



WELCOME TO THE MICHIGAN SUBURBS ALLIANCE ONLINE

Welcome to the Michigan Suburbs Alliance, an organization helping to create a brighter future for Michigan!

There is a growing movement in Michigan to help communities and regions to develop in more sensible ways. Budget deficits at the federal and state levels, crumbling roads and infrastructure, expensive pollution cleanup projects, and high tax burdens have fueled grassroots efforts to find ways to do the public's business in a wise and equitable manner, one which seeks to minimize waste and duplication.

The Suburbs Alliance has become a respected voice on issues of utmost importance to our communities, such as funding for local government, physical infrastructure and the redevelopment of Michigan's urban and suburban communities.

A Message from the Executive Director:

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Calthorpean Geography

"At some point we have to recognize that we're no longer pioneers on a frontier."

Peter Calthorpe

Peter Calthorpe used to be a radical, a prodigy, a phenomenon. Somewhere between the founding of his urban design firm in 1983 and his presentation in Ann Arbor last month to launch the revamp of its downtown, Calthorpe became the spokesman for the mainstream. However, it was not Calthorpe who changed so much as the country. There's hardly a planners' school in America now that isn't teaching The New Urbanism, a set of principles that Calthorpe has espoused for decades. Until now, Calthorpe worked mainly on the western side of the country, but the new Ann Arbor project

The **Suburbs Alliance** is excited to partner with the following communities selected to participate in the RRC Pilot Program

- City of Eastpointe
- City of Hazel Park
- City of River Rouge
- City of Southfield
- City of Taylor
- City of Ypsilanti



To learn more about this innovative program and to download the RRC Best Practices, [click here](#).

The Suburbs Alliance was founded by a group of local mayors and city managers who realized that many of the challenges confronting their communities were regional or statewide in scope. Problems such as deteriorating infrastructure, fiscal stress, economic decline and environmental harm had regional causes that were largely beyond the control of local government. Finding solutions to these problems requires cooperation among communities across Southeast Michigan; the fundamental purpose of the Suburbs Alliance is to continuously elevate the level of that cooperation.

The Suburbs Alliance seeks to use the knowledge and ideas of its members and Michigan residents to build a state known for the high quality of its communities. The Suburbs Alliance is your gateway to participation. Thank you for your interest and we look forward to growing Michigan together!

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