

Appendix 2 Resources

What follows is an alphabetical list of reputable organizations and publications that are useful for land use and planning work. While this list is certainly not comprehensive, it should help you find the information you need to achieve your goals.

Use the index as a quick reference to identify the listings most relevant to your interests.

Advocacy

Organizations that advocate

Alliance for a New Transportation Charter
American Community Gardening Association
American Institute of Architects
American Planning Association
America Walks: National Coalition of Walking Advocates
Bicycle Friendly Community Campaign
California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO)
California Infrastructure Coalition
California Transit
Center for Neighborhood Technology
Community Food Security Coalition
EcoCity Cleveland
The Food Trust (Philadelphia)
League of California Cities
National Center for Biking and Walking
National Neighborhood Coalition
Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Smart Growth America
Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing
Strategic Alliance for Healthy Food and Active Environments
Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC)
Thunderhead Alliance

How-to/resources for

Alliance for a New Transportation Charter
America Walks: National Coalition of Walking Advocates

Bicycle Friendly Community Campaign
Center for Neighborhood Technology
Civic Engagement Curricula
Community Food Security Coalition
EcoCity Cleveland
The Food Trust (Philadelphia)
Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR),
Legislative Process: A Citizen's Guide to Participation
National Center for Biking and Walking
National Neighborhood Coalition
Neighborhood Link
Power Mapping
Project for Public Spaces
Smart Communities Network
Strategic Alliance for Healthy Food and Active Environments
Wikipedia

Agriculture

Community supported agriculture

Alternative Farming Systems Information Center
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

Cooperatives and farms

CityFarmer.org
Food Policy Marketing Center @ U. Connecticut
Greensgrow Farms

Financial support for

Foundation Center
Grants.gov

Policy and statistics

Agricultural Marketing Service @ USDA
American Planning Association
California Department of Health Services (DHS) Prevention Services (organic products laws)
Smart Growth America

Preserving land

American Planning Association
California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO)
Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture
Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
Planning Commissioners Journal Planners Web
Smart Communities Network
Smart Growth America
Urban Gardening Help

Urban agriculture

See Community and Urban Gardens

Bicycling

American Planning Association
Bicycle Friendly Community Campaign
Bicycle Master Plans (samples, California)
California Blueprint for Biking and Walking
California Center for Physical Activity
California Department of Transportation (CDOT) Bicycle Facilities Unit
EcoCity Cleveland
Local Government Commission
National Center for Biking and Walking
Planning Commissioners Journal Planners Web
Project for Public Spaces
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Smart Communities Network
Smart Growth Gateway
Thunderhead Alliance
Wikipedia

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

California Coastal Commission
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
CEQAnet Database
California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)
California Environmental Resources Evaluation Systems (CERES)
CEQA Technical Advice Series
Guide to California Planning

Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)

Cities

Charter cities

League of California Cities
Official California Legislative Information, *California Constitution*
Curtin's California Land Use and Planning Law Guide to California Planning

General law cities: CA Constitution, Government Code

League of California Cities
Guide to California Planning

Community and Urban Gardens

Financial support for

Foundation Center
Grants.gov

How-to

American Community Gardening Association
California Department of Health Services (DHS) Prevention Services (organic products laws)
CityFarmer.org
Greensgrow Farms
Urban Gardening Help

Urban agriculture

American Community Gardening Association
EcoCity Cleveland
Greensgrow Farms
CityFarmer.org
National Neighborhood Coalition
Project for Public Spaces
San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG)
Smart Communities Network
Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE)
Urban Gardening Help
Wikipedia

Economics

Food Policy Marketing Center @ U. Connecticut
Knowledgeplex
Wikipedia

Development

Knowledgeplex

League of California Cities
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Local Government Commission
San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG)
Wikipedia

Nutrition

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Obesity, Effect on economy

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Environmental Planning

American Planning Association
California Coastal Commission
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)
California Environmental Resources Evaluation Systems (CERES)
Center for Neighborhood Technology
CEQAnet Database
CityFarmer.org
Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
League of California Cities

Financial support for

Foundation Center
Grants.gov

Farmers' Markets

Agricultural Marketing Service @ USDA
California Department of Health Services (DHS) Prevention Services (organic products laws)
Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture
The Farmers Market Coalition (NAFDMA)
The Food Trust (Philadelphia)
Greensgrow Farms
Planning Commissioners Journal Planners Web
Project for Public Spaces
Wikipedia

Financial support for

Agricultural Marketing Service @ USDA
Foundation Center
Grants.gov
Project for Public Spaces

Lists of

Agricultural Marketing Service @ USDA

Food Security

California Department of Health Services (DHS) Prevention Services
California Nutrition Network Geographic Information System (GIS)
CityFarmer.org
Community Food Security Coalition
EcoCity Cleveland
Food Policy Marketing Center @ U. Connecticut
The Food Trust (Philadelphia)
National Neighborhood Coalition
Strategic Alliance for Healthy Food and Active Environments
USDA Food and Nutrition Service
Wikipedia
Zoning and Obesity Project

Financial support for

Community Food Security Coalition
Foundation Center
Grants.gov

Grocery Stores

California Nutrition Network Geographic Information System (GIS)
Food Policy Marketing Center @ U. Connecticut

Industry/grocers' associations

National Grocers Association

Health Data

California Department of Health Services (DHS) Prevention Services
California Health Interview Survey
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
CityFarmer.org
King County Comprehensive Plan
National Institutes of Health
Program on Health, Equity and Sustainability (PHES) at the San Francisco Department of Public Health
Smart Communities Network
Strategic Alliance for Healthy Food and Active Environments

Financial support for data and research

California Department of Health Services (DHS) Prevention Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Foundation Center
Grants.gov
National Institutes of Health

Health Impact Assessments

Health Impact Assessments
National Institutes of Health

Housing

American Planning Association
California Department of Housing & Community Development
California Infrastructure Coalition
DataPlace by Knowledgeplex
EcoCity Cleveland
HUD User
Knowledgeplex
League of California Cities
Local Government Commission
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
National Low Income Housing Coalition
Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California
Program on Health, Equity and Sustainability (PHES) at the San Francisco Department of Public Health
Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing
Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC)
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
Wikipedia

Financial support for

California Department of Housing & Community Development
California Housing Finance Agency
Enterprise Community Investment
Fannie Mae
Foundation Center
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Land Use

American Institute of Architects
American Planning Association
Bicycle Master Plans (samples, California)
California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions
California Blueprint for Biking and Walking
California Coastal Commission
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
California Environmental Resources Evaluation Systems (CERES)
California Infrastructure Coalition
California Planning Information Network (CalPIN)

CityFarmer.org
Councils of Government (COGs)
Curtin's California Land Use and Planning Law
Cyburbia: The Planning Portal
Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
Guide to California Planning
EcoCity Cleveland
Greensgrow Farms
King County Comprehensive Plan
Knowledgeplex
League of California Cities
Local Government Commission
National Center for Biking and Walking
National Neighborhood Coalition
Pedestrian Master Plans (samples)
Program on Health, Equity and Sustainability (PHES) at the San Francisco Department of Public Health
Planning Commissioners Journal Planners Web
Project for Public Spaces
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Smart Communities Network
Smart Growth America
Smart Growth Gateway
Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC)
Trust for Public Land
Urban Ecology
Urban Land Institute
Wikipedia

Legislation

Curtin's California Land Use and Planning Law
Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), *Legislative Process: A Citizen's Guide to Participation*
Guide to California Planning
Official California Legislative Information (pending & active legislation)
Smart Growth America
Rough and Tumble

Enforcement, Tips for

Bicycle Friendly Community Campaign

National Transportation Equity Act 3 (TEA-3)

Alliance for a New Transportation Charter
America Walks: National Coalition of Walking Advocates

State (California)

California Blueprint for Biking and Walking
California Department of Transportation (CDOT) Bicycle Facilities Unit

California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
California Planning Information Network (CalPIN)
Curtin's California Land Use and Planning Law
Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), *State of California General Plan Guidelines*
Official California Legislative Information (pending & active legislation)
Rough and Tumble

City

California Planning Information Network (CalPIN)
League of California Cities
Local Government Commission

Nutrition

California Nutrition Network Geographic Information System (GIS)
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
National Institutes of Health
Strategic Alliance for Healthy Food and Active Environments
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Financial support for

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Foundation Center
Grants.gov
National Institutes of Health
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Guidelines

California Department of Health Services (DHS) Prevention Services
The Food Trust (Philadelphia)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
National Institutes of Health
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Obesity

California Health Interview Survey
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
National Institutes of Health
Zoning and Obesity Project

Planning

Agencies and commissions

American Planning Association

California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO)
California Coastal Commission
Councils of Government (COGs)
Governor's Office of Planning and Research, *California Planners' Book of Lists*
Program on Health, Equity and Sustainability (PHES) at the San Francisco Department of Public Health

General plans, California

California Blueprint for Biking and Walking
California Coastal Commission
California Planning Information Network (CalPIN)
Governor's Office of Planning and Research, *California Planners' Book of Lists*
Governor's Office of Planning and Research, *State of California General Plan Guidelines*
Local Government Institute

How-to guides

American Planning Association
Bicycle Friendly Community Campaign
Community Food Security Coalition
Curtin's California Land Use and Planning Law
Cyberburbia: The Planning Portal
Governor's Office of Planning and Research *The Planning Commissioner's Handbook*
Governor's Office of Planning and Research *A Citizen's Guide to Planning*
Governor's Office of Planning and Research, *State of California General Plan Guidelines*
Guide to California Planning
Knowledgeplex
Local Government Commission
National Center for Biking and Walking
Planners Network
Planning Commissioners Journal Planners Web
Project for Public Spaces
Smart Growth Gateway
Trust for Public Land
Urban Ecology
Wikipedia

Pedestrians

America Walks: National Coalition of Walking Advocates
California Center for Physical Activity
EcoCity Cleveland
Local Government Commission
National Center for Biking and Walking
Pedestrian Master Plans (samples)

Project for Public Spaces
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Smart Communities Network
Smart Growth Gateway
Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC)
Thunderhead Alliance
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Foundation Center
Grants.gov
Local Government Commission
Smart Communities Network

Smart Growth

King County Comprehensive Plan

Financial support for

California Infrastructure Coalition
Foundation Center
Smart Communities Network
Smart Growth Gateway

Organizations

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California Infrastructure Coalition
Center for Neighborhood Technology
Councils of Government (COGs)
EcoCity Cleveland
National Neighborhood Coalition
Smart Growth America
Smart Communities Network

Planning for

American Planning Association
California Infrastructure Coalition
Curtin's California Land Use and Planning Law
Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
Guide to California Planning
Planning Commissioners Journal Planners Web
Project for Public Spaces
Schools for Successful Communities: An Element of Smart Growth
Smart Growth Gateway
Wikipedia

Statistics

Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service @ USDA
American Community Gardening Association
California Environmental Resources Evaluation Systems (CERES)
California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)

Demographics

Alliance for a New Transportation Charter
Bicycle Friendly Community Campaign
California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO)
California Department of Health Services (DHS) Prevention Services
California Environmental Resources Evaluation Systems (CERES)
California Health Interview Survey
California Nutrition Network Geographic Information System (GIS)
DataPlace by Knowledgeplex
League of California Cities
U.S. Census Bureau

Food policy

California Department of Health Services (DHS) Prevention Services
Food Policy Marketing Center @ U. Connecticut

Health

California Blueprint for Biking and Walking
California Department of Health Services (DHS) Prevention Services
California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)
California Health Interview Survey
California Nutrition Network Geographic Information System (GIS)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
DataPlace by Knowledgeplex
Health Impact Assessments
National Institutes of Health

Quality-of-life indicators

California Health Interview Survey
California Nutrition Network Geographic Information System (GIS)
Smart Communities Network
Telling our Story, Measuring our Progress: California's Regional Quality of Life Indicator Projects

Transportation

Alliance for a New Transportation Charter
California Blueprint for Biking and Walking
California Department of Transportation (CDOT) Bicycle Facilities Unit
California Infrastructure Coalition
California Transit
Local Government Commission

Transportation**Financial support for**

Foundation Center
Grants.gov

Plans

Alliance for a New Transportation Charter
American Planning Association
Bicycle Friendly Community Campaign
Bicycle Master Plans (samples, California)

California Blueprint for Biking and Walking
California Infrastructure Coalition
California Transit
Center for Neighborhood Technology
EcoCity Cleveland
League of California Cities
National Center for Biking and Walking
Pedestrian Master Plans (samples)
Planning Commissioners Journal Planners Web
Project for Public Spaces
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Smart Communities Network
Smart Growth America
Smart Growth Gateway
Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC)

Traffic

Alliance for a New Transportation Charter
EcoCity Cleveland
League of California Cities

Agricultural Marketing Service (U.S. Department of Agriculture)

www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets

Describing itself as “an integral part in the urban/farm linkage,” the AMS dedicates several pages of its website to farmers’ markets. Here you can find an extensive, though not comprehensive, directory listed by state and city. The AMS also provides facts and statistics about the rising popularity of farmers’ markets from 1994–2000, tips for finding funding, and a link to the Farmers’ Market Coalition, which is also listed in this guide.

Alliance for a New Transportation Charter (ANTC)

www.antic.net

The Alliance is a national network “dedicated to using transportation as a tool to build livable, healthy, prosperous and just communities.” It advocates for the use of federal transportation funding for:

- ▶ public health safety and security
- ▶ social equity and livable communities
- ▶ sustained economic prosperity
- ▶ improved energy use and environmental protection

The Alliance website offers a breadth of information and transportation advocacy resources. Network with other advocates using the online discussion forum. In the Your State section, research state-by-state statistics on traffic congestion, federal transportation spending, household transportation expenditures, pedestrian safety, and other topics. Visit the Tools for Advocates section for targeted fact sheets, links to effective programs, and tips on generating media exposure.

Alternative Farming Systems Information Center

www.nal.usda.gov/afsic

The AFSIC is a project of the National Agricultural Library that identifies and accesses “information related to alternative agricultural enterprises and crops as well as alternative cropping systems.” Its website is a portal to organizations, databases, publications, and other resources that are useful for advocates working on organic foods and sustainable or community supported agriculture. Specific resources include:

- ▶ **Organic Roots:** The Organic Agriculture Information Access (OAIA) is an electronic collection of historic U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) publications related to organic agriculture.
- ▶ **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA):** The CSA section includes a directory of CSA farms (searchable by state or zip code); a glossary of terms and concepts; nutrition information and research about local food systems; a definition and introduction to CSA; and links to organizations,

books, and “CSA Across the Nation,” a comprehensive overview of the CSA movement published in October 1999.

- ▶ **Organic Food Production** offers a basic introduction to concepts, links to USDA publications from 1977 to the present, online databases, and a glossary of terms and concepts.
- ▶ **Sustainable Agriculture:** In addition to an introduction to sustainable agriculture and links to organizations across the country, AFSIC provides a list of more than 25 online searchable sites and databases.

American Community Gardening Association

www.communitygarden.org

The ACGA approaches community gardening as a means for catalyzing “neighborhood and community development, stimulating social interaction, encouraging self-reliance, beautifying neighborhoods, producing nutritious food, reducing family food budgets, conserving resources, and creating opportunities for recreation, exercise, therapy and education.” Its website features information about starting and maintaining community gardens, as well as research monographs and a 1996 community gardening survey of more than 40 U.S. cities.

American Institute of Architects (AIA)

www.aia.org

Architects can be useful allies in land use planning or advocacy efforts. In addition to providing networking opportunities with the architectural community, the AIA website publishes a detailed Governmental Advocacy section that describes how architects are involved in and advocating for public policy change. Also visit its “Center for Communities by Design” site for architectural perspectives on smart growth and sustainable communities.

American Planning Association

www.planning.org

The American Planning Association is an international nonprofit public interest and research organization that focuses on planning in urban, suburban, regional, and rural areas. While its website offers myriad resources that may be useful for local organizing efforts, we especially recommend the following sections:

- ▶ Look to **Knowledge Exchange** for articles, research, and news in easily searchable sections: Smart Growth Reader, Affordable Housing Reader, Planning & Environmental Law, and Planning & Land Use Law.
- ▶ Search **Your Community** for Resources and the Neighborhood Planning Initiative (“Neighborhood-Related Resources”), which offer links to useful resources and organizations.

- ▶ In the **Legislation & Policy** section, the Effective Advocacy link provides a toolbox for email, fax and letter writing campaigns, as well as tips for working with media. You will also find Planning Guides on topics including housing, sustainability, smart growth, agricultural land, and surface transportation.
- ▶ Under **Research**, the Projects link lists a wealth of information about healthy communities, brownfields, “growing smart,” state laws, energy, and planning and urban design standards. In the past the City Parks Forum has provided grants; as of November 2005 the program is inactive, but information about past activities is still available.

America Walks: National Coalition of Walking Advocates

www.americawalks.org

America Walks is a network of community groups in the United States who advocate for walkable communities. Explore the Advocacy section for information about Transportation Equity Act 3 (TEA-3), anti-Segway, and other efforts. The Resources area provides thorough introductions, toolkits and “essentials” for pedestrian advocacy, as well as a practical how-to guide for conducting a pedestrian crossing action. Find contact information for local pedestrian coalitions in the Member Groups section.

Bicycle Friendly Community Campaign

www.bicyclefriendlycommunity.org

The Bicycle Friendly Community Campaign program offers awards to communities that encourage their residents to bike for transportation and recreation. In addition to describing and linking to bicycle-friendly communities across the country, the website’s Technical Assistance section offers resources to help communities become more bicycle-friendly, including:

- ▶ demographic, average climate, and census data
- ▶ best practices for bicycle-use education
- ▶ guidelines for accommodating bicycles on roads, bridges and public transportation
- ▶ how to run a “Bike to Work Day” and other programs that encourage bicycle use
- ▶ tools for evaluating a community’s bicycle-friendliness
- ▶ enforcing bicycle-related laws and policies

Bicycle Master Plans (samples, California)

- ▶ Oakland
www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bikeplan.htm
- ▶ Davis
www.ci.davis.ca.us/topic/bicycles.cfm

- ▶ Calabasas
www.cityofcalabasas.com/pdf/agendas/council/2005/04-20-05/item7-bicycle-master-plan.pdf
- ▶ Petaluma
www.cityofpetaluma.net/cdd/pdf/bikeplan.pdf

California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions
www.calafco.org

LAFCOs work to preserve agricultural lands, discourage urban sprawl, and encourage the orderly growth of government agencies. The Association’s website provides a complete directory of LAFCOs, position papers on pending state legislation, and resource links to statewide organizations, “spheres of influence” studies, and legislative reports.

California Blueprint for Biking and Walking

www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/bike/bikesites.htm (click on Maps and Other Publications, and visit all links under “Non-Motorized Program Reports”)

By 2010 this *Blueprint* calls for a 50% increase in bicycling and walking trips, and a 50 percent decrease in bicycle and pedestrian fatality rates in California. The *Blueprint* calls for achieving these improvements by increasing funding for bicycle and pedestrian programs, and by encouraging the consideration of bicycling and walking in land-use and community planning decisions, all phases of transportation planning, and all project designs. Governor Gray Davis and the California Department of Transportation (CDOT) submitted the *Blueprint* to the California Legislature in May 2002 as a required Supplemental Report of the 2001 Budget Act. See also the CDOT Bicycle Facilities Unit, listed in this guide.

California Center for Physical Activity
www.caphysicalactivity.org

The Center helps develop more walkable and bikeable communities through public programs, education, and technical assistance for local officials. Its Resources area offers fact sheets and recommendations on physical activity guidelines. Of special note: its trained team of walkability experts, who work with communities to improve walkability. Visit the Our Projects section for more information about Walkable Community workshops, Walkable Communities for Seniors, Active Aging Community Task Force, and Walkable Neighborhoods for Seniors. Two of the Center’s projects also have their own websites:

- ▶ Healthy Transportation Network
www.healthytransportation.net
- ▶ Walk to School programs
www.cawalktoschool.com

California Coastal Commission

www.coastal.ca.gov

The Coastal Commission, an independent, quasi-judicial state agency composed of 12 voting members, works with coastal cities and counties to plan and regulate the use of land and water in the coastal zone. Its activities are broadly defined by the California Coastal Act of 1976; they include “construction of buildings, divisions of land, and activities that change the intensity of use of land or public access to coastal waters.” The Coastal Commission website provides:

- ▶ maps of coastal areas
- ▶ comprehensive listings of laws pertinent to planning within the California coastal area
- ▶ permit application information
- ▶ public meeting notices
- ▶ description of water quality and other ongoing Coastal Commission programs

California Department of Health Services (DHS) Prevention Services

www.dhs.ca.gov/ps

The DHS Prevention Services is a government umbrella that supports community-based prevention activities, among others, that “create measurable improvements in community health.” Prevention Services is composed of nine divisions. Programs within two of these divisions are especially useful for land use efforts:

Chronic Disease and Injury Control (CDIC) Cancer Prevention & Nutrition Services Section (CPNS)

California Nutrition Network – Visit the Resources area on CNN’s website for links to:

- ▶ CA County Food Assistance Binder, which contains rankings for each California county relating to food security, hunger, use of federal food assistance programs, and body weight status of low-income children
- ▶ Nutrition and Physical Activity Resource List of nearly 200 nutrition and physical activity education materials compiled by CNN partners and grantees
- ▶ The Geographic Information System (GIS), which is also listed in this guide

Food, Drug & Radiation Safety (FDRA) Food and Drug Branch

Organic Processed Products Program – “Every person in California who processes, packages, stores, distributes or handles” organic food must

register with the Food and Drug Branch, according to the California Organic Products Act of 2003. Visit the OPPP website for more information.

California Department of Housing & Community Development **www.hcd.ca.gov**

The Department of Housing and Community Development is the state's principal housing agency, providing "leadership, policies, and programs to expand and preserve safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians." The following programs and online resources are especially useful for land use advocates:

- ▶ **Affordable Housing Preservation:** Approximately 149,000 California homes are privately owned, federally assisted multifamily rental housing occupied by elderly persons and families with lower incomes who cannot afford to pay market-rate rents. When subsidies or regulatory agreements expire, many of these will convert to market rate housing. To help manage this critical problem, HCD provides legal regulations and information about this process.
- ▶ **Financial Clearinghouse:** The Clearinghouse for Affordable Housing and Community Finance Resources is an online database of more than 200 housing programs, government, private lenders, and foundation grants. Though designed to assist private and nonprofit developers and units of government, individuals are also permitted access.
- ▶ More than 20 HCD Loans and Grants programs provide funds for construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable rental and ownership housing; homeless shelters and transitional housing; public facilities and infrastructure; and the development of jobs for lower-income workers. HCD provides these funds to local public agencies, service providers, and nonprofit and for-profit housing developers, some of which can, in turn, be awarded to individuals.

California Department of Transportation (CDOT) **www.dot.ca.gov**

Caltrans publishes government studies and information about mass transit on its website, as well as programs to improve bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly transportation options in local communities. From the homepage, click on News & Public Information Center, then Traffic Congestion Relief Plan, then:

- ▶ The Local Programs link will direct you to the Division of Local Assistance, which provides funding opportunities and how-to guides to support bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly transportation options.

- ▶ The Mass Transportation Program section links to state transit grants, transit-oriented development, links to DMT reports and studies, and information about rural transit options.

California Department of Transportation (CDOT) Bicycle Facilities Unit

www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/bike/bicycle_prm.htm

Self-identified as CDOT's "bicycle advocate," the Bicycle Facilities Unit provides policy, funding, planning and technical expertise to promote bicycle transportation. The Unit's website includes California codes, laws & regulations, tips for bicycle commuting safety, and contact information for CDOT officials who can address issues related to bicycle transportation. The site provides links to local, state and national bicycle-related sites. (See also the *California Blueprint for Biking and Walking* in this guide.)

California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)

www.calepa.ca.gov

Created in 1991 under executive order of the governor, Cal/EPA is a cabinet level department that coordinates state resources "to restore, protect and enhance the environment, [and] to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality." Search Cal/EPA's website for publications and research, as well as lists of all Laws & Regulations pertaining to air, water, waste management, toxic substances, health hazards, and other environmental topics. Cal/EPA also maintains a library in Sacramento with books, journals, microfiche, and research dating to the 1960s. The library is open to the public from 10 am–2 pm or by appointment, and librarians will answer inquiries from the public made in person, by phone, or by email.

California Environmental Resources Evaluation System (CERES)

<http://ceres.ca.gov>

CERES is a portal website and database that allows readers to search a variety of environmental data by organization, geographic area, theme, or type. It was designed to provide access to information about California's natural environments, to make it easier to analyze environmental information for planning efforts.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

<http://ceres.ca.gov/ceqa>

The California Environmental Quality Act requires state and local agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and, if feasible, to avoid or mitigate those impacts. This website provides full texts of the Act and its amendments, searchable by keyword, as well as case law, supplemental materials, and general CEQA reference.

California Health Interview Survey

www.chis.ucla.edu

Every two years, researchers from UCLA, DHS, and the Public Health Institute survey more than 40,000 California households, in multiple languages, about their health and health care. They compile this information into a CHIS database, available online, that offers statewide information on the overall population, including many racial and ethnic groups, and local-level information on most counties for health planning and important comparison purposes.

California Housing Finance Agency

www.calhfa.ca.gov

The California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) provides financing and programs to “create safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities” for renters and first-time homebuyers with low to moderate income. CalHFA is a completely self-supported state agency; it is funded by tax-exempt bonds, which it repays through mortgage loan revenues. The CalHFA website provides detailed information about its homeownership, multifamily (rental properties), and mortgage insurance programs.

California Infrastructure Coalition

www.calinfrastructure.org

The CIC uses media and legislative advocacy tactics to encourage the designation of public funds for infrastructure projects. Its primary efforts frequently address transportation, smart growth, development of parks, jobs and housing, and other land use and planning-related topics. Many local governments and prominent members of the state business community are CIC members.

California Nutrition Network Geographic Information System (GIS)

www.cnngis.org

This online database tool allows you to search for nutrition data and display it as a visual, geographical map. For example, it could enable you to create a map that displays grocery store locations on a county map, as well as the race and language demographics of residents who live nearby. The tool includes data on:

- ▶ nutrition and school health programs
- ▶ WIC grocery stores
- ▶ other local food and nutrition resources
- ▶ demographics of general and at-risk populations
- ▶ various Department of Health Services regions
- ▶ political (senate and assembly) districts

See also Knowledgeplex, listed in this guide.

California Planners Information Network (CalPIN)

www.calpin.ca.gov

CalPIN is an online, searchable database of general plans and planning agencies in California. Use this website to find the names and contact information for key planning officials and LAFCOs, regional plans, the current status of a local general plan, and more. CalPIN also includes a bulletin board discussion for local planners. The information published on CalPIN is also printed in an annual guide called the *California Planners' Book of Lists*. This online service is maintained by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, which is also listed in this guide.

California Transit

www.catransit.com

California Transit provides a portal to transit-related resources throughout California. Search the Transit Links area to find local and statewide transit government agencies, intercity bus and train lines, transit advocacy groups, and a list of public transportation services and organizations grouped by California region.

Center for Neighborhood Technology

www.cnt.org

The Center for Neighborhood Technology develops tools and strategies to promote sustainable development and healthy urban communities. Its website provides information about car sharing, shared energy, air quality, and smart growth in older communities.

Center for Science in the Public Interest

www.cspinet.org

The Center for Science in the Public Interest advocates for nutrition and health, food safety, and alcohol policy by researching and publishing reliable information and policy guidelines. Read the Nutrition Policy section of the website to learn why policy is an important aspect of nutrition work, and to find extensive research and information about policy options such as improving school foods or reducing the marketing of low-nutrition foods to children.

Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture (CUESA)

www.cuesa.org

CUESA is a Bay Area nonprofit organization that educates urban consumers about sustainable agriculture and “creates links between urban dwellers and the farmers who practice sustainable agriculture.” CUESA publishes one of the most extensive farmers’ market websites.

- ▶ The **Sustainable Agriculture** section includes an A to Z overview (from “Animals Grazing” to “Zones that Buffer”), glossary, and list of links related

to the section's namesake. Also visit "Issues in a Nutshell" for information about how far your food travels to get to your plate, and what determines food quality.

- ▶ The **Seasonality** section includes a recipe archive and "Vegetable Calendar" that explains when specific vegetables are in season.
- ▶ The **Farmers' Market** section lists the more than 100 participating farmers and artisans that participate in CUESA's Ferry Plaza Farmers' Market, which is held Saturdays in downtown San Francisco.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

www.cdc.gov

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, conducts research, publishes up-to-date information, and funds or manages "public health efforts to prevent and control infectious and chronic diseases, injuries, workplace hazards, disabilities, and environmental health threats." The CDC website is an extensive resource for data and guidelines on health and health promotion, updated daily. Land use advocates may be especially interested in the following sections:

- ▶ **Environmental Health:** Visit "Urban Planning for Healthy Places" for information about accessibility for people with physical impairments, children's health, and the built environment. Also see the Physical Activity page for research and guidelines on reducing obesity and diabetes.
- ▶ The *Guide to Community Preventive Services* reports evidence-based recommendations on effective population-level interventions to promote physical activity:
www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpha/physical/recommendations.htm
- ▶ The **Overweight and Obesity** section identifies health and economic consequences of obesity on local and national levels, provides recommendations and state-based programs for combating obesity, and clearly defines obesity and its contributing factors:
www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpha/obesity
- ▶ **Improving Nutrition and Increasing Physical Activity** provides comprehensive obesity statistics and links poor nutrition and inactivity to health and the economy:
www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/bb_nutrition

CEQA Technical Advice Series

<http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/ceqa/circulation>

The CEQA Technical Advice Series offers CEQA practitioners – particularly at the local level – specific and concise information about the California Environmental Quality Act.

CEQAnet Database

www.ceqanet.ca.gov

CEQAnet is a database of all environmental documents that public agencies submit to the State Clearinghouse (SCH) of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, which is also listed in this guide. The database publicly displays brief descriptions of these documents, and allows public agencies to electronically submit environmental notices to the SCH. This database contains over 100,000 records that date to the early 1980s.

City Farmer (Vancouver, BC)

www.cityfarmer.org

Published online since 1994 by the Canadian Office of Urban Agriculture, CityFarmer.org publishes extensive information on tactics urban gardeners are using around the world to improve their cities through agriculture and green technologies. The site publishes a long list of links and article descriptions in a loose format. Scroll down the listing to find useful search options: by continent, topic (e.g., allotments/community gardens, entrepreneurs, policy/planning, urban forestry, etc.), or keywords. CityFarmer.org also offers an urban agriculture discussion forum in English or Spanish.

Civic Engagement Curricula

Originally written to help college students hone their community organizing and advocacy skills, these curricula are equally educational for adults of all ages. They are designed as group activities, but many can be used for individual learning as well. For land use and nutrition advocates, we recommend these selections:

COOL/Idealist.org Civic Engagement Curriculum

www.idealistoncampus.org/ioc/learn/curriculum/index.html

- ▶ *Building a Personal Network*
- ▶ *Cover Story: A Fun Shared Vision Exercise*
- ▶ *Creating Asset Inventories for Service and Engagement*
- ▶ *Creating a Shared Vision*
- ▶ *Developing a Solid Foundation for Managing Peers*
- ▶ *Games and Icebreakers*
- ▶ *Mapping Connections: A Tool for Forming a Network*
- ▶ *Meeting With Your Congressperson*
- ▶ *Planning Effective Meetings*
- ▶ *Recruiting Volunteers: A Total Approach*
- ▶ *Setting Objectives*

- ▶ *Utilizing Community Assets*
- ▶ *Who Wants To Be a Coalitionist?*

Bonner Civic Engagement Training Modules

www.bonner.org/resources/modules/home.htm

- ▶ *Action Planning: Developing a Plan*
- ▶ *Advocacy 101: Tools for Political Engagement*
- ▶ *Advocacy 201: Meeting with An Elected Representative*
- ▶ *Building Coalitions*
- ▶ *Community Asset Mapping: A Critical Strategy for Service*
- ▶ *Lobbying 101*
- ▶ *Recruitment*
- ▶ *Shared Vision*

See also Power Mapping, listed in this guide.

www.idealists.org/ioc/learn/curriculum/pdf/Power-Mapping.pdf

Community Food Security Coalition

www.foodsecurity.org

The CFSC is a coalition of 325 social and economic justice, environmental, nutrition, sustainable agriculture, community development, labor, anti-poverty, anti-hunger, and other groups that work together to ensure access to “affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food to all people, at all times.” Their extensive combined efforts provide useful resources for land use advocates. Find a definition and six basic principles of food security in the What Is CFS? section. Many of CFSC’s activities, listed in the Programs section, provide resources and networking opportunities that may be valuable for land use advocates:

- ▶ The California Food and Justice Coalition is a statewide membership coalition that collaborates with community-based food security efforts in California.
- ▶ Farm to School and Farm to College programs incorporate produce into school lunches, snacks and salad bars. The programs’ web pages provide organizing tools, case studies, publications & links, and a list of possible funding sources.
- ▶ The CFSC is currently advocating for national policy efforts that may be relevant to local California efforts. Among other topics, CFSC already successfully advocated to create and reauthorize the Community Food Projects grant program, which funds more than 100 projects, and to reinstate the WIC and Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Programs, which

provide vouchers for WIC recipients and low-income seniors to use at farmers' markets.

- ▶ Training and technical assistance resources cover topics including evaluations and community food assessments.

Visit the Funding section of the CFSC website to learn about food security grants and other funding opportunities. In 2004, CFSC granted \$4.6 million to community efforts.

Councils of Governments (COGs)

Councils of Governments coordinate planning activities among local governments in a region. California is divided into 25 regions, each represented by an independent COG that addresses funding, long-range planning, affordable housing, transportation, and other issues important to its region:

- ▶ Assn. of Bay Area Govts. (ABAG)
www.abag.ca.gov
- ▶ Assn. of Monterey Bay Area Govts. (AMBAG)
www.ambag.org
- ▶ Butte County Assn. of Govts. (BCAG)
www.bcag.org
- ▶ Central Sierra Planning Council and Economic Development District
- ▶ Council of Fresno County Govts.
www.fresnocog.org
- ▶ Eastern Sierra Council of Govts.
- ▶ Humboldt County Assn. of Govts. (HCAG)
www.hcaog.net
- ▶ Kern Council of Govts. (KernCOG)
www.kerncog.org
- ▶ Kings County Assn. of Govts. (KCAG)
www.co.kings.ca.us
- ▶ Lake County-City Areawide Planning Council
- ▶ Mendocino Council of Govs. (MCOG)
www.mendocinocog.org
- ▶ Merced County Assn. of Govts. (MCAG)
www.mcag.cog.ca.us
- ▶ Sacramento Area Council of Govts. (SACOG)
www.sacog.org
- ▶ San Benito County Council of Govts.
www.sanbenitocog.org

- ▶ San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
www.sandag.org
- ▶ San Joaquin Council of Govts. (SJCOG)
www.sjocog.org
- ▶ San Louis Obispo Council of Govts. (SLOCOG)
www.slocog.org
- ▶ Santa Barbara County Assn. of Govts.
www.sbcag.org
- ▶ Sierra Planning Organization and Economic Development District
www.sedd.org
- ▶ Siskiyou Assn. of Governmental Entities (SAGE)
www.co.siskiyou.ca.gov
- ▶ Southern California Assn. of Govts. (SCAG)
www.scag.ca.gov
 - ▶ Coachella Valley Assn. of Govts. (CVAG)
www.cvag.org
 - ▶ Imperial Valley Assn. of Govts. (IVAG)
 - ▶ San Bernardino Assn. of Govts. (SANBAG)
www.sanbag.ca.gov
 - ▶ Ventura Council of Govts.
 - ▶ Western Riverside Council of Govts. (WRCOG)
www.wrcog.cog.ca.us
- ▶ Stanislaus Council of Govts. (StanCOG)
www.stancog.org
- ▶ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA)
www.trpa.org
- ▶ Tri-County Area Planning Council
- ▶ Tulare County Assn. of Govts. (TCAG)
www.tularecog.org

Curtin's California Land Use and Planning Law, 25th edition

by Daniel J. Curtin, Jr., and Cecily T. Talbert

(Solano Press Books, 2005)

Designed to thoroughly explain land use and planning law, Curtin's book can provide guidance and answers to detailed questions on CEQA, federal and state wetland regulation, endangered species, initiatives and referendums, land use litigation, and more. It makes a useful companion to the *Guide to California Planning*, which is also listed in this index.

Cyberbia: The Planning Portal

www.cyberbia.org

Cyberbia is a portal website to existing online land use and urban planning resources across the United States and Canada. Portal websites constantly evolve; as of November 2005, its more prominent links included:

- ▶ **Cyberbia Forums:** Claiming to be “the Internet’s most active urban/town planning-related bulletin board,” participants include professional and avocational planners, planning and zoning board members, and neighborhood activists.
- ▶ **Cyberbia Gallery,** free images of best practices, worst-case scenarios, cities and places, and “planning humor.”
- ▶ **Resource Directory,** a categorized resource index.
- ▶ **PlanningWiki,** an online encyclopedia of planning, zoning and land use topics that is expanded and revised by its readers. PlanningWiki is integrated with Wikipedia, which is also listed in this guide.

DataPlace

www.dataplace.org

DataPlace is an extensive and simple-to-use database of housing and demographic data. In addition to assembling a variety of data from multiple sources, DataPlace provides cutting-edge tools that let you display information using charts, profiles, and even satellite-rendered images and maps. The site also assists you with analyzing, interpreting, and applying the information, so you can make more informed decisions. As of November 2005, DataPlace compiles data from the following sources:

- ▶ 1990 Census
- ▶ 2000 Census
- ▶ Home Mortgage Disclosure Act
- ▶ Section 8 Expiring Use Database
- ▶ Consolidated Plan special tabulations

We highly recommend DataPlace for all land use efforts. It is a project of KnowledgePlex, which is also listed in this guide. DataPlace will soon include data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and from the Census Bureau’s ZIP Business Patterns Database.

EcoCity Cleveland

www.ecocitycleveland.org

EcoCity Cleveland fosters environmentally friendly redevelopment by educating and advocating land use planning and transportation policy issues that “promote a smarter balance of growth in the metropolitan area.” The website

describes theories, initiatives, and case studies of successful projects.

Extensive online resources are organized in the following categories:

- ▶ **Ecological Design:** Read case studies of successful initiatives and projects in “What Cities Can Do” and “Green Building” sections, including EcoVillage, a neighborhood redevelopment project built around a transit stop. The Sustainability section includes information on sustainable food systems. See the Ecological Design homepage for links to Energy, Green Landscape Design, and ecological design guidelines written by the Ecological Design Society (*Big Sur Declaration*), a City of Hannover, Germany report (*Hannover Principles*), and *The Earth Charter*.
- ▶ **Smart Growth:** EcoCity discusses the relationship of smart growth to race, regionalism, sprawl, watersheds, farmlands, tax policy, open space and more. Visit the Introduction page for descriptions of sample policy advocacy efforts, as well as links to smart growth research.
- ▶ **Transportation Choices:** Find information on car sharing, all-purpose trails, initiatives to calm traffic and improve bicycle-friendliness, and urban rail transit.
- ▶ **Health & Home:** Created with the idea that “environmental change begins at home,” this section provides practical information to help individuals and families improve their health. Topics include food safety, biking and walking to school, gardening, traffic calming, and “restoring your backyard.”

Enterprise Community Investment

www.enterprisecommunity.com

Using tax credits, financing, and other investment means, Enterprise Community Investment develops and acquires affordable housing and other community development initiatives in underserved neighborhoods across the country.

Fannie Mae

www.fanniemae.com

Fannie Mae is a private, shareholder-owned company that operates under a congressional charter to provide financial products and services – including mortgages – that help low-, moderate-, and middle-income families purchase homes. Fannie Mae does not lend money directly to homebuyers but works with lenders to make sure they don’t run out of mortgage funds. In 2000, Fannie Mae announced its “American Dream Commitment” to provide “\$2 trillion in private capital for 18 million minority and underserved Americans to own or rent a home by the end of the decade.” At least two initiatives of this plan, detailed on the company’s website, are of special interest to land use advocates:

- ▶ **America’s Living Communities Plan** (located in the Initiatives section): The ALCP will invest up to \$3 billion over ten years in 300 communities to help local lenders, developers, government entities, and nonprofit organizations “achieve their affordable housing goals and invest in their communities.”
- ▶ **Affordable Housing and Community Development:** By developing mortgage products, services, investments, national partnerships, and local initiatives, the HCD program works to expand homeownership and affordable rental housing. Specifically, the American Communities Fund (ACF) “invests debt or equity in housing developments that support neighborhoods and community revitalization efforts,” and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) provides investment capital to community-based financial institutions and intermediaries that directly support affordable housing development.

Register to use the Property GeoCoder (in the Tools & Resources section) to find out whether properties being considered for purchase qualify for Fannie Mae mortgage options and community lending products.

The Farmers’ Market Coalition

www.nafdma.com/FMC

The Farmers’ Market Coalition, a program of the North American Farmers’ Direct Marketing Association, provides planning and networking resources to groups across the United States that operate or promote farmers’ markets. The Coalition’s section of the NAFDMA website features press releases, a discussion forum, and a calendar of regional workshops that address topics ranging from liability issues to media marketing.

Food Policy Marketing Center @ U. Connecticut

www.fmpc.uconn.edu

The Food Marketing Policy Center conducts research on food and agricultural marketing and related policy questions. Though primarily an economic research organization, the Center also provides research on selected food access and security issues, including the first national evaluation of “the absence of supermarkets in many urban neighborhoods.” (See “The Urban Grocery Store Gap,” a 1995 study of food access and security, archived on the site.)

The Food Trust

www.thefoodtrust.org

Founded in 1992, the Food Trust responds to “diet-related disease and malnutrition by working to increase access to affordable and nutritious food and helping people to improve their diets.” The website offers an extensive list of reports and publications free for download, and teacher lesson plans. It also details innovative and successful programs, such as:

- ▶ **School Market Program:** Students create and operate fruit and vegetable markets in their schools.
- ▶ **School Food & Beverage Reform:** Promotes policies that prohibit the sale of soda and junk food in schools.
- ▶ **Supermarket Campaign:** Fights obesity and creates jobs by building supermarkets in underserved areas.
- ▶ **Farmers' Market Program:** Food Trust farmers' markets include nutrition education programming and voucher checks that enable low-income patrons to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.
- ▶ **Corner Store Campaign:** Works to increase demand for healthy snacks, using social marketing and education. This demand serves as the basis for working with the food industry to increase the availability of healthy food choices in stores.

Foundation Center

www.foundationcenter.org

The Foundation Center is a one-stop shop where grant seekers can identify potential funders and learn how to navigate the grantmaking process. The Center maintains a comprehensive library of U.S. philanthropy, which is available online for a subscription fee, or at no charge in their learning center in San Francisco. The publishers of this toolkit highly recommend this resource.

Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)

<http://opr.ca.gov>

The OPR is California's statewide, comprehensive planning agency. It reviews general plans, prepares guidelines, considers general plan extension requests, prepares guidelines for LAFCOs, and provides technical assistance to planning agencies. The OPR also maintains extensive planning resources on its website, including:

Planning Tools

- ▶ **LAFCO Reform:** background information on the 2000 LAFCO reform law and OPR guidelines for the processes of city incorporation and municipal service review.
- ▶ **Planners Links:** links to websites of state and local planning agencies and to statewide professional organizations whose memberships are composed primarily of government representatives.

Planning Publications

- ▶ *California Planners' Book of Lists:* the archived, annual print editions of information available through CalPIN (**www.calpin.ca.gov**), which is described in this guide.

- ▶ *A Citizens' Guide to Planning* (2001): a 14-page introduction to land use planning in California, including a glossary of planning terminology and suggestions for additional reading.
- ▶ *State of California General Plan Guidelines 2003*: California's official guide to general plan legal requirements.
- ▶ *The Planning Commissioners' Book* (1998): A training tool for new planning commissioners as well as a handy general reference on planning, the Book includes overviews of the planning commissioner's role and responsibilities, and the state planning law requirements.
- ▶ *The Legislative Process: A Citizen's Guide to Participation*: a guide to California's legislative process, including how a bill becomes law, a directory of standing senate committees, and a glossary (www.opr.ca.gov/legislative/citizens_guide.pdf)

State Clearinghouse

The State Clearinghouse (SCH) coordinates the state level review and maintenance of environmental documents pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and provides technical assistance on land use planning and CEQA matters. The SCH also administers the CEQAnet Database, which is also listed in this guide.

Grants.gov

<http://grants.gov>

Grants.gov is a one-stop shop for finding, learning about, and applying for federal grants. It offers applications for more than \$400 billion in grants each year – every grant announced by the 26 federal grant-making agencies. The database is searchable by program area, agency, RFP date, and keyword.

Greensgrow Farms

www.greengrow.org/index.html

In 1997 two Philadelphia residents converted a vacant lot into a working urban farm and began selling their crops to local gourmet restaurants. Greensgrow Farms, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, now includes a nursery, farm market, and a Community Supported Agriculture program. In addition to describing this model of urban farming success, the website offers a down-to-earth FAQ, ten reasons to buy local food, and links to helpful resources.

Guide to California Planning, 2nd edition

by William B. Fulton (Solano Press Books, 1999)

Often used as a college textbook, the *Guide* provides a solid overview of all aspects of land use planning in California.

Health Impact Assessments

Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) are objective processes that can be used to evaluate how a policy, program, or project will affect the health of a population. HIAs can call attention to public health issues in ways that offer helpful insights and recommendations to decision makers. HIAs are often credited with providing the information necessary to increase health benefits and minimize adverse effects of public projects and policies. Learn more about HIAs, and how they may be used in transportation and land use efforts, at:

- ▶ U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
www.cdc.gov/healthypaces/hia.htm
- ▶ National Association of County & City Health Officials
www.naccho.org/topics/hdp/land_use_planning/LUP_HealthImpactAssessment.cfm
- ▶ World Health Organization (WHO)
www.who.int/hia/en

HUD User

www.huduser.org

HUD User is a portal to federal government information on housing policy and programs, economic development, urban planning, and other topics from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R). Specific resources available online include:

- ▶ **Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse:** HUD created this free, searchable database to support state and local governments and local organizations “seeking information about laws, regulations and policies affecting the development, maintenance, availability and cost of affordable housing.” It includes regulatory measures proposed or passed in communities across the United States.
- ▶ **Data Sets** leads to useful housing-related data, as well as a Geographic Information Systems tool that allows you to create a map of your community that integrates this HUD data with environmental, demographic and other data.
- ▶ Search the **State of the Cities Data Systems** (SOCDS), located in the State of the Cities (National Urban Policy Report) section, for housing and other data for individual metropolitan areas, central cities and suburbs.

- ▶ The **Bibliography** link leads to a database of more than 10,000 full-abstract citations to research, books, monographs, and data related to housing and community development issues, including housing policy, urban planning and other topics useful to land use advocates.

King County Comprehensive Plan

www.metrokc.gov/ddes/compplan

The 2004 update to King County’s Comprehensive Plan (WA) links obesity to land use and built environment patterns. Noting that growth patterns in suburban areas have contributed to an increased risk of diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease among its residents, the plan calls for mixed-use developments and “U-126 Urban areas that ... provide necessary services close to residential developments” to promote physical activity as a part of daily life. The plan’s Chapter 2, Section A(1), “Growth in Cities and Urban Centers and the Promotion of Public Health,” is specifically cited in this toolkit.

Knowledgeplex

www.knowledgeplex.org

Created by the Fannie Mae Foundation, Knowledgeplex is a centralized resource for documents, news, discussions, events, and media about the following topics:

- ▶ affordable housing development & finance
- ▶ economic revitalization
- ▶ fair housing
- ▶ homelessness
- ▶ homeownership & mortgage markets
- ▶ land use & housing planning
- ▶ organizational development
- ▶ public housing
- ▶ social & comprehensive development

League of California Cities

www.cacities.org

The LCC advocates for common interests of California cities regarding issues that include environmental quality, housing, economic development, public safety, and transportation. Its website provides news and information on these topics from a municipal perspective and an extensive online advocacy resource for its members. The League also provides a one-stop shop for general information, links to municipal websites, a listing of city officials, ordinances, municipal codes, and city charters.

Local Government Commission

www.lgc.org

The LGC encourages healthy, walkable, and resource-efficient communities by helping local governments develop policies and programs. The LGC provides workshops, guides and publications, an email notification service for available state and federal grants, and an extensive resource library. Chapter 21 of this toolkit highlights its Transportation Tools to Improve Children’s Health and Mobility resource, available at www.lgc.org/freepub/land_use/factsheets/child_transp_tools.html.

Local Initiatives Support Corporation

www.lisc.org

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) mobilizes private and public support to provide policy guidance, various types of capital, training, and technical assistance to nonprofit community development corporations (CDCs). LISC’s goal is to create affordable housing, businesses, jobs, and commercial, industrial and community facilities. The Public Policy section of this website highlights important federal and state policy developments. The Resources section may be of special interest to advocates. It includes case studies, tools, guides and other information on funding opportunities, affordable housing (including community development, design, housing preservation, and vacant/abandoned properties), and planning and land use (including smart growth and vacant-abandoned properties).

National Center for Biking and Walking

www.bikewalk.org

A project of the Bicycle Federation of America (BFA), the National Center for Biking and Walking works with government officials and advocates to create bicycle-friendly and walkable communities. The NCBW provides consulting services for land use and facilities planning, policy development, and public involvement. It also offers training programs for public health and transportation agencies. Visit the website for:

- ▶ Down-to-earth descriptions of **The Challenge** for health, transportation, and land use and sprawl that include links to reputable statistics and studies.
- ▶ **Technical assistance:** Beginning with the motto “Everything You Want To Do Has Probably Been Done Before,” this section includes walkable communities workshops, case studies of traffic calming, integrating bicycle and pedestrian facilities with transit, and Reasons Why Bicycling and Walking Are Not Being Used More as Travel Modes.
- ▶ Detailed guides for designing bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly facilities, in the **Bicycling** and **Walking** sections.

- ▶ Activities, case studies, funding sources, data, and more to start a **Safe Routes to School** program.
- ▶ **Contacts and Links** (listed by state) to health officials, state and local transportation contacts, advocacy organizations, consultants and policies/plans/programs.

National Grocers Association

www.nationalgrocers.org

The National Grocers Association (NGA) is the national trade association that represents wholesale and retail grocery and food distribution companies. Its associate members, listed on the NGA website, also include product manufacturers and service suppliers. The following sections of NGA’s website may be useful to help land use advocates understand the industry’s perspectives and tactics:

Government Relations

Find NGA position papers and updates on pending national legislation. Also learn more about NGA’s local policy efforts:

- ▶ The Government Relations Leadership Council advances “the public policy interests of retail and wholesale grocers through an effective grassroots government relations program.”
- ▶ The Grassroots Grocers Action Network is an all-volunteer, grassroots network designed “to create a coalition strong enough to influence legislation pertaining to the food distribution industry.” The GAN communicates directly with members of Congress on industry-related issues.

Marketing

NGA’s Center for Marketing Excellence works, in part, to “enable the retailer, wholesaler, manufacturer and service supplier to better understand the needs and purchasing trends of the American consumer.”

Also visit the About NGA section for a list of items on NGA’s Working Agenda.

National Institutes of Health

www.nih.gov

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting medical research. Its website offers a clearinghouse of health research, nutrition guidelines, up-to-date health news, and grants and funding opportunities. NIH is also home to a variety of research institutes and centers that examine specific areas of health information, such as:

- ▶ National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD)
<http://ncmhd.nih.gov>
- ▶ National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
www.nichd.nih.gov

National Low Income Housing Coalition

www.nlihc.org

Dedicated “solely to ending America’s affordable housing crisis,” the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) works in the areas of public education, organizing, research, and policy advocacy. NLIHC publishes handbooks and research on the housing crisis, such as the *Advocates’ Guide to Housing and Community Development Policy* and *The NIMBY Report*, a monthly report on overcoming “not-in-my-backyard” resistance. Its website also includes:

- ▶ An **Issues and Alerts** section with updates on the State and Local Housing Flexibility Act, the HUD budget, public housing, and other housing-related topics.
- ▶ **Our State Partners:** a list of coalitions in 35 states (including California) that work with NLIHC.

National Neighborhood Coalition

www.neighborhoodcoalition.org

The National Neighborhood Coalition is a support and advocacy network for regional and national organizations that work in low-income, urban communities. Though it is best known for its focus on physical revitalization, the NNC also addresses affordable housing, parks and urban gardens, transportation, and other quality-of-life issues related to smart growth. The Smart Growth section of NNC’s website offers detailed toolkits, policy papers, and research on these and other topics.

Neighborhood Link

www.neighborhoodlink.com

Neighborhood Link can be an effective tool for organizing “wired” neighborhoods. It creates a direct communication network among neighbors and local government by providing neighborhood and community organizations with their own free, interactive website – no programming required. Fill out simple, online forms to create a website for your association. Your site can include contact information, a newsletter and neighborhood history, local school information, community calendar, a discussion area, and links to your city council members, mayor’s office, and community police. The service also allows you to create customized pages that contain any information you choose.

Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California

www.nonprohthousing.org

NPH works to increase support for affordable housing at the neighborhood, city, region, state, and federal levels, and to build the capacity of the nonprofit housing sector. Its Action Center programs include legislative advocacy, professional development for nonprofit housing corporations, and public education efforts to increase support for affordable housing. Visit the Knowledge Bank section of the NHANC website for federal and state legislative updates; policy memos that offer facts and perspectives on affordable housing issues; links to affordable housing corporations, advocacy groups, and resources; and publications for free download or by mail for a fee.

Official California Legislative Information

www.leginfo.ca.gov

Use this website to search California state laws and bills by keyword, number or date. In addition to providing full texts of existing laws, the legislative information website lists each pending statewide bill and its progress through the legislature, from introduction to enrollment. Bill information includes a description of its purpose, a list of supporters, full text of each revision, and a record of all legislative actions and votes. You can even sign up to receive an email notification each time action is taken on a particular bill.

Pedestrian Master Plans (samples)

- ▶ City of Oakland

www.oaklandnet.com/government/pedestrian/index.html

- ▶ City of Santa Barbara

www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Departments/PW/Pedestrian_Master_Plan_Table_of_Contents.htm

Planners Network

www.plannersnetwork.org

Planners Network (PN) is an association of people involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas. A diverse group of planning professionals, activists, organizers and students, PN is the “voice for progressive[s] concerned with urban planning and social and environmental justice.” The PN website includes planning case studies, publications, and free archives of *Progressive Planning* magazine searchable by issue or keyword.

Planning Commissioners Journal Planners Web

www.plannersweb.com/

As “the nation’s principal publication designed for citizen planners,” the Planning Commissioners Journal offers more than 14 years of articles for free, searchable by keyword. Sample topics and articles include:

- ▶ How to deal with the media
- ▶ Basics of putting together a comprehensive plan
- ▶ Conflicts of interest & ex-parte communications
- ▶ “Public Buildings Keep Town Centers Alive”
- ▶ “Center-ing Our Suburbs”

Visit **Take a Tour of the Planning Universe** for a simple overview of the key players in planning projects.

Power Mapping

Power mapping is a category of techniques that (1) identify resources and challenges that are instrumental to your ability to achieve a goal, and (2) help you strategize a plan for overcoming those challenges by using your identified resources effectively. Power mapping is very useful for group planning. There are many power mapping techniques, but most include the creation of a visual “map.” Here is a simple example:

1. Identify: Clearly state your goal. Think of all possible people, groups, institutions, etc., that will play a role in achieving this goal, regardless of whether they are positive or negative. These are your resources. Place them on a simple graph:

- ▶ The X-axis (horizontal) represents importance to your goal. If you graph certain people close to the X-axis, you can probably achieve your goal without them. Conversely, if you graph them high above the X-axis, their support may be critical to your efforts.
- ▶ The Y-axis (vertical) represents friendliness to your goal. True allies – ones that, for example, state your goal as a part of their mission – should be graphed close to the Y-axis. Enemies should be placed far to the right of the Y-axis.

2. Strategize: Consider the following:

- ▶ What enemies represent the greatest threat to your goal? Probably the resources that are farthest from both axes. How can you either reduce their influence over your goal (i.e., move them closer to the X-axis), or entice them to remain neutral or support you (i.e., move them closer to the Y-axis)?

- ▶ What are your strongest allies for achieving your goal? Probably the ones closest to the intersection of the axes. How can you use them to conquer or win over your enemies?
- ▶ What are your weakest allies? How can you increase their influence?

These resources provide other power mapping techniques:

- ▶ COOL Curriculum
www.idealists.org/ioc/learn/curriculum/pdf/Power-Mapping.pdf
- ▶ FrugalMarketing.com
www.frugalmarketing.com/dtb/powermapping.shtml

Program on Health, Equity and Sustainability (PHES)

at the San Francisco Department of Public Health

www.sfdph.org/phes

The San Francisco Department of Public Health’s PHES initiative is an umbrella of programs through which the SFDPH addresses topics related to healthy living through collaborations with community organizations and government agencies. The PHES website sections on community planning, land use and environmental planning, public housing, and transportation include research, statistics, case studies, and other publications that may be valuable models for land use advocates. This site also documents the Eastern Neighborhoods Community Health Impact Assessment being undertaken by the SFDPH.

Project for Public Spaces

www.pps.org

The Project for Public Spaces provides technical assistance, education, and research to help communities create and sustain parks, buildings, transportation, and public markets. The PPS website offers resources in each of these program areas:

- ▶ **Parks:** Beginning with a description of “Why People Need Parks,” PPS also explains how to find funding, and offers guidelines and case studies for the design and planning process, comprehensive management and maintenance information, and methods for involving the community. This section includes a “community network” of experts who are willing to share advice, a database of speakers ND Teachers, and links to park organizations.
- ▶ **Transportation and Livable Communities:** Search this section for planning guidelines, case studies, research, photos, and other useful information on ways to design public areas to accommodate drivers, bicyclists, transit users, and pedestrians alike.

- ▶ **Markets:** In conjunction with the Ford and W.K. Kellogg Foundations, PPS developed a Public Markets Research and Grants Program to devise new ways of incorporating public markets and community development. Find profiles of successful farmers' markets, trainings and conferences, and grant opportunities in this section.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

www.railtrails.org

The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is a national membership organization that works to convert old railway lines into public recreation trails. The RTC assists local trail builders and advocates by providing information, technical expertise, and training. It also advocates for relevant national and state policy. The Benefits of Trails section of the RTC website discusses trails' importance in terms of recreation, transportation, health, conservation, revitalization, and connectivity. Locate a trail in the U.S. or abroad – by keyword, state, or activity – or participate in online topical discussions using the TrailLink service in the Find a Trail section. RTC operates a field office in San Francisco.

Rough and Tumble

www.rtumble.com

Rough and Tumble is a portal website that provides an up-to-the-minute look at California policy issues and the political environments in which they develop. The site was originally intended to be an in-house television newsroom publication to help reporters better understand California politics. It lists reputable current newspaper and magazine articles – also searchable by topic, publication date, or keyword – as well as polling data, legislators' websites, and other political information. *Rough and Tumble* is a reliable resource for keeping abreast of the statewide California political scene.

San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG)

www.slug-sf.org

The San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners is a grassroots organization whose gardening and greening programs foster social justice, economic development, and ecological sustainability. The website offers an overview of SLUG programs and provides membership information.

Schools for Successful Communities: An Element of Smart Growth

by the Council of Educational Facility Planners International and the U.S. EPA (September 2004)

www.cefpi.org/pdf/SmartGrowthPub.pdf

Using case studies and sample state and local policies, *Schools for Successful Communities* shows how smart growth principles and the planning process can improve the quality of education.

Smart Communities Network (U.S. Department of Energy)

www.smartcommunities.ncat.org

A division of the DOE's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Network, the Smart Communities Network website offers overview information, links to financial resources, model codes and ordinances, articles and publications, on topics that include sustainable development, transportation, smart growth, land use planning, and project financing. In the Transportation section, look for planning and advocacy resources specific to pedestrians and bicycles.

Smart Growth America

www.smartgrowthamerica.com

Smart Growth America is a nationwide coalition that works to support “citizen-driven planning that coordinates development, transportation, revitalization of older areas, and preservation of open space and the environment.” SGA works with member organizations to develop policies, publish research, and build support for affordable housing, efficient development, neighborhood schools, preserving and revitalizing urban areas, social equity, “smart transportation” that incorporates public transit and pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and preserving farmland. The SGA website offers general information on each of these issues, as well as updates on federal legislative activity on issues related to smart growth, sustainable development, and environmental protection.

Smart Growth Gateway (New Jersey)

www.smartgrowthgateway.org

Created as a clearinghouse for smart growth information, instruction, and analysis produced in New Jersey, the Smart Growth Gateway is a portal to resources that are useful to land use advocates across the United States.

- ▶ In **Smart Growth Data & Computer Tools**, find extensive links to national environmental, housing, economic and other data.
- ▶ Search **Case Studies and Ordinances** to learn about past efforts to address open space & farmland, housing, environmental protection, traffic calming and other topics.
- ▶ The Gateway lists more than 30 federal and private funding sources in the **Financing Smart Growth Projects** section.
- ▶ Use tools listed in the **How Smart Is Your Development?** section to assess the effectiveness of smart growth efforts, including bikeability, walkability, pedestrian friendliness, and community design.

Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing

www.scanph.org

SCANPH is a nonprofit membership organization “dedicated to the development, preservation and management of permanently affordable housing for low-income people.” Visit the SCANPH website for:

- ▶ Legislative updates on state and federal housing-related bills
- ▶ Publications such as *Density Guide for Affordable Housing Developers* and *The Importance of HUD*
- ▶ A list of housing grant opportunities – from public and private sources – in the **Funding for You** section.

Strategic Alliance for Healthy Food and Active Environments (Strategic Alliance)

www.eatbettermovemore.org

The Strategic Alliance is a coalition of nutrition and physical activity advocates in California that uses the debate on nutrition and physical activity to examine “corporate and government practices and the role of the environment in shaping eating and activity behaviors.” The Strategic Alliance works in five key sectors: Children’s Environments, Government, Industry Practices, Health Care System, and Media. In each section find research, data, reports, and additional resources. Visit the Environmental Nutrition and Activity Community Tool (ENACT) for more than 60 concrete, detailed strategies designed to help you “improve nutrition and activity environments on a local level.”

Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE)

www.sagecenter.org

Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE) is a Bay Area nonprofit organization that develops projects, programs, and materials to build support for sustainable regional food and agriculture. SAGE projects have yielded several useful reports and tools, available for free download on their homepage, including:

- ▶ **Farmer’s Market Resource Kit** (June 2005, 62 pp): Written to help advocates create new farmers’ markets in San Francisco, this kit explains applicable state laws and provides insights into the market planning process.
- ▶ **Urban Edge Agricultural Parks Feasibility Study** (February 2005, 102 pp): Agricultural parks are a new concept for urban parks. They would give small farmers access to land and to provide “fresh food and an aesthetic, educational, and environmental amenity for nearby communities.”

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

www.sare.org/csa

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) is a national research and education grants program that advances “farming systems that are profitable, environmentally sound and good for communities.” SARE provides competitive grants to researchers, agricultural educators, farmers, and ranchers that are administered by four regional councils: North Central, Northeast, South, and West. The SARE website includes a searchable nationwide database of projects, research, and publications for sale about sustainable agriculture.

Telling Our Story, Measuring Our Progress: California’s Regional Quality of Life Indicator Projects

www.calregions.org/pdf/Ind-Report.pdf

This 79-page report provides an inventory and analysis of the Regional Quality of Life Indicator Projects in California. Indicator projects are tools that identify and track community conditions, measure progress towards shared goals, and mobilize action to improve progress. See the appendix for a list of regional quality of life indicator projects and contact information for their sponsor organizations.

Thunderhead Alliance

www.thunderheadalliance.org

Thunderhead Alliance is a national coalition of state and local bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations. In order to “break down the barriers to safe bicycling and walking in North American communities,” the Alliance operates several programs, including:

- ▶ **50 States / 50 Cities:** To ensure that effective, sustainable bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations are at work in all 50 states and the 50 highest population U.S. cities.
- ▶ **Complete the Streets:** “Complete streets” are designed and maintained to be safe for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and bus riders. This program advocates for complete streets policies in all 50 states by 2008, including ten state-level policies.
- ▶ **Affordable Transportation for Affordable Housing** partners with Community Development Corporations (CDCs) to “bring bicycle and pedestrian access to affordable housing developments.”
- ▶ **Community Bike Programs** are nonprofit organizations that operate through a storefront, are open to the public, and receive, refurbish, and provide donated bicycles to people who otherwise could not find a way to bicycle regularly and safely.

The Alliance also provides links to bicycle coalitions across the United States, searchable by state.

Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC)

www.transcoalition.org

TALC is a partnership of over 90 groups that work in the Bay Area toward healthy, walkable communities that provide all residents with transportation choices and affordable housing. TALC analyzes county and regional policies, works with community groups to develop alternatives, and coordinates grassroots campaigns. (Note: this organization is different from the Technical Assistance Legal Center, which provides services to tobacco control advocates.)

Trust for Public Land

www.tpl.org

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national nonprofit organization that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, community gardens, historic sites, rural lands, and other natural places. TPL helps communities define conservation priorities and identify lands the community wants to protect, develop an acquisition strategy (including helping identify sources of public and private funding for conservation), and mobilize public support for land protection. TPL also independently acquires land from private owners for later purchase by public agencies. Visit the Research section of the CPL website for studies on conservation financing, how parks benefit residents, and how watershed conservation protects clean water and manages storm water.

Urban Gardening Help

www.urbangardeninghelp.com

A self-proclaimed “simple” guide to urban gardening, this website straightforwardly describes trends and techniques in community gardening, urban food production, brownfield restoration, and other useful topics. It also contains links to external resources.

Urban Ecology

www.urbanecology.org

Urban Ecology is a Bay Area nonprofit organization that uses urban design, land use planning, and policy reform to help communities “plan and build neighborhoods that are ecologically healthy, socially just, and economically fair.” The What We Do section of the website features case studies of current and successful planning projects. Visit the Resources section for sample “Neighborhood Plans” in the Bay Area, a toolkit for “Walkable Streets,” and “Links” to organizations that share Urban Ecology’s mission.

Urban Land Institute

www.uli.org

The Urban Land Institute is a nonprofit organization that draws on its network of 28,000 members worldwide to share ideas, problem solve, and develop best practices for land use policy and practice. ULI publishes these best practices, case studies, and research on its website – some available for a fee, others for free. Advocates may find the following sections especially useful:

- ▶ **Research:** ULI Policy Papers, Advisory Services Panel Reports, Trends, and other publications can be downloaded in PDF format. Topics include *Best Practices in the Production of Affordable Housing* (March 2005) and *Involving the Community in Neighborhood Planning* (September 2004).
- ▶ **In the Community:** ULI's Community Outreach Program works with ULI members to help influence policy and practice related to community building and land use, including:
 - ▶ Community Action Grants “to encourage entrepreneurial projects at the state, regional and local levels to build community consensus for action and change.”
 - ▶ The California Smart Growth Initiative, which produced a report entitled *Putting the Pieces Together: State Actions to Encourage Smart Growth Practices in California* (2002) that analyzes ways to promote development that more closely links housing to jobs and preserves open space. (See www.smartgrowthcalifornia.uli.org.)

U.S. Census Bureau

www.census.gov

The Census Bureau website provides information about demographics, economics, housing, income, physical infrastructure, international trade, and myriad other data about the American population and geography. The website provides searchable access to this information by state, county, city, town, political district, and other geographic areas. In addition to surveying the general U.S. population every ten years, the Census Bureau also records economic activity and state and local governments every 5 years, and conducts more than 100 annual surveys. The site includes American Factfinder, a user-friendly interface for creating demographic profiles of census tracts, cities, counties, and states.

USDA Food and Nutrition Information Center (FNIC)

www.nal.usda.gov/fnic

The Food and Nutrition Information Center (FNIC) website is a portal to nutrition “resources for consumers, nutrition and health professionals, educators

and government personnel.” Land use advocates may find the following resources especially useful:

- ▶ The **Dietary Guidelines** section includes the current full version of HHS/ USDA’s Dietary Guidelines for Americans, as well as a summary of the report’s Key Recommendations for physical activity and other nutrition topics.
- ▶ Search the **FNIC Databases** for educational materials, government reports, research papers and more.
- ▶ The Food Guide Pyramid was revised in 2005 to incorporate the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The result is MyPyramid.gov, an approach to nutrition that addresses both diet and physical activity. Visit the **My Pyramid Tracker** link for online tools that help you assess your food intake and physical activity.

USDA Food and Nutrition Service

www.fns.usda.gov/fsec

In partnership with state and local governments and organizations, the Food and Nutrition Service administers programs that improve food security, which it defines as “access by all people at all times to enough nutritious food for an active, healthy life.” These programs include food stamps, the National School Lunch Program, the Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program, and others that subsidize access to nutritious foods for people with low incomes. The FNS website provides detailed information about these programs. Land Use advocates may also search the Research section for studies on food security, obesity in America, and other topics. Nutrition education materials, programs, and research are also available in the Nutrition Education section.

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

www.hud.gov

HUD’s mission is to increase homeownership, support community development, and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. The HUD website offers information about buying, owning, selling, improving, and renting a home. Each of its sections link to research and publications related to housing and community development. Also useful for Land Use advocates:

- ▶ Search the **Fair Housing** section for federal fair housing laws and HUD activities that help prevent discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and familial status.
- ▶ **About Communities** includes maps, histories, census data, statistics, and federal funding opportunities for local projects. Also find links to local community consolidated plans and to local and state government websites.

- ▶ The **Organizing** section includes how-to guides on holding neighborhood meetings, starting a neighborhood organization, and community organizing around an issue or goal.
- ▶ Find out about **Economic Development Programs** that support rural housing projects, help communities redevelop brownfields, create tax incentives for redevelopment, and provide job training.
- ▶ The **Grants** section lists HUD and other federal funding resources for organizations and groups.
- ▶ **Ginnie Mae** (like Fannie Mae, which is also listed in this resource guide) helps expand affordable housing by working with mortgage lenders to obtain a better price for their mortgage loans and by guaranteeing the timely payment of principal and interest. However, unlike its private counterpart, Ginnie Mae is a program of HUD and is fully backed by the U.S. government.

Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia

<http://en.wikipedia.org>

Wikipedia is a free, online encyclopedia that is continually maintained, expanded, and updated by its readers. Because anyone can add or edit any article, *Wikipedia* includes information that is often more current, detailed and expansive than traditional encyclopedias. With 14,000 active contributors writing in more than 100 languages, *Wikipedia* contributors sometimes publish biased or otherwise incorrect information; however, their publishers note, “there are so many other people reading the articles and monitoring contributions ... incorrect information is usually corrected quickly.” It already includes entries on land use, NIMBYs, and zoning.

Zoning and Obesity Project

at the Center for Law and the Public’s Health

www.publichealthlaw.net/Research/Affprojects.htm

By examining ways zoning laws can encourage access to nutritious food and limit access to innutritious food, the project’s goal is to educate planners, public health officials, and others that “zoning law has the potential to be an effective tool for addressing obesity as a public health problem.” Two of the project’s publications offer legal analysis and potential strategies for using zoning to combat obesity:

- ▶ *The City Planner’s Guide to the Obesity Epidemic: Zoning and Fast Food* (October 2005)
- ▶ *The Use of Zoning to Restrict Fast Food Outlets: A Potential Strategy to Combat Obesity* (October 2005): A supplement to the City Planner’s Guide, this monograph also discusses zoning’s traditional focus on protecting the public’s health.