



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CATALYST PROJECTS FOR CALIFORNIA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is pleased to announce the selection of thirteen California communities as Catalyst Projects under the Department's Catalyst Projects for California Sustainable Strategies Pilot Program. Funded by Proposition 1C, the program embodies the goals of SB 375 – landmark legislation signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2008. Designated Catalyst Projects demonstrate a commitment to sustainable communities and testing and evaluating innovative strategies designed to increase housing supply and affordability; improve jobs and housing relationships; stimulate job creation and retention; enhance transportation modal choices; preserve open space and agricultural resources; promote public health; eliminate toxic threats; address blighted properties; reduce green house gas emissions and increase energy conservation and independence. At least one Catalyst Project was designated in each of the four major Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPOs) regions to support the regions efforts to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy required by SB 375. The thirteen selected Catalyst Communities are:

Gold Catalyst Designees:

- City of Emeryville, Emeryville Marketplace
- City of San Francisco, Mission Bay
- City of Sacramento, Township Nine
- City of San Diego, Village at Market Creek
- City of Fullerton, Fullerton Transportation Center

Silver Catalyst Designees:

- City of National City, Paradise Creek Revitalization
- City of Chico, Meriam Park
- Town of Truckee, Truckee Railyard
- City of Marina, The Dunes on Monterey Bay
- City of Ontario, Downtown Core Catalyst Project

Bronze Catalyst Designees:

- City of San Diego, Quarry Falls
- City of Hercules, Bay Front Transit Village
- City of Oxnard, North Oxnard Communities

Designated Catalyst Projects will receive targeted technical assistance from teams of State Agencies and additional consideration (e.g. bonus points) when applying for specific State funding programs, including CalTrans' Community Based Transportation Planning Grants. In addition, Gold Catalyst Communities will receive \$1,350,000 and Silver Catalyst Communities \$500,000 under the Department's Affordable Housing Innovation (AHI) Program, which will provide funding exclusively to communities with designated Gold and Silver Catalyst Projects.

For additional information on each of the thirteen selected Catalyst Communities, please refer to the attached Catalyst Project Fact Sheets. A copy of the Department's press release is available at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/news/release/>. If you have additional questions, please contact Jennifer Seeger at 916-322-4263 or jseeger@hcd.ca.gov.



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Township Nine, City of Sacramento

Gold Catalyst Community Sacramento Area Council of Governments Regional Designee

Township Nine exemplifies compact, infill development while remediating a brownfield site and revitalizing a blighted area of Sacramento.

Township Nine is located in a neighborhood with very little adequate housing or amenities for families and working people but has access to remarkable resources including direct access to bus and rail service, access to the American River and pedestrian trails and close proximity to jobs, shopping and community resources.



Development standards, such as allowing 150 housing units per acre and heights up to 12 stories, break out of the “business as usual” mold of what has been traditionally approved in Sacramento. Through effective community outreach, the project has attained the support of community groups, business groups, health advocates and various governmental agencies.

Catalyst Highlights:

- 2,350 units of mixed-income housing; 179 of 752 housing units in Phase 1 will have 55-year affordability covenants and are being front-loaded into the project.
- 150,000 square feet of retail space and 800,000 square feet of office space.
- New light rail station (all housing located within one-half mile of the station); two miles of landscaped walking and biking paths and sidewalks connecting to the Two Rivers and American River Bikeways.
- LEED-Neighborhood Development Program pending Gold certification.
- Recycles and revitalizes an underutilized, infill, brownfield site.
- Fully entitled and “shovel ready”, CEQA process is complete and construction has begun.
- Consistent with the Sacramento Area Council of Government’s Blueprint.
- Close proximity to jobs, shopping and community resources.
- 20 acres of open space including development of Riverfront Park in a park-deficient area;
- Creation of 1,000 green construction job and more than 3,000 permanent jobs.
- Interconnected street pattern, bike and pedestrian pathways, proximity to transit and to amenities will contribute to the reduction in automobile use and fuel consumption.
- Recycles demolition materials for fill material, road base and some building features of the transit station.
- Project includes a storm filter system to clean runoff before it is discharged into the City’s drainage system and the American River.
- Due to previous uses on the site, the project maximizes infrastructure currently in place without requiring extraordinary off-street improvements.