



Vibrant Communities – Robust Region

The following is a compilation of some website links to the Regional Projects, similar to the CONNECT Our Future efforts underway in our region.

- **Salt Lake City, Utah**, encouraged compact development and supported existing communities with its Envision Utah planning process and the Quality Growth Act of 1999. The city expects to save \$4.5 billion on infrastructure costs by 2020. More information available at <http://www.envisionutah.org/historyenvisionutahv5p1.pdf>
- **The Bear Lake Valley Blueprint** was a once in-a-generation opportunity to explore growth-related issues and think together about what Bear Lake County/Rich County area should be like in the future. Broad public participation and ownership was the key to a successful process and a vision that captures the place residents want to leave for future generations—a place marked by “Neighborly communities, matchless recreation, agricultural heritage and unparalleled natural resources.” More information available at http://www.envisionutah.org/eu_projects_regionalvisioning.html
- **Sacramento, California**, calculated that a smart growth infrastructure growth scenario would save \$9.4 billion when compared to conventional development over a 50 year period. Savings would come from having to build less transportation infrastructure, water infrastructure, and flood control and utilities – the equivalent of saving about \$18,000 per housing unit or per 2,500 square feet of office or commercial space. More information available at <http://www.sacregionblueprint.org/implementation/pdf/blueprint-book.pdf>
- **Chicago Area Regional Plan (Go To 2040)** GO TO 2040 is the comprehensive regional plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities plan together for sustainable prosperity through mid-century and beyond. More information available at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/2040/main>
- **Wasatch Choice for 2040** The Regional Council, in association with the Mountainland Association of Governments in Utah County and Envision Utah, decided in 2005 to engage in a visioning process for growth and development called the Wasatch Choices 2040 Vision. This Vision, in turn, served as the foundation for the transportation planning effort resulting in the current Regional Transportation Plan. More information available at <http://www.wasatchchoice2040.com/toolbox/>
- **Kansas City’s** Regional Plan for Sustainable Development is a compilation of key regional plans and strategies with common goals and themes. This work is also found in a variety of local plans adopted by area communities over the last decade. More information available at <http://www.marc.org/sustainableplaces/rpsd.htm>