Prosperous, Healthy, Vibrant
Rural Regions and Communities

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About NADO

- National association for 500+ regional planning and development organizations

- Develop training and resources to strengthen local governments and communities and foster quality economic development
Developed land in the U.S. quadrupled between 1945 – 2007, twice the rate of population growth over this time.

National Population and Land Use Trends

Source: EPA

*Data for 2012-2027 is extrapolated.*
Transportation Patterns

Vehicle Miles Traveled *
US Population **

** Source – US Census Bureau, Annual Population Estimates
Rural Economic Trends
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_mainen
2. Growing Economic Competitiveness
East Central Iowa

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

http://www.ecia.org/
3. Enhancing Quality of Life
Lewistown, Pennsylvania

Goal: To revitalize downtown by refocusing investments

http://www.downtownlewistown.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
Resources

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