

2012 Workshops: Livable Regions and Communities in Appalachia

Convened by the Appalachian Regional Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities, and USDA Rural Development, in partnership with the NADO Research Foundation and the Development District Association of Appalachia

The 2012 Livable Regions and Communities in Appalachia workshops will share information about strategies that Appalachian communities can use to enhance community vitality and economic competitiveness. The workshops aim to share resources and discuss opportunities and challenges for local development districts, local governments, and their partners in supporting long-term community goals.

Three workshops will be held in Appalachia in 2012. The dates and locations are:

May 15: Cartersville, Georgia

July 12: Kingsport, Tennessee

August 16: California, Pennsylvania

Workshop Agenda

8:15 a.m. Registration and Networking

8:45 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

9:15 a.m. Introduction to Livable Communities Concepts

This session will give an overview of approaches to linking economic development strategies with land use planning, natural resources management, and transportation systems in rural and small-town settings to support long-term community resilience. Attendees will learn about techniques Appalachian communities can use to implement livable communities approaches. *1.25 AICP CM credits requested*

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Case Studies: Applications of Livable Communities Concepts in Appalachia

Three panelists will describe how they are working with communities in Appalachia to think through short- and long-term strategies for quality economic development and an integrated approach to community development issues. *1.25 AICP CM credits requested*

12:00 p.m. Lunch Presentation: Supporting Small-Town Revitalization

Hear about opportunities for helping small-town communities identify assets that can support initiatives for enhancing quality of life, establishing broader economic prospects in the community, and creating a better place to live. *1.0 AICP CM credit requested*

- 1:30 p.m. Leveraging and Integrating Available Resources**
 Local development districts and communities in Appalachia can access a variety of funding sources and other resources to help implement community-led growth strategies. A panel of experts will review these options and lead a discussion about how to access and leverage public, private, and philanthropic resources.
- 2:30 p.m. Putting It All Together: What Works in Appalachia and What Doesn't?**
 In small groups, attendees will participate in a facilitated discussion about their reactions to the material presented at the workshop. Participants will outline challenges and opportunities in applying livability concepts in their regions and communities. The session will end with a report of discussion highlights to the full group.
- 3:20 p.m. Closing**
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn**

Workshop materials and additional information will be posted at ww.nado.org/arcworkshops and at www.ARC.gov.

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