

# Smart Growth and Urban Forests



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# Smart Growth



Investing in Places with Existing Infrastructure

Creating Livable Communities



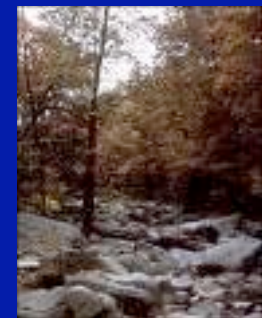






# Urban Forests

- Improved Air and Water Quality
- Slow Stormwater Runoff and facilitate infiltration and treatment
- Mitigate Global Warming by Reducing Green House Gases
- Social and Psychological benefits



# Trees are critical urban infrastructure



# Turning Gray Infrastructure Green

## Sustainable Streets



# Green Roofs, Sidewalks, Tracks



# LEED-ND--Green Urbanism

- Partnership of NRDC, CNU, & U.S. Green Building Council
- Will formally launch in 2009
- For whole neighborhoods and smaller infill projects that complement communities
- Evaluated on:
  - Smart Location and Linkages
  - Neighborhood Pattern
  - Green Construction & Technology

# Prince George's County, MD Countywide Green Infrastructure Plan

- Established goal, objectives and policies for implementation
- Mapped Green Infrastructure
- 3 years to complete



# Implementation

- Subdivision Ordinance
  - Stream Buffers
- Revise Woodland Conservation Ordinance
- Tree Canopy Program
- Code Changes



# Challenges

- Time frame
- Developing/Developed/Rural Tier
- Implementation
- Oversight



# Additional Resources

- APA [www.planning.org/forestry](http://www.planning.org/forestry)
- New Partners for Smart Growth Conference [www.newpartners.org](http://www.newpartners.org)
- Congress for New Urbanism  
[www.cnu.org](http://www.cnu.org)
- Smart Growth America  
[www.smartgrowthamerica.org](http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org)
- City Trees: Sustainability Guidelines and Best Practices  
<http://www.treetrust.org/pdfs/citytrees-bonestroopilot.pdf>