Sustainable Communities Task Force Overview

November 9, 2010

SCTF Sustainable Communities Task Force

The **goal** of this new initiative is *healthy and equitable development without compromising natural systems and the needs of future generations of North Carolinians*. (143B-344.34)

Legislation passed as part of budget bill, July 2010 with $250,000 NR Grant Fund. Also Tech Amendments.

SIX SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES

MIRROR FEDERAL LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES   (143B-344.34(b))

✖ **Better transportation choices.** *– Offering safe, reliable, and economical motorized and nonmotorized transportation options to decrease household transportation costs, reduce dependence on foreign oil, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote public health.*

✖ **Equitable, affordable housing.** *– Encouraging the provision to North Carolina citizens of all ages, incomes, races, and ethnicities expanded location-, water-, and energy-efficient housing choices that increase mobility, decrease the impact on existing water and energy infrastructure, and lower the combined cost of housing and transportation.*

✖ **Enhanced economic competitiveness.** *– Expanding business access to markets and improving North Carolina's economic competitiveness through reliable and timely access to employment centers, educational opportunities, services, and other basic needs by workers.*

✖ **Support of existing communities**. *– Targeting public funds toward existing communities that are using strategies such as transit-oriented, mixed-use development, and land recycling to increase community revitalization, enhance the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of public works investments, and protect rural landscapes.*

✖ **Coordination and leverage of State policies and investment.** *– Aligning State and local government policies and funding to remove barriers to collaboration, leverage funding, and increase the accountability and effectiveness of government in planning for future growth.*

✖ **Recognize and support communities and neighborhoods**. *– Preserving and enhancing the unique characteristics of rural, urban, and suburban communities by investing in healthy, safe, and walkable neighborhoods.*

TASKS/DUTIES (143B-344.35)

- Apply for federal funding on behalf of state (grant writing)

- Promote Regional Partnerships and assist them with grant writing

- Identify federal funding opportunities

TASKS/DUTIES

- ✖ Provide Technical Assistance
  - ✚ Scenario Planning
  - ✚ Progress Measurement Metrics
  - ✚ Public Participation Strategies

TASKS/DUTIES

- ✖ Recommend Policies

- ✖ Recommend Appropriations

- ✖ Scorecard/Grant Program for Fund

- ✖ Align State Service and Investments

Sustainable Communities Task Force

× **David Knight,** *Chair*
DENR

× **Dr. Ruth Petersen**
DHHS-DPH

× **Anne Bander**
Dept of Administration

× **Scott Farmer**
Housing Finance Agency

× **Jim Westmoreland**
DOT

× **Libby Smith**
Commerce

STATE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES (143B-344.36(a))

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SENATE

Paul Norby
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Winston-Salem

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Executive Director
Land-of-Sky COG

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City of Charlotte

Brian Schneiderman
Director of Commercial Lending
Self-Help Credit Union

GOVERNOR
John Hodges-Copple
Planning Director
Triangle J COG

PURPOSES OF GRANT FUND (143B-344.37)

* Improve regional planning that integrates housing and transit

* Increase capacity to improve LUP and zoning, and

* Provide <= 50% match of required local match for federal monies

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS (143B-344.37)

- Regional Bodies
- Cities
- Counties
- Must be defined Metro/TTA/Partnership with workplan of activities & public participation process with MOU
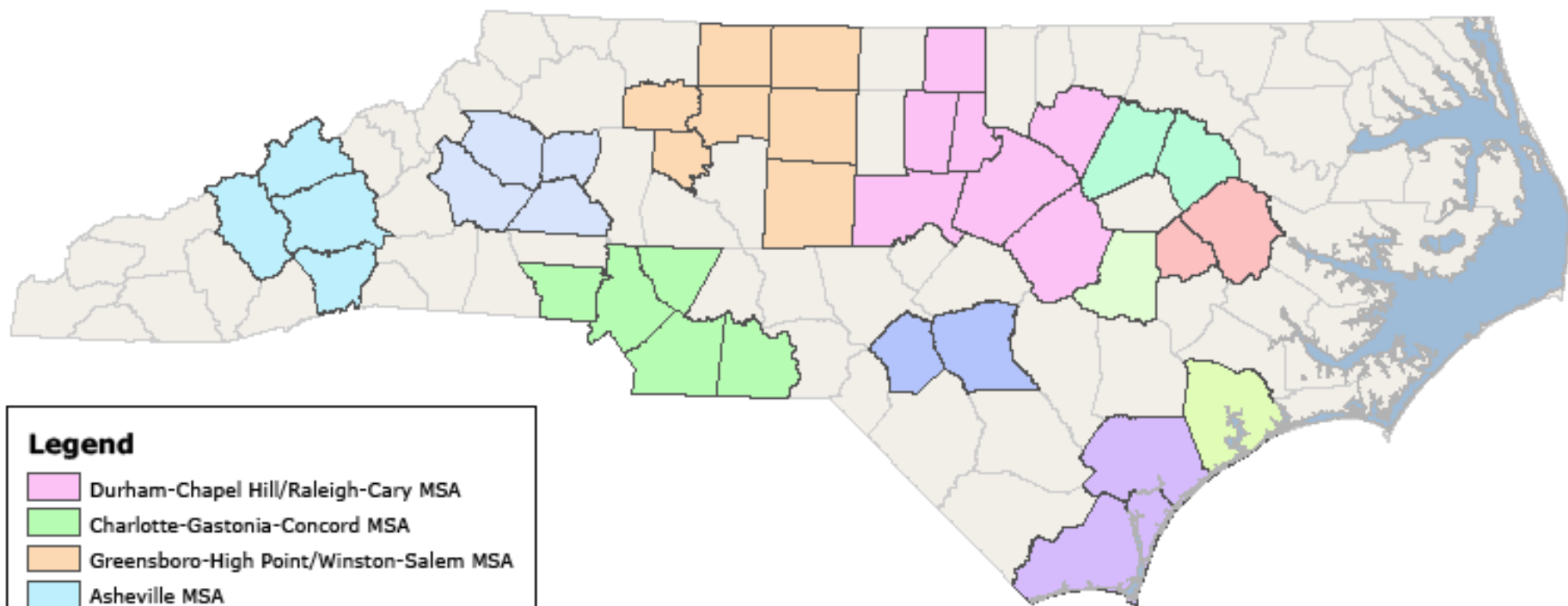
REQUIRED REPORTS (143B-344.38)

* October 1, 2010 – Agency Progress Report

* February 1, 2011 – Sustainable Practices Scoring System (in Technical Amendments 143B-344.38(b))

* October 2, 2011 - SCTF Report to Governor, House/Senate Commerce Chairs, GOVOPS

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+ Policy recommendations, legislation suggestions & $ (1)

+ Growth demographics & trends/changes relating to Sustainable Development/Population, employment, building permit, and related socioeconomic data (2)

+ Inventory & description of state policies/programs that influence either positively or negatively the ability to develop sustainable communities (3)

+ Funding applied for and received (include direct or where we help too?) (4)

+ List of projects which received funding from other sources (include $ Task force applies for and helps others apply for) (5)

+ List of projects for which Task Force provided Technical Assistance (6)

+ List of all grants distributed from $250,000 to regional sustainable partnerships and funds remaining (7)

+ Overview of state funding programs and how they support Sustainable Development (8)

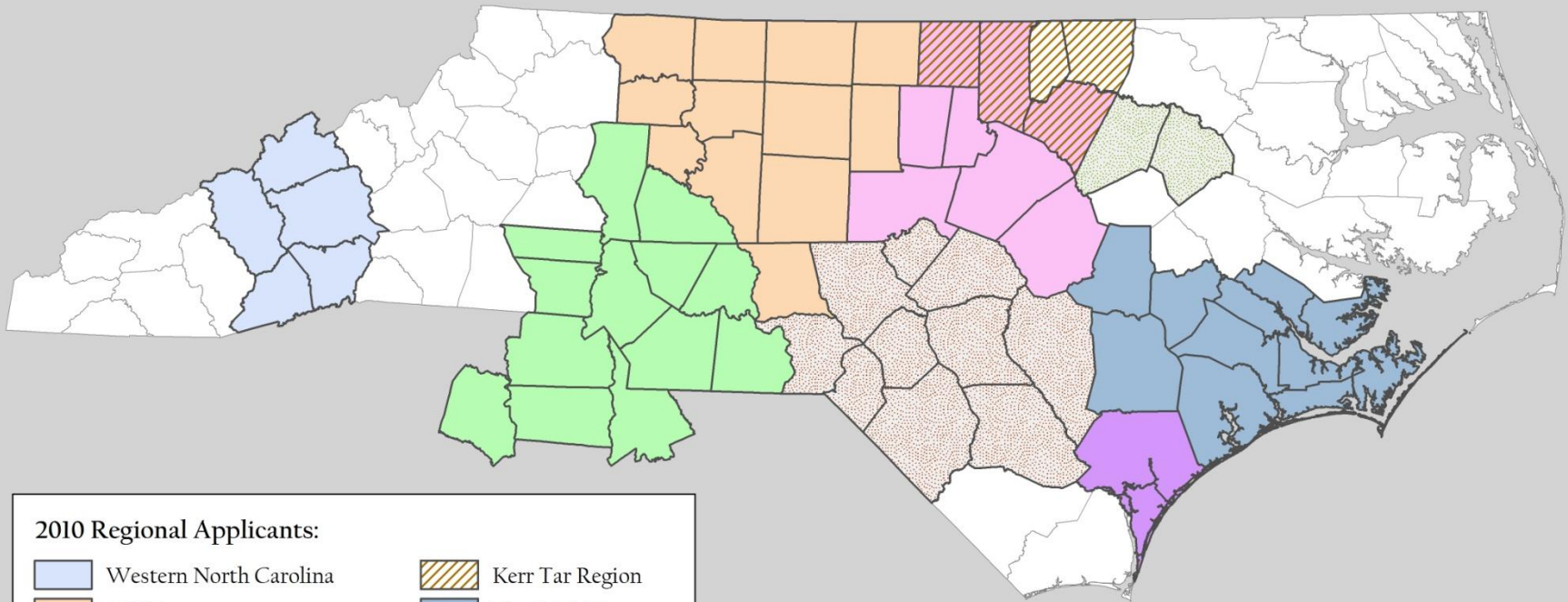# Sustainable Communities Task Force Regions

Legend

- Durham-Chapel Hill/Raleigh-Cary MSA
- Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord MSA
- Greensboro-High Point/Winston-Salem MSA
- Asheville MSA
- Fayetteville MSA
- Goldsboro MSA
- Greenville MSA
- Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir MSA
- Jacksonville MSA
- Rocky Mount MSA
- Wilmington MSA

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Miles

T H R I V E

in NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Regional Applicants for HUD Sustainable Communities Grants (2010)

2010 Regional Applicants:

- Western North Carolina
- PART
- CONNECT Consortium
- PRISM Research Triangle
- Kerr Tar Region
- PlanIt EAST
- City of Wilmington

Regions Planning to Apply in 2011:

- Rocky Mount-Edgecombe-Nash
- BRAC-RTF

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ACTIONS TO DATE

- Agency Reps Meeting

- Oct 1 Agency Progress Report Drafted

- Supported Regional Planning Groups with letters of Financial Support

- Created Regional Planning Groups Communication Network

- Website

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EPA/HUD/DOT Federal Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program $150 Million

* Applications due Aug 23, 2010
* 7 Regions from NC applied
* DENR/DOT/Commerce letters of financial support ($30,000 each if funded)
* Land-of-Sky - $1.8 million and Piedmont $1.8 million
* Also, Community Challenge Grants/Tiger II – 2 awards

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WEBSITE
Key For Communication

www.onencnaturally.org/pages/SC_SustainableCommunities.html

- ✖ Legislation
- ✖ Task Force Members
- ✖ Upcoming Events

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- ✖ Federal Program Info

- •Regional Planning Group Contact info and Regional Plans

COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

* Healthy Environments Collaborative

* Governor's Logistics Task Force

* Interagency Leadership Team

* Sustainability Advisory Group

* Governor's Institute on Community Design

* NC Active Living Leadership Forum

NEXT STEPS

- First Task Force meeting
  - November 9th 1-4pm DENR Archdale

- Establish Scorecard/Grant Program
  - for $250,000 Fund

- Establish Criteria for Task Force Involvement