general manager of Denver's Regional Transportation District. "It's very, very important because we knew it would be responsive to their needs."

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Atlanta is still years away from a comprehensive plan, said Sam Olens, chairman of the [Atlanta Regional Commission](#). ...

3. Climb out of the rut - Cleveland Plain Dealer - Cleveland, OH,USA

Cleveland and the region must do whatever it takes to reverse population decline before it's too late

The numbers may not be exactly right. The U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, which now estimates Cleveland's population at just 414,534, has a history of low-balling cities. So maybe Cleveland really hasn't lost more than 10 percent of its population since 2000. Maybe it's not headed below 400,000 for the first time since William McKinley was president.

But only an ostrich could deny the macro-trends, some of them building for decades, all of them evident in tax, school and other data:

Cleveland and Cuyahoga County are losing population. So are Akron and Lorain. Growth in the rest of the metropolitan area, with the exception of Medina County, is slower than national averages and amounts to little more than steady movement outward from the urban cores. Northeast Ohio isn't gaining population; it's redistributing it.

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RC: [Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency](#)

4. Heart of the Triad study now expected in the fall - Greensboro News Record - Greensboro, NC,USA

Results from a months-long study about the best way to develop 18,000 acres of prime land in the center of the Triad will be a few months late, officials involved with the Heart of the Triad project acknowledged this week.

The land-use and transportation study is intended to provide a blueprint for a regional job center on land that planners think is underdeveloped and ripe for growth. The site straddles six different local government jurisdictions and is roughly bookended by the Dell plant in Union Cross and the new FedEx hub at Piedmont Triad International Airport.

The study, which originally was expected to be completed by midsummer, is not likely to be finished until early fall, said Brent McKinney, executive director of the Piedmont

Authority for Regional Transportation. PART has been a lead agency in Heart of the Triad planning.

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RCs: Forsyth County - Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments; Guilford County - Piedmont Triad Council of Governments

5. Peyton talks growth with developers - Jacksonville Daily Record - Jacksonville, FL, USA

Mayor John Peyton's son Connor may have a child of his own by the time some of the City's plans for the future come to fruition. That's not to imply that government works slowly — it does, and Peyton admits so. It's meant to show how far into the future Peyton and his staff are looking.

At Wednesday's meeting of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, Peyton talked about several things but his 15-minute address focused on the City's 2030 plan. He said it's called "build-out 2030" and it's the first time the City has looked that far down the road. Peyton referred to the plan as going from "land use to land re-use" and outlined five facets within the plan.

- Invest regionally — Peyton said the current method of having the developer come to the City and other entities including surrounding neighborhoods is antiquated and inherently slow. "We need to reduce the bureaucracy, which is a complete paradigm shift," he said. "We need to do it a smarter way, which means breaking the county into livable areas and decide what it should look and feel like."
- Think regionally – "People's lives do not stop and start at the county line," said Peyton. "What's good for our neighbor is good for us. We have to think that way. Much of the growth is not in Duval County but in counties outside Duval. The notion of competing for jobs is not smart. Businesses know where they want to go, not the government."

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RC: Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council - Region IV

6. State and Regional Responses to Disasters: Solving the 72-Hour Problem - Heritage.org - Washington, DC, USA

On average, the federal government needs 72 hours to marshal national resources in response to an incident that has surpassed a state's response capacity. Usually, a 72-hour delay is not a problem. State and local governments manage most of the responders that arrive immediately at a disaster scene and, in most circumstances, have the critical assets needed to carry themselves through the first three days. This was largely the case even during terrorist attacks, such as the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City and both attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City. On the other hand, when catastrophic disasters overwhelm state and local governments at the outset, as in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the 72-hour buffer disappears, and any delays in a coordinated federal, state, and local response have serious consequences.

Better planning at a **regional** level could prevent such shortfalls in disaster response. Such efforts should take the form of state-based regional programs that focus on ensuring that states are prepared to sustain themselves and that facilitate cooperation among federal, state, and local efforts. In the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Congress

mandated that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) set up a regional structure. Such a structure that coordinates and collaborates with state-based regional programs could help to close the 72-hour gap.

What Is Missing

Emergency management follows a three-tiered approach. The first tier is composed of local authorities and entities, which are responsible for incidents that occur within their jurisdictions. If the incident is too large for the local entities to handle alone, the second tier of state authorities responds. When the state is overwhelmed, the federal government provides support as the third tier.

However, a fourth, regional tier should be added to this process between the state and federal tiers. Regional programs, in conjunction with DHS regional offices, could provide states with needed support during incidents that are too large for an individual state to manage on its own but that also do not require a full federal response.

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7. Stafford wants its money - The Free Lance-Star - Fredericksburg, VA,USA

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North Stafford straddles two worlds--the metropolitan hustle of Northern Virginia and Washington and the suburban pace of the Fredericksburg region. Based on population numbers gathered in the 2000 Census, North Stafford had grown so much it was included in the Washington urbanized area, in addition to the Fredericksburg area. North Stafford's inclusion increased the amount of public transit money, called Section 5307 funds, that went to the Washington area.

But Stafford's not the only place in Northern Virginia that's contributing money but not getting local transit service from WMATA. Parts of Loudoun and Prince William counties, and Manassas and Manassas Park, also generate money for WMATA but get nothing exclusively local in return. If these counties follow Stafford's lead by trying to get their money back for local transit, WMATA could lose \$1.6 to \$2.5 million a year in funding, according to an estimate by the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission.

Lloyd Robinson, chief of transportation planning for the [Rappahannock Area Development Commission](#), the umbrella organization of FAMPO, told FAMPO members the Washington-area organization would be reluctant to part with Stafford's money.

... the George Washington Regional Commission has moved a step closer to reality. Four out of five localities have approved its new charter. The charter, slated to transform the Rappahannock Area Development Commission into the George Washington Regional Commission, is before the Caroline Board of Supervisors tonight. If passed, the new charter and name will take effect Oct. 1.

8. As region's population growth strains water supplies, towns are forced to find new sources or curb development - Boston Globe - United States

Even with a soaking spring and a greater-than-average rainfall so far this year, fast-growing communities south of Boston are focusing on their water supplies, girding for future demand from thirsty, burgeoning populations. By 2030, 18 area communities may need more water than they are currently allowed to draw from their wells or reservoirs, according to a recent study by the [Metropolitan Area Planning Council](#).

The study highlights a longstanding issue for the region, which is considered the fastest-growing region among Boston suburbs. By accident of geography or hydrology, some communities are water-rich, while many lack sufficient storage or aquifers to meet demand, leaving them investigating every potential source from new wells to the ocean.

By projecting future population growth and water consumption against current water-withdrawal limits set by the state Department of Environmental Protection, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council report draws attention to area communities that may need to find new sources of water, adopt stricter conservation programs, or have their water-withdrawal limits increased by the state in order to keep up with their growth.

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9. Highlands Council denies request for maps - Dailyrecord.com - Parsippany, NJ,USA

The New Jersey Highlands Council has denied the Daily Record's request for the computer files it used to create some of the maps posted on the council's Web site.

In a request under the state's Open Public Records Act, the newspaper asked for the files used to create the maps in seven technical reports posted on the Master Plan Public Releases section of the council's Web site, www.highlands.state.nj.us, between July 17 and July 27, as well as the zoning map files for the seven counties with land in the region.

The newspaper requested the files because the maps are in a format that does not allow for in-depth analysis or allow for the specific identification of areas or sites within the region. ...

10. U.S. regional communities - sub-State, State or multi-State - in news articles. Highlighted words are Google search terms. In this and the following section, links to websites of organizations are added to the news excerpt when this is the first time an organization has been found. A goal of this newsletter is to find every regional council in the U.S. in a news story. In most cases, where a full name is present a Google search will quickly get one to that organization.

a) Rail Runner gets its 100,000 rider

Rio Rancho Observer - Rio Rancho, NM,USA

... "The ridership has been nothing short of phenomenal," said Lawrence Rael, Executive Director of the Mid-Region Council of Governments. "We've been averaging well over 4,000 passengers a day since the train started running back in mid-July. ...

b) Internet project breaks ground

Delmarva Daily Times - MD,USA

... culmination of more than a decade of effort ... Maryland Broadband Cooperative will begin building the fiber-optic network from its starting point at the NASA facilities on Wallops Island in about 60 to 90 days, said Mike Pennington, executive director of the Lower Shore **Tri-County Council** ...

c) IBM Global Services Aids Toledo-Based Regional Growth Partnership with Economic Development

SWBusiness.fi - Finland

IBM announced that the **Regional Growth Partnership** (RGP), the lead economic development agency for Northwest Ohio, has appointed IBM management consultants to advise the agency with its strategies to attract inward investment and economic development to the region. ... This includes assessing Toledo and Northwest Ohio's skills and competitive position in core business sectors against those of similar **regions**.
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d) Richmond region stays competitive

Richmond Times Dispatch - Richmond, VA, USA

The greater Richmond region boasts lower crime rates, higher mortgage payments, less poverty and shorter commutes than two similar southern metropolitan areas.... It chose Nashville and Jacksonville because those **regions** compete with Richmond to attract businesses and residents. ...

e) Tribes shouldn't get vote power on government land-use panel

Modesto Bee - Modesto, CA, USA

A bill to give 16 Southern California tribes the right to join the Southern California Association of **Governments** as voting members is moving easily through the Legislature. ... It has one more procedural vote in the Assembly before it goes to Gov. Schwarzenegger. When it gets to the governor's desk, this bill should be vetoed. ...

f) Move Will Ease Transportation Management Across New York State

Empire Information Services, Inc. (press release) - Schenectady, NY, USA

... today announced that the agency will be adjusting some of its **regional boundaries** to better serve the transportation needs of New Yorkers. ... Initially, two counties in four of the 11 NYSDOT regions will be affected by the realignment, including Columbia and Tioga. [Map PDF](#)

g) State windfall to pay for regional planning

Allentown Morning Call - Allentown, PA, USA

A group of municipalities in southern Carbon County has landed a \$29,400 state grant to complete a regional comprehensive plan for land use and future development. Palmerton, Bowmanstown and Towamensing and Lower Towamensing townships got the money from the state Department of Community and Economic Development ...

h) Annexation plan assailed

Sacramento Bee - CA, USA

... embody the "smart growth" planning principles contained in the regional "blueprint" for growth recently adopted by the Sacramento **Area Council** of Governments. ...

i) Interim COG Director Chosen

Hollister Free Lance - Hollister, CA, USA

San Benito County **Council of Governments** officials have announced that local resident Bob Davies will be serving as interim COG director for the next several months while the board seeks a permanent replacement. ...

j) State to fund Fountain Creek study

Pueblo Chieftain - Pueblo, CO, USA

The state has provided funds for a study of high levels of E. coli bacteria on Fountain Creek to determine if the cause is human or animal. ... \$450,000, three-year study of

Fountain Creek in cooperation with Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs Utilities and the Pikes Peak **Area Council** of Governments. ...

k) Think regionally

Bradenton Herald - FL, United States

... Bill Galvano of Bradenton is working to create such a regional authority, one that would **cross jurisdictional** lines to oversee transportation policy throughout ...

l) Consolidation not in everyone's interest

Toledo Free Press - OH, USA

With the prospect of Toledo/Lucas County consolidation being bandied about, it is time to consider the prospects of what some mistakenly see as a progressive move. There are only 37 city/county consolidations in the U.S., ... only five attempts have been successful in the last 15 years, ... key to success was ...

m) Multi-state study will target turkeys

Patriot-News - Harrisburg, PA,USA

Once again we've been shown the total lack of regard that wildlife has for our artificial, manmade boundaries. In the first year of a three-state, four-year study of wild turkeys - one of the largest wildlife studies ever mounted - two banded birds from New York were harvested in Pennsylvania, while one from Pennsylvania was taken in New York. ...

n) Stratford to host regional conference on ethics

Connecticut Post - Bridgeport, CT,USA

... planning stages, will take place either in mid-November or sometime in March, according to Robert Chaloux, vice chairman of the Stratford Ethics **Commission**. ...

o) UUACOG offers low interest loans to qualified homeowners

Mountain Mail Newspaper - Salida, CO,USA

The Upper Arkansas **Area Council** of Governments' Home Improvement Program offers low-interest loans to qualified homeowners. Loans ...

p) SEDA-COG program leading the region to cleaner, cheaper energy

Sunbury Daily Item - Sunbury, PA,USA

... While officials at the center work one on one with local businesses and governments, director Stacy Richards also hopes to turn the region into a example for wise energy use for the state. "We envision our region being a prosperous center of efficient and renewable energy technology and expertise," Ms. Richards said. ...

11. Other in the news: Highlighted words are Google search terms.

a) Regional Qld development formula: 10 x 10 equals 100

Queensland Business Review - Spring Hill, Queensland, Australia

Too many Queensland regions have been disappointed trying to get the 'one big' development, when they should look for 10 small to medium-sized ones, according to ...

b) Top names drawn to city region summit

ic Birmingham.co.uk - Birmingham, UK

Some of the biggest names in the world of local government and business are to have their say on whether Birmingham and the West Midlands should be given city region

status. ... Billed as City Regions: The Big Debate, an invited audience will join a panel of speakers at the ICC in Birmingham on September 11 to debate the future ...

c) Helping to revitalize rural Alberta

Vulcan Advocate - Vulcan, Alberta, Canada

... SouthGrow is a part of the Regional Development Alliance, or RDA, which consists of 24 communities. The RDA has recently partnered with Economic Development Lethbridge in order to position themselves to be the leader of alternative energy production in the world....

d) Push for abattoir moves to next phase

Fort Frances Times - ON, Canada

After more than three months of research and fact-finding by the board of directors of the Rainy River District Regional Abattoir, the results were presented to members last Thursday night at the Barwick Community Centre. And with 34 votes cast, there was a unanimous decision to continue with the ...

e) Homes 'held up' by water supplies

BBC News - UK

... Scottish Water's head of development Alan Thomson said it was important developers talked to them about their plans. ... "Although councils may zone areas for huge amounts of housing over a number of years, this doesn't mean that Scottish Water will immediately commit capital expenditure well in advance of development occurring. ...

f) Plan events regionally

British Columbia North Island Gazette - Woss, British Columbia, Canada

Event planners and organizers must start thinking more **regionally**. This spring and summer visitors and locals were too often torn ...

g) Army to play active role in regional development, new 8ID Chief assures

Philippine Information Agency - Philippines

... based in Camp Vicente Lukban here at Samar's capital assured that the army under his command will continue to play an active role in **regional development**. ...

h) Malaysia unveils plan to be developed nation by 2020

Hindustan Times - India

... The **plan** also earmarked biotechnology, nanotechnology, radio frequency identification, wireless technology ... "**Integration** into the **regional** and global supply ...

i) The national menace of sectionalism

News Today - India

... I am defining the term Sectionalism in a very broad and comprehensive way to include the problems of casteism, **regionalism**, communalism, linguistic chauvinism ...

j) Beijing cracks the whip on rogue projects

Asia Times Online - Kowloon, Hong Kong

China's central government has used its iron fist once again to deal with rampant

regionalism that has virtually nullified its attempts to cool the overheated economy over the past two years. It remains to be seen whether the closing of the Xinfeng power project will scare off the other regional players in their headlong quest for growth at any expense. ...

k) Regional Push To Save Auckland - Wellington Rail Service

newswire.co.nz - Havelock Nth, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

The Auckland Regional Land Transport Committee has thrown its support behind a potential continuation of the Overlander train service and is calling for the investigation into a new operational strategy ... intends to cancel the Overlander train service from 30 September, marking the end of a 98-year train service between Auckland and Wellington. ...

l) Chinese Security Expert Warns of Threats Throughout the Globe

The Conservative Voice - Kernersville, NC, USA

... Xiong discussed security threats at the annual conference of his institute. He outlined three types of security threats: terrorism which is considered a non-traditional threat; nuclear proliferation which is a traditional threat to security; and natural security threats which are considered natural disasters such as the Indian Ocean tsunami, and a possible bird flu pandemic. ...

m) Warming forces winemaker to look south

The Australian - Sydney, Australia

GRAPE growers have been warned that global warming will push the best winegrowing **regions** south to Tasmania and New Zealand, threatening Australia's best-loved wine regions. ...

n) THE REGIONS PUSH BACK

Eurasian Home Analytical Resource - Moscow, Russia

The Russian federal government continues with its move to assert control over the **regions**, and to spread United Russia's influence throughout the country, to ...

o) LISBON DECLARATION

Directorio del Estado - Reus, Capital Federal, Argentina

The Ministers and Heads of Delegation of Latin American, the Caribbean and the European Union countries, and the member of the European Commission, present in the IV European Union (EU) – Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Ministerial Forum on Information Society, held 28-29 April of 2006 in Lisbon, Portugal: ... Taking into account the Tunis Agenda of the World Summit on the Information Society, ...

p) South Africa: Gauteng Positions Itself As Global Region

AllAfrica.com - Washington, USA

The Gauteng legislature is to hold a special sitting next week to launch a strategy to propel the "city of gold" into a globally competitive **region**. ...

q) The de facto governance of homeowner associations can't replace comprehensive long-term planning

Asheville Citizen-Times - NC, USA

We have a growing problem in Western North Carolina that is receiving little attention from our civic leaders — an outmoded method of dealing with residential community

infrastructure. Rather than address zoning and other land use issues, some of our local governments have abdicated that responsibility to private organizations. A growing number of subdivisions governed by homeowner associations are grappling with deteriorating roads, revenue shortfalls and questionable slope construction. ... this approach is a poor substitute for comprehensive planning and regulation. ...

r) The amazing Wikis

GCN.com - Washington, DC, USA

It turned out folks from a wide swath of intelligence, defense and civilian agencies wanted to know how they could use an emerging form of online **collaboration** ...

s) Expanding the Boundaries of the Geospatial Standards World

DirectionsMag.com - Glencoe, IL, USA

... A few years ago, the OGC changed its name to make people think in terms of "geospatial" instead of "GIS," because "GIS" is only one of many geospatial technologies. We broadened our scope and our thinking to remove barriers that were preventing the full range of geospatial capabilities from being used in the larger information technology world. This move brought the work of OGC into contact with other standards efforts. The strands of the great twenty-first century interoperability cable are spinning together in ways that are hard to predict. Global industries are recognizing their need for standards, and global standards organizations are recognizing their need for close coordination, because different industries do not exist in isolation from each other, and neither do different digital technologies.

12. Sub-State Regions - Minnesota - U.S. Census – Midwest Region; West North Central Division, FIPS Code 27

Following is a selection of links relating to regional arrangements in Minnesota. This year each issue features a State with links to maps of regions and regional related resources. The [Census Regions and Divisions of the United States](#) (PDF) map is being used going, region by region from the Northeast to the South to the Midwest to the West.

a) MN Regional Development Organizations

b) MN - Labor Market Information - Regions

c) Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

d) Minnesota State Parks by region

e) Rural Health Resource Center - Regions

f) Prevailing wage rates Construction Regions

g) Minnesota Grown Directory Search

h) MN - The Arts Economic Impact by region

i) Field Services Epidemiologists in Greater Minn.

j) Minnesota Golf - six areas - regions

13. Announcements

a) Regional Stewardship From The Top Down And The Bottom Up - November 15th-17th, 2006 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL

The Alliance for Regional Stewardship 8th National Forum is an opportunity to surf the leading edges of regional stewardship. The conference will explore how state governments like Florida, Kentucky, Michigan and California are embracing regional approaches to problem solving. At the same time, Forum participants will learn from each other and from national experts how to advance their own regional agendas by putting cutting edge communications, research, and organizing tools to work.

b) ScanBalt BioRegion - Europe's first metaregion

The report "Scanbalt BioRegion - Creating a Knowledge Based Bio-Economy" marks the end of the project "ScanBalt - Network of Networks" financed by the Nordic Innovation Centre. This report outlines the milestones, and achievements of ScanBalt and ScanBalt BioRegion from the initial vision in 2001, to the present day - with the recognition as Europe's first successful metaregion.

c) Substate Estimates from the 2002-2004 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health – Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies

A.1. Introduction

This report presents estimates of the prevalence of substance use or mental health problems in substate areas during 2002-2004 based on the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). NSDUH is an annual survey of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population aged 12 or older. The report marks a second time that detailed data for substate areas have been presented by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The first report to provide such estimates used data from the 1999-2001 surveys (Office of Applied Studies [OAS], 2005). This second report presents estimates for 22 measures of substance use or mental health problems based on the 2002-2004 NSDUHs. Estimates of underage alcohol use among persons aged 12 to 20 and binge alcohol use also are included in this report. These two reports provide a more detailed perspective on the variations in substance use rates both within and across States than was possible with prior State reports (Wright & Sathe, 2005, 2006).

Estimates are provided here for each of the 357 substate areas representing collectively the 50 States and the District of Columbia. These areas were defined by officials from each State and were typically based on the substance abuse treatment planning areas specified by the States in their applications for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant administered by SAMHSA. NSDUH is sponsored by SAMHSA and collects information from residents of households, residents of noninstitutionalized group quarters (e.g., shelters, rooming houses, dormitories), and civilians living on military bases. In 2002-2004, NSDUH collected data from approximately 204,000 respondents aged 12 or older and was stratified to obtain representative samples from all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The survey was planned and managed by SAMHSA's OAS. Data collection was conducted under contract with RTI International.

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d) Enterprise Facilitation – Taos, New Mexico - October 17 - 19, 2006.

Using Enterprise Facilitation, Taos County has created 60 new jobs in just 14 months of operations! Over the course of these 3 days you will learn:

1. How do you create an environment which allows the maximum number of people to come forward and ask for help with their dreams?
2. When they come, what do you tell them?
3. How do you insure that confidentiality is maintained?
4. How do you avoid issues of dependency?
5. How do you avoid issues of liability?
6. What is the difference between business advice and management advice?
7. How does responsive work with entrepreneurs interact with existing programs and initiatives?
8. What is the most important piece of advice that can be offered to an entrepreneur?

The Enterprise Facilitation Observatory is intended for teams of up to 5 persons who represent a specific geographic area.

See www.sirolli.com for more information.

Richardson Announces Enterprise Facilitation Program Leads to Almost 50 New Jobs in Taos County - October 28, 2005

TAOS—Governor Bill Richardson today announced that the recently launched Enterprise Facilitation program in Taos County has assisted 10 businesses and created 49 new jobs in the past year. The Governor spoke today at one of these new businesses, the Little Bug Child Development Center in Taos.

“When I ran for Governor, I promised I would work tirelessly to move New Mexico forward,” said Governor Richardson. “The best way to do this and to create opportunities for our children is to improve our economy, the engine of progress. Almost 50 new jobs in Taos in under two years is a significant accomplishment.”

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14. Subscription link stories.

a) Water coalition getting word out - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
(subscription) - Milwaukee, WI, USA

A new water conservation coalition has a success story to share as it launches its efforts to spread a water-saving message throughout the region.

Water Conservation Coalition's Mission

Develop and deliver educational materials and programs that enable individuals to safeguard their own drinking water, primarily private, non-regulated supplies.

Encourage communities and water users to develop and adopt conservation plans that contain reduction goals for water consumption.

Develop strategies to help communities and water users achieve reduction goals and that could possibly be used in a region-wide reduction.

Develop indicators that measure the outcome of the educational initiatives.

In Waukesha, where curtailing water use is a crucial issue as the city searches for new radium-free sources, consumption is down nearly 12% this summer after a new conservation ordinance went into effect.

The reduction comes even though the Waukesha Water Utility has hooked up 121 new customers so far this year, said Dan Duchniak, general manager of the utility.

Some of the reduction can be attributed to a summer with normal rainfall, compared with last year's dry weather, but the fact that peak water use is happening on days when Waukesha allows sprinkling is evidence the new measure is working, he said.

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b) High-density growth makes knots tighter - Atlanta Journal Constitution
(subscription) - GA, USA

The development community, astute folks who know how to survive and prosper in a world of crazed no-growth activists and cost-shifting regulators, often do it by cloaking their projects in the language of their critics: smart growth, live-work-play communities and sustainable development, among others.

It all adds up to density, though — high density, like much of that now cropping up along I-285 on the Northside. It's transportation disaster in the making. The highway capacity doesn't exist to carry current traffic, much less that to be generated by the new spate of high-rise development: 1,200-unit condos, 12- and 18-story condo projects. Buses and trains aren't a solution.

The fact of life in metro Atlanta is that there is no single downtown, no employment center where people are drawn in the morning and out in the evening, making public transportation a realistic option. In metro Atlanta, we move hither and yon to destinations that public transit can't reasonably or effectively serve. The best hope for relief is to fix traffic bottlenecks, to continue building a limited-purpose rush-hour public bus system and to reconsider high-density development that exceeds highway carrying capacity.

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15. Google News for “Regional Community”

Other menu sections available from this link include: Regional Development; Regional Council; Regional Commission; Regional America; Regional Asia; Regional Europe; Regional Competition; Regionalism; Intergovernmental and other search terms. They can be sorted by date or relevance. These are among the 50 search terms I use to produce this newsletter.

My name is Tom Christoffel. I've worked in the field of intergovernmental cooperation since 1973. As a consequence, "I see regions." *Regional Community Development News* is published weekly based on news reports as of Wednesday. Making visible analysis and actions at multi-jurisdictional regional scales is its purpose. "Think globally, act locally" was innovative in its time. Today the local scale is often too small to address today's needs and opportunities. "Think local planet, act regionally," is my candidate paradigm. (No one said we're only allowed one paradigm.) We can see that “regional communities” are organized locally and now act both to avoid tragedy in the commons and gain benefits. An effective multi-jurisdictional regional community has DNA: it is geographically Defined; has a common Name and its Alignment is inclusive of smaller communities and participatory in larger communities. So, by scanning this compilation, reading articles and checking organizations - you too will be able to see the regional communities that already exist. News references are found using the Google News search service. Media article links are “fair use” to transform globally scattered reports to make regional approaches visible. Links go to the publisher and do not compete with it. Such publishers are likely to have related stories and thus be seen by new customers. “Regional” is an emerging news category. There is no charge for this service and no profit is made from its use, though any user can become more aware of the topic itself.

To read and search previous issues go to:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/regions_work/messages The term “Development” was added to the name in January, 2006.

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