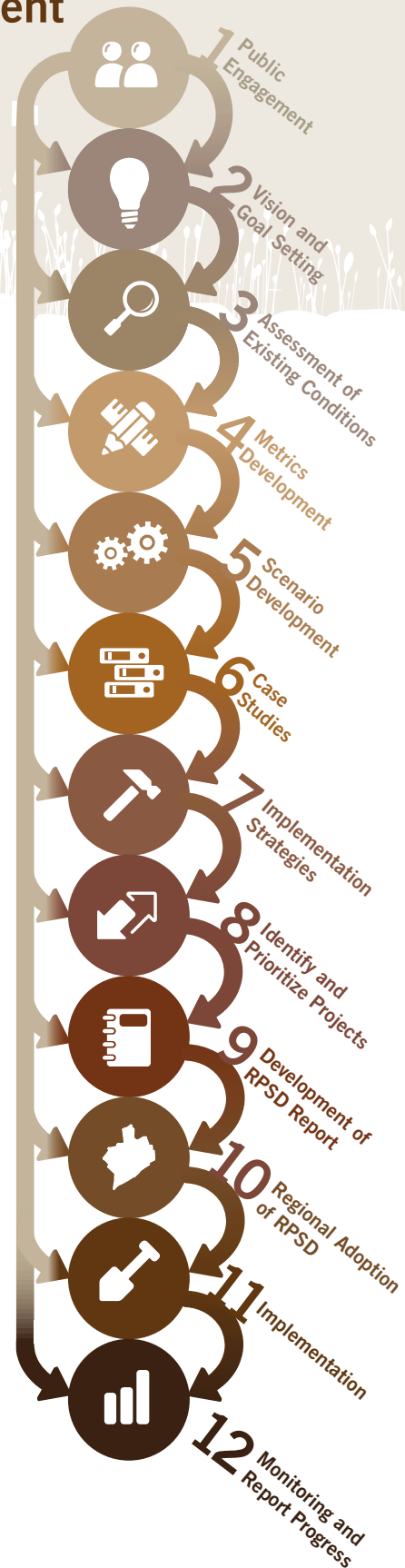


Regional Plan for Sustainable Development for the Houston Gulf Coast Planning Region

- A consortium of community partners received a \$3.75 Million Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to develop a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development for the Houston Gulf Coast Planning Region.
- Plan development will be driven by extensive public engagement, technical advisement and fact-based analysis.
- Hands-on stakeholder advisory groups, including subject matter experts and regional representatives, will assess existing conditions to create a baseline of sustainability in the region.
- Local governments and representatives will play a key role in the development of this plan as members of the stakeholder advisory groups.
- Consortium is working to finalize the contract with HUD and develop bylaws for working together, with stakeholders and with the Governmental Advisory Committee.
- Stakeholder/public engagement will begin in Spring 2011.
- Public engagement will be critical to the entire planning process, beginning with a public visioning exercise to develop regional goals and gain consensus on a regional vision for sustainability.
- Stakeholder groups will meet independently as well as collectively to coordinate efforts, share ideas and review recommendations.
- Resulting recommendations will be forwarded to a Governmental Advisory Committee, made up of elected officials, for further action.
- The grants are part of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, which brings EPA, HUD, USDA and DOT together to ensure that the agencies' policies, programs and funding consider affordable housing, transportation, and environmental protection together.
- Members of the consortium include Bay City Community Development Corporation, Blueprint Houston and Center for Houston's Future, Bolivar Blueprint/Peninsula Development Coalition, Inc. (PenDeCo.), Brazoria County, Chambers County, City of Galveston, City of Houston, City of Huntsville, Fort Bend County, Greater Houston Builders Association, Gulf Coast Economic Development District, Harris County, Houston Advanced Research Center, Houston-Galveston Area Council, Houston Tomorrow, Houston Wilderness, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO), Montgomery County, Neighborhood Centers, Inc., Port of Houston Authority, Texas Southern University, United Way of Greater Houston, and Waller County Economic Development.



Organizational Structure

LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Primary stakeholders and elected officials provide oversight and ensure planning process results in viable strategies for implementation.

Roles of the Coordinating Committee

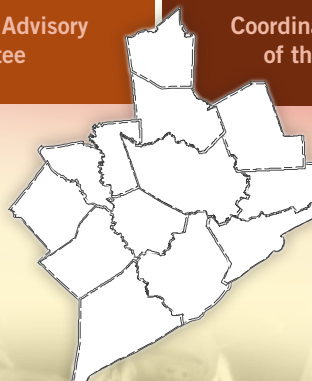
- Coordinates Technical Advisory Group and Regional Transect Group
- Implements Citizen Participation Plan
- Presents recommendations to Governmental Advisory Committee
- Monitors progress of plan development

Representatives of the Coordinating Committee

- Government – Regional Planning Agency: H-GAC, Lead Applicant and Fiscal Agent
- Government – Policy Making
- Government – Service
- Research/Education
- Non-Profit/Advocacy

Governmental Advisory Committee

Coordinating Committee of the Consortium



Social Equity



Transportation



Housing



Environmental



Economic Development



Healthy Communities



TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

Subject matter experts review existing materials, develop sustainability strategies, and identify connections between sectors.

THE PUBLIC

Public participation engages a broad spectrum of the public to provide continuous input and feedback throughout the process.

Urban



Suburban



Rural



Coastal



REGIONAL TRANSECT GROUP

Regional representatives review strategies and metrics for applicability in urban, rural, suburban and coastal areas.