# **EPA Office of Sustainable**Communities

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### Office of Sustainable Communities



- ...The mission of the Office of Sustainable Communities is to protect the environment and public health, build the economy, and improve the quality of people's everyday lives by making smart growth and green building practices commonplace.
- We do this by:
  - ✓ Changing the conversation;
    - ✓ Changing the rules;
      - ✓ Working with the willing.

### Other Programs



#### OSC works at different scales:

- With Federal agencies through the Partnership for Sustainable Communities;
- With states through the Governors' Institute;
- With local governments through:
  - Smart Growth Implementation Assistance; and,
  - Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities.
    - Applications due:
      - Smart Growth America: October 25
      - EPA: October 26
      - Project for Public Spaces: November 2
      - Global Green: November 2

## Greening America's Capitals Jefferson City, Missouri



- Wears Creek restoration
- Trail connections to Missouri River
- New parks and open spaces
- Reuse of old warehouses
- Green streets and parking improvements

