



Please complete the survey below.

Thank you!

The survey will collect information about the process and and impact of the Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) regional planning grant awarded to your region.

Questions will focus on:

1. Strategies used to encourage public participation
2. Topics of broad concern across your region
3. Influences of the process on relationships between localities and/or organizations

There are no wrong answers and you should respond to survey questions based on your opinion or assessment.

Your survey response will remain anonymous, so your answers will not be connected to your name or organization.

Other regions awarded SCI regional planning grants are also completing this survey. The information collected from this research will be used to identify best practices and inform future planning efforts.

Thank you for taking the time to share your insights related to the SCI regional planning process.

With what region are you primarily associated?

- Gulf Regional Planning Commission (GRPC)
- Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC)
- New River Valley, Virginia (NRVPDC)
- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)
- Other (specify)

[reset](#)

What role did you primarily assume in the SCI regional planning process?

- Regional planning organization staff
- Other governmental stakeholder
- Non-profit stakeholder
- Advocacy or interest-group stakeholder
- Technical assistance provider or consultant
- Interested citizen
- Other (specify)

[reset](#)

What was the primary role for local community development corporations (CDCs) and nonprofits in the SCI regional planning process? (CHOOSE TWO ITEMS)

- Helped communicate the relevance of the process to regional stakeholders
- Provided expertise and analysis
- Increased access to non-traditional stakeholders
- Identified planning goals and planning actions
- Ensured a fair process
- We did not interact with these groups
- Other (specify)

What was the primary role for advocacy or interest-based groups in the SCI regional planning process? (CHOOSE TWO ITEMS)

- Helped communicate the relevance of the process to regional stakeholders
- Provided expertise and analysis
- Increased access to non-traditional stakeholders

- Identified planning goals and planning actions
- Ensured a fair process
- We did not interact with these groups
- Other (specify)

These questions ask you to reflect on any influence of the SCI regional planning process on COLLABORATION.

In your opinion, has the SCI regional planning process:

	Yes	No	Don't Know	
Built local capacity for collaborative planning efforts?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
Reduced the "costs" of collaboration through funding provision?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
Built trust between organizations?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
Developed a common framework/goals for organizations to support?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset

To what degree do you think the structure of the SCI mandate to develop a regional consortium influenced collaboration on planning issues between JURISDICTIONS (i.e., city/county/region/town) in your region?

- Greatly increased collaboration
- Slightly increased collaboration
- Did not influence collaboration
- Slightly decreased collaboration
- Greatly decreased collaboration
- I don't know

[reset](#)

Briefly elaborate on your observation related to changes in inter-jurisdictional collaboration, including anything related to the process that may have influenced collaboration:

[Expand](#)

To what degree do you think the structure of the SCI mandate to develop a regional consortium influenced collaboration between NON-TRADITIONAL PARTNERS in your region?

- Greatly increased collaboration
- Slightly increased collaboration
- Did not influence collaboration
- Slightly decreased collaboration
- Greatly decreased collaboration
- I don't know

[reset](#)

Briefly elaborate on your opinion related to changes in collaboration with non-traditional partners in the region, including factors that might promote or hinder new partnerships:

[Expand](#)

Do you anticipate that relationships developed through the regional consortium will continue after the SCI grant is completed?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

[reset](#)

Please explain any other influence that you think the SCI regional planning process has had on COLLABORATION between organizations, groups or agencies:

Expand

These questions ask you to reflect on the influence of the SCI regional planning process on YOUR REGION.

In your opinion, has the SCI regional planning process:

	Yes	No	Don't Know	
Increased the quality or sophistication of community engagement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
Raised public expectations for community engagement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
Contributed to the perceived value of community engagement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
Helped to introduce the interrelationships between economic, environmental and equity needs?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset

How do you think the integration of required housing assessment (e.g., Fair Housing Equity Assessment) in the SCI regional planning process will influence future policies or plans in your region? (CHOOSE UP TO THREE ITEMS).

- It will likely influence comprehensive planning
- It will likely inform zoning ordinance amendments
- It will likely promote coalition building
- It will likely support future community development investments
- It will likely influence future transportation policies or investments
- It will likely influence other inclusive housing policies
- It will likely influence collaboration on policies or plans
- It will not likely influence future policies or plans

Please explain any other influence that you think the SCI regional planning process has had on YOUR REGION:

Expand

These questions ask you to reflect on PARTICIPATION strategies used in the SCI regional planning process.

In your opinion, has the SCI regional planning process helped collect community input that is representative of diverse interests in the region (i.e., age, race, income, location)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

[reset](#)

What barriers, if any, challenged the engagement of underrepresented or disadvantaged populations?

- Lack of time to participate
- Lack of interest in the process
- Lack of perceived relevance of the process
- Language or cultural barriers
- Limits to trust or history of relationship
- Other (specify)

Please explain your answer:

Expand

In your opinion, what were the top TWO effective and/or innovative approaches to engaging underrepresented or disadvantaged groups in the SCI regional planning process?

Expand

What were the top TWO challenges in promoting policies which met the needs of disadvantaged populations (i.e., affordable housing, workforce education, green space, etc.) in the regional planning process? (CHOOSE TWO ITEMS)

- Political opposition
- Difficulty engaging issues of race and class
- Experience working on issues of social equity
- Barriers to engagement with underrepresented or disadvantaged groups
- Limitations in influencing local regulatory decision making
- Funding or resource limitations
- We did not face challenges
- Other (specify)

Please explain your answer:

Expand

These questions ask you to reflect on the influence of the SCI regional planning process on YOUR ORGANIZATION.

In your opinion, has the SCI regional planning process:

	Yes	No	Don't Know	
Introduced new policy areas that your organization previously did not address?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
Focused new connections for your organization between economic development and social equity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
Provoked a new internal commitment to social equity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
Emphasized a regional lens for land use/development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
Improved relationships between yours and other organizations in the region?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset

In your opinion, has the SCI regional planning process influenced your organization's traditional approach to community development in any of the following ways? (check

- It established my organization as a leader in community development research or advocacy

all that apply)

- It revealed new and potential community development partners
- It increased my organization's ability to facilitate community discussions
- It improved my organization's perceived expertise in community development
- It introduced new data
- It introduced new community needs
- It has not influenced my organization's approach to community development
- Other (specify)

Please explain your answer:

[Expand](#)

Please explain any other influence that you think the SCI regional planning process has had on YOUR ORGANIZATION:

[Expand](#)

This final section asks for your OVERALL assessment of the SCI regional planning process:

In your opinion, what is the biggest accomplishment of the SCI regional planning process that would not have been possible without the structure or financial support from the federal grant?

[Expand](#)

How willing would you be to help implement the plan that resulted from this process?

- Greatly willing
- Slightly willing
- Neutral
- Slightly unwilling
- Greatly unwilling

[reset](#)

Is there anything else you would like to share about the SCI regional planning process and your involvement?

[Expand](#)

[Submit](#)

