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Activity #1: Create a Sustainable Growth Challenge

**Description**: We would like to collaborate with professors and college students to create a Sustainable Growth Challenge. This would be best suited for INDS students and we would ideally like to involve at least two educational institutions so that we can compare and contrast. Our goal is to create an incentive in addition to inclusion in one's portfolio. We have discussed ideas of creating a cash prize, class credit, grade or creating a "Green and Growing" Award. This will be similar to the Urban Plan.

## **Intended Accomplishment:**

Intended Completion Date: Spring 2013

Activity #2: Expand Planning Degrees at Colleges/Universities

**Description**: Contact Community Colleges/Universities that are not yet offering planning degrees/courses and identify institutions that would be willing to begin offering either courses or degrees in urban planning or similar degrees to promote smart growth.

**Intended Accomplishment**: Increase planning degrees and/or courses being offered in the State of Maryland

Intended Completion Date: Ongoing

Activity #3: Promote "Live Near Wear Your Work" Initiative Description: Receive guidance from State and local agencies on best practices. Identify locations that would be best suited for this project and promote.

**Intended Accomplishment**: Promote smart growth, increase incentives for living and working locally, reduce commute times and reduce pollution.

Intended Completion Date: Ongoing