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Huntington selected to receive smart growth assistance

HUNTINGTON -- Smart Growth America announced Tuesday, Jan. 28, that the City of Huntington was selected as one of 18 communities nationwide to receive the organization's 2014 free smart growth technical assistance program.

Huntington will receive a one- or two-day training session with an expert from Smart Growth America on planning for economic and fiscal health. This technical assistance is made possible through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program.

The City of Huntington applied for this technical assistance to assist in developing a strategy using smart growth principles to implement Plan 2025, to reduce negative outcomes from a combined stormwater and sanitary system, and to encourage quality housing and business development.

"Smart Growth America is committed to providing the tools and training to help community leaders keep their cities and towns livable, sustainable and vital places," said Roger Millar, Vice President of Smart Growth America's Leadership Institute. "We are excited about working with each of these communities to develop local solutions that support thriving places now and for generations to come."

Smart Growth America received nearly 100 applications for technical assistance from 40 states. While all of the applications were worthy, the 18 communities selected to receive technical assistance exhibited the strongest interest in and need for smart growth tools and clearly demonstrated a commitment from local business, community and political leaders to implement local smart growth solutions.

Past technical assistance workshops focused on issues including transit-oriented development, Complete Streets, smart growth zoning, parking management, economic development and fiscal health and transportation performance measurement, among others.

The other winning communities are: City of Emmett, ID; City of Green River, WY; City of Hot Springs,



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About Smart Growth America's free technical assistance

Smart Growth America offers twelve "ready-to-go" technical assistance tools that help communities build stronger local economies, protect the environment, preserve sense of place, and improve overall quality of life. The technical assistance is funded through a grant to Smart Growth America from the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities under their Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program. The Building Blocks program funds quick, targeted assistance to communities that face common development problems.

Smart Growth America is the only national organization dedicated to researching, advocating for and leading coalitions to bring smart growth practices to more communities nationwide. From providing more sidewalks to ensuring more homes are built near public transportation or that productive farms remain a part of our communities, smart growth helps make sure people across the nation can live in great neighborhoods. For additional information visit www.smartgrowthamerica.org.