

Prosperous, Healthy, Vibrant Rural Regions and Communities



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About NADO

- National association for 540 regional development organizations
- Develop training and resources to support regional development organizations, strengthen local governments and communities, and foster quality economic development



Shifting Economic Trends in Rural America



Emerging Paradigms in Rural America

- Global economic competitiveness
- Diversity of economic sectors
- Wealth creation and retention
- Regional and community resiliency
- Long-term impacts of investments

Creating stronger, more resilient, more dynamic regions and communities



1. Building on Assets



Mobilize Northern Maine

Goal: To evaluate assets and create and retain wealth



www.nmdc.org/Development/mobilize_maine

2. Growing Economic Competitiveness



East Central Iowa

Goal: To redevelop underutilized land and create space for new businesses.



3. Enhancing Quality of Life



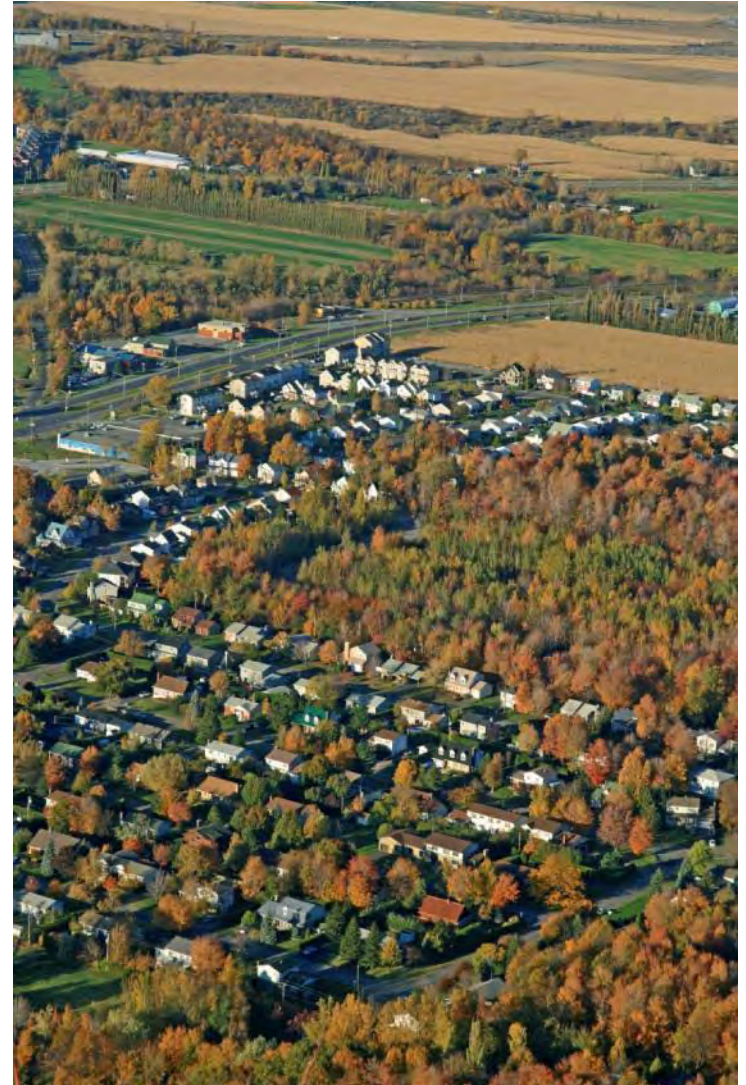
Ranson Renewed (West Virginia)

Goal: To develop a comprehensive strategy for the community's next 100 years



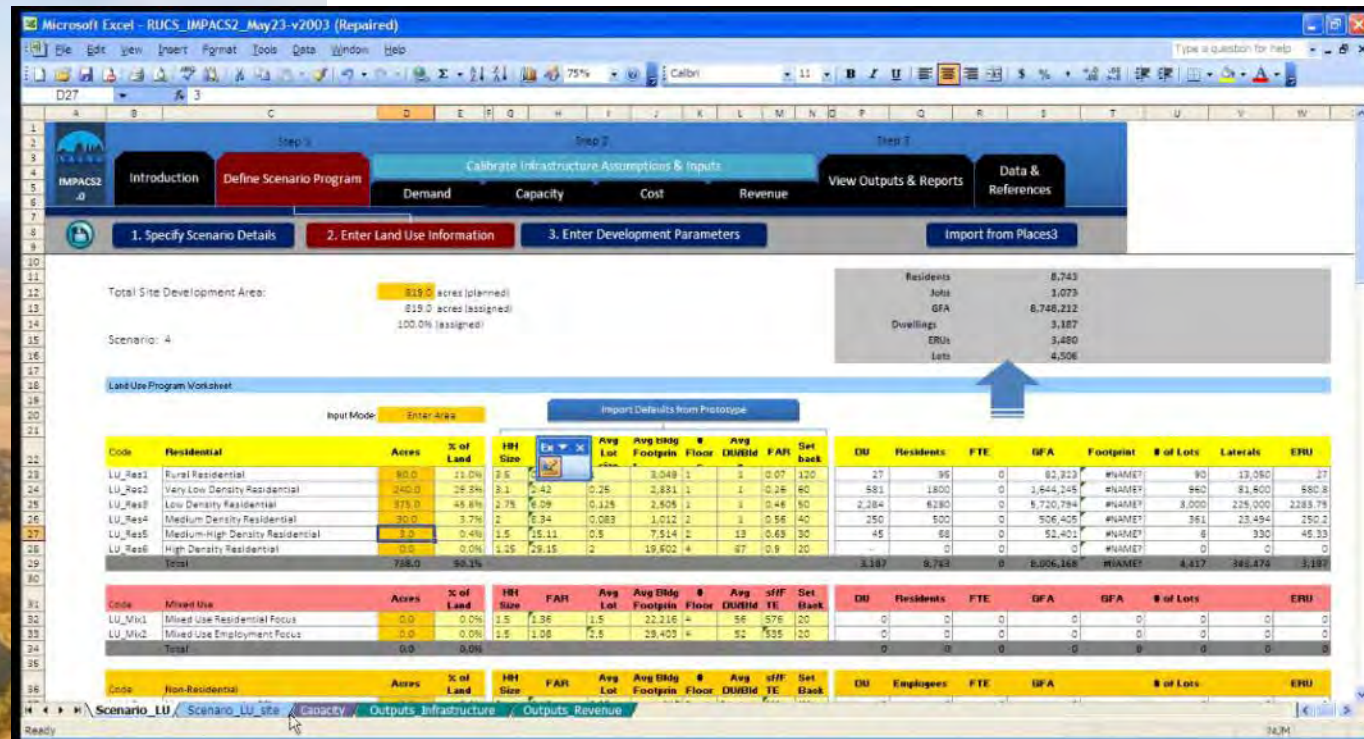
<http://ransonrenewed.com/>

4. Creating Efficiencies



Rural-Urban Connections Strategy in Sacramento

Goal: To look at region's growth and sustainability objectives from a rural perspective



<http://www.sacog.org/rucs/>

5. Empowering Communities to Decide Their Futures



Mountain Landscapes Initiative (Western NC)

Goal: To create guidelines for responsible growth



www.mountainlandscapesnc.org

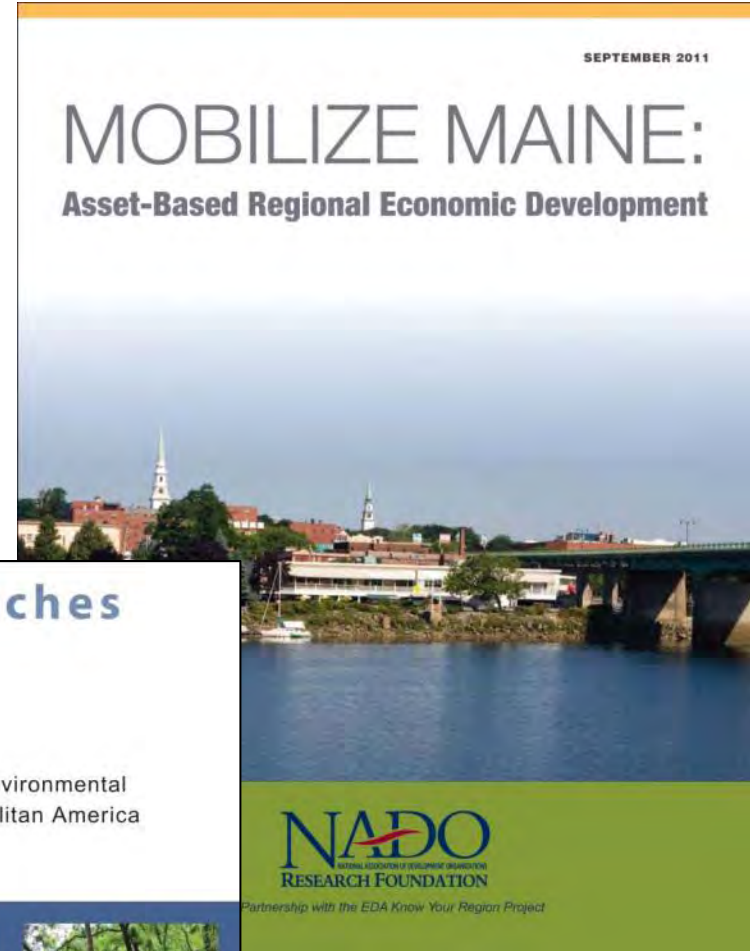
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Regional Approaches to Sustainable Development:

Linking Economic, Transportation, and Environmental Infrastructure in Rural and Small Metropolitan America



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