Creating partnerships to foster sustainable development that creates jobs and strengthens communities is win-win for everyone.

On December 1, Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Chairman of the Livable Communities Task Force, highlighted projects from around the country that were recognized by the Smart Growth Achievement Awards program for their contributions to making their communities safer, healthier and more economically secure. As Blumenauer noted, “These are the sorts of projects that have a real impact. They save money, make our communities better places to live, and ensure that local, regional and national governments are working together in partnership to create jobs while making smart, long lasting investments.”

The panel was moderated by Environmental Protection Agency Associate Administrator Michael Goo, and featured local elected officials and project managers from El Paso, Texas, Normal, Illinois, St. Louis, Missouri and Howard, South Dakota.

More information about the Smart Growth Achievement Awards program.