



Members of the Task Force are committed to making the Federal Government a better partner with communities in their efforts to improve their quality of life.

### **WHY IS THE TASK FORCE NECESSARY?**

Communities throughout the country are finding creative ways to improve their citizens' quality of life. As these efforts continue at the local level, the Livable Communities effort in Congress recognizes that federal policies – from transportation investment to tax incentives, from environmental regulations to siting federal facilities, and everything in between – have a profound effect on the livability of communities. The Task Force seeks to identify the ways in which the federal government affects community livability as well as the means by which the federal government can be a better partner in enhancing quality of life.

### **WHAT WILL THE TASK FORCE DO?**

The Task Force will promote Federal policies that:

- Allow for local community involvement in government decisions at all levels;
- Provide communities with the tools to solve their own local problems;
- Promote cost-effective, environmentally friendly solutions to infrastructure problems, thereby preserving and conserving resources;

- Encourage multi-objective management -- i.e., management choices that have multiple beneficial results;
- Prepare communities to function in a global environment;
- Coordinate transportation, housing, and environmental policies and investments; and
- Focus on partnerships among and between local government, private companies, federal agencies, non-profits, and citizen groups for funding solutions.

### **TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES:**

Task Force members will have the opportunity to engage in the following:

- Member and staff level briefings with experts on livable communities topics;
- Roundtable discussions and town halls with stakeholders;
- Share information via newsletters, dear colleagues, and other formats;
- Collaboration with appropriate agencies and members of the administration; and
- Develop and promote livable communities legislation.