Model Smart Growth Code

Overview



Issues, Challenges

- ➤ Who is the audience or market?
- Complete toolbox or key elements?
- > Smart Code, traditional or metrics?
- > Infill & redevelopment or greenfields?
- > Is it all just about streets & transportation?

Who is the Audience?

Most Important "Market" or Need

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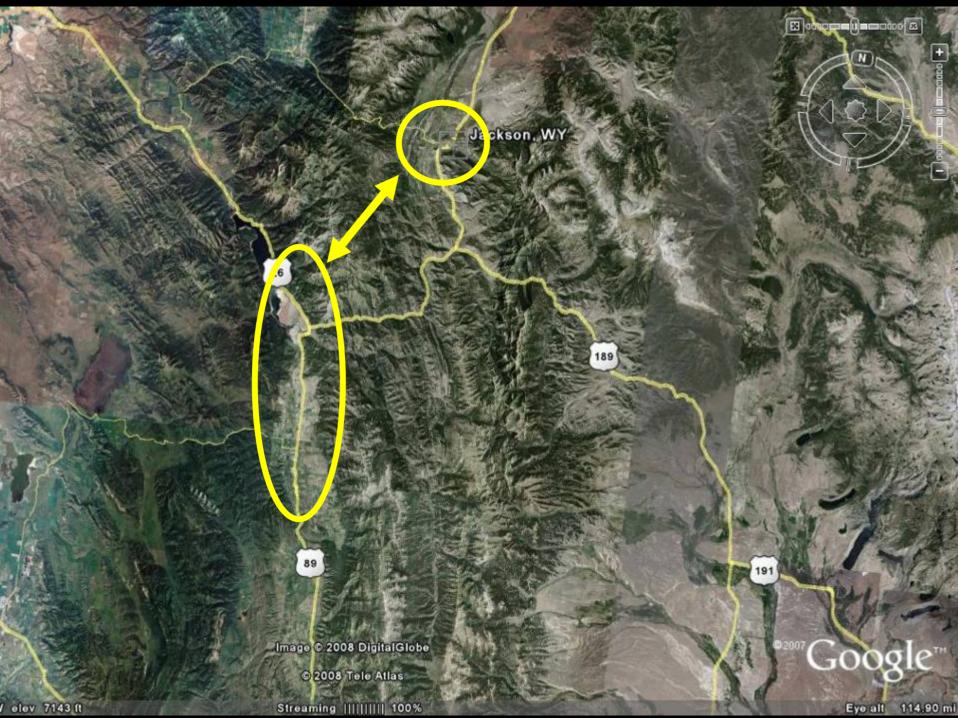
Who is the Audience/Market?

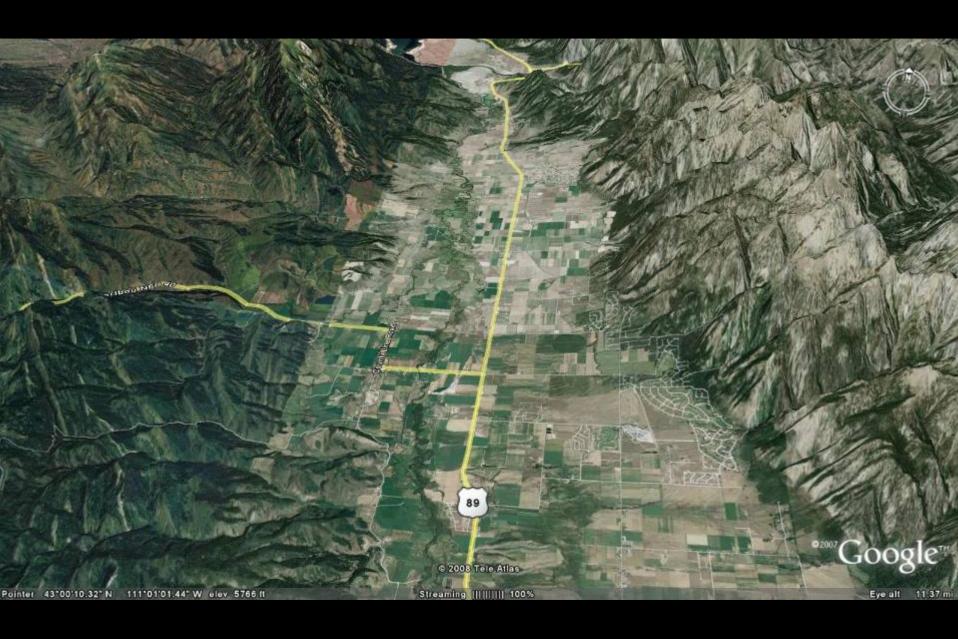
- Small towns and rural counties?
 - Not sophisticated
 - Limited staff & resources
- Cities in need of key smart growth elements?
- Cities with active fringes (Orlando)?
- Mature, constrained infill cites (Denver)?
- Comprehensive/leading edge (even Portland & Boulder can benefit)?



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Complete Toolbox or Key Elements?

Possible Approaches



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- A. Quick Fixes Wrongs/Repair List
- B. Hybrid code for today (most important elements of the code)
- C. 2030 code (leading edge code)

A. Quick Fixes (Top Ten)

- 1. Mixed Use Zones land use mix & housing mix
- 2. Dimensional standards (building/street relationship)
- 3. PUD standards v. base standards
- 4. Parking requirements
- 5. Increase Density and intensity (in centers)
- 6. Update/change street standards
- 7. Walkable places
- 8. Prescriptive and re-plan with consistency
- 9. Context sensitive stormwater management
- 10. Good annexation policy & fiscal analysis
- 11. Devil's Density

B. "Hybrid" Code

- > Tension:
 - Smart code design orientation
 - Traditional "text" and tables code
 - Metrics LEED-ND
- Adaptable to different existing regulatory environments

C. 2030 Code, aka "Leading Edge"

- Adoptable as a complete smart growth code
- Serve as a textbook on what smart growth implementation looks like
- All components would be at the leading edge
 - Sustainability
 - Reflecting LEED-ND
- Go beyond just ordinances
 - Comprehensive plan
 - Growth management (incl. intergovernmental)
 - Strong design orientation

Smart Code or Traditional?

New Urbanists, Planners, Citizens



Smart Code or Traditional

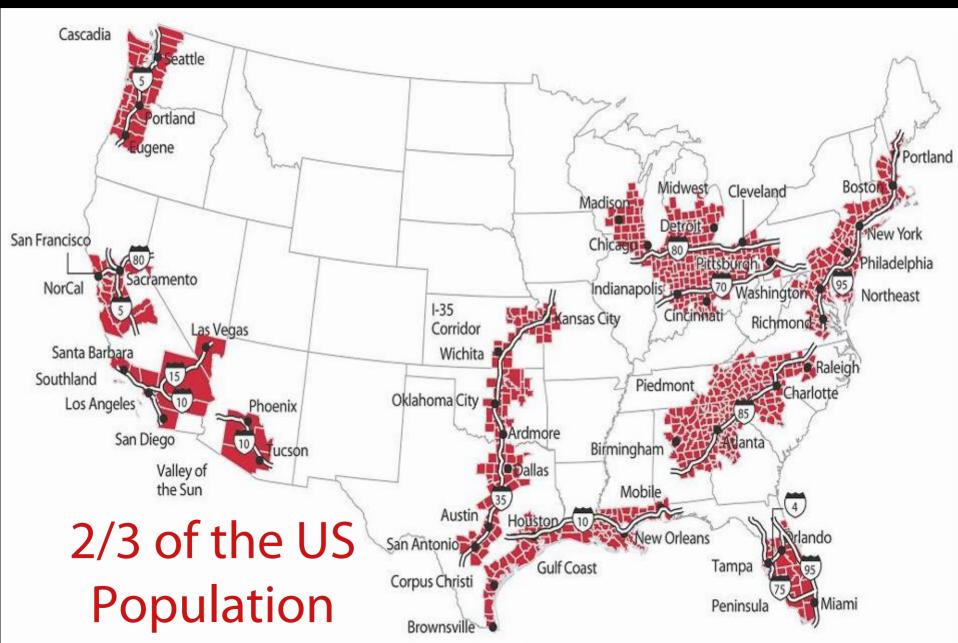
- New urbanist design orientation
- > Form-based approach
 - _____
- Process
- > Text and tables
 - _____
- LEED-ND
- Metrics

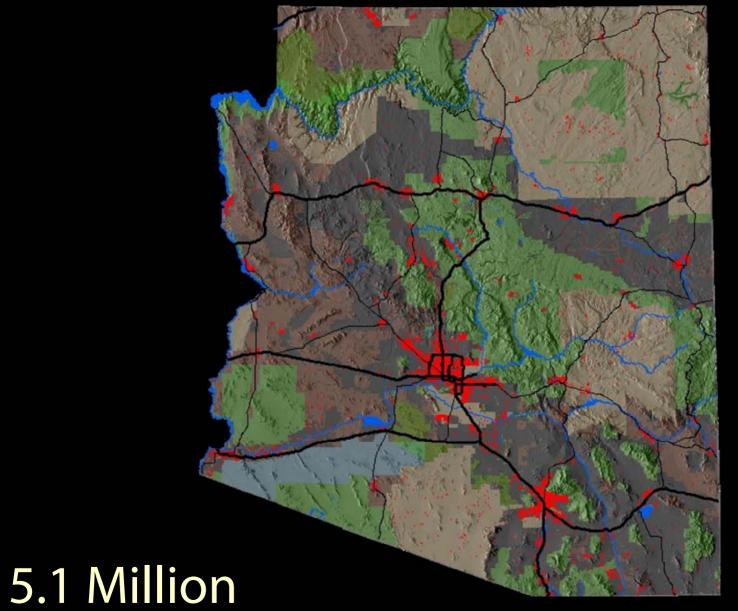
Infill & Redevelopment or Greenfields?

Old Cities, New Cities

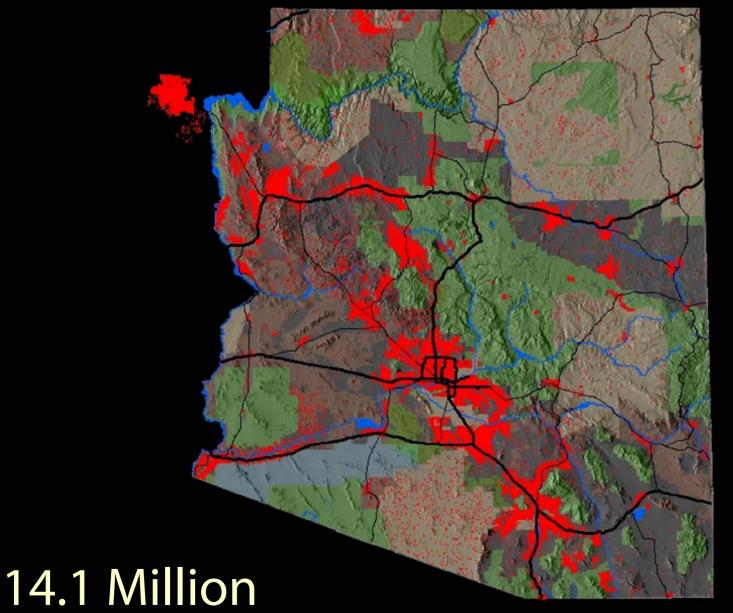


Emerging Megapolitan Regions











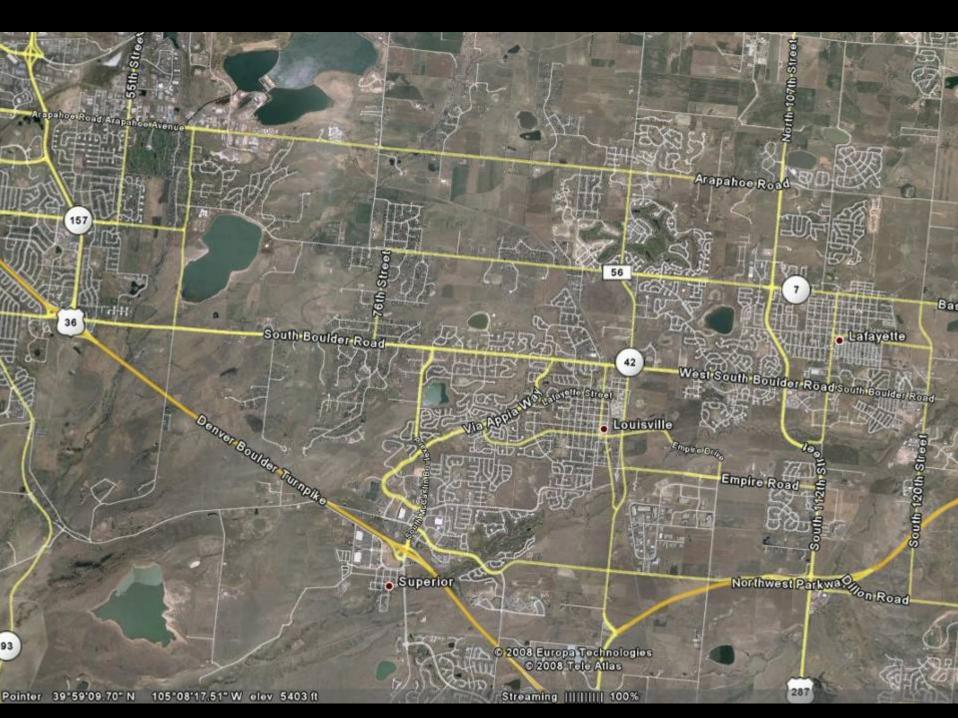
Is It All Just About Streets & Transportation?

(No, but...)









Streets and Transportation

- Planning issues
 - Integration of land use & transportation
 - What, where, when
 - Concurrency, adequate public facilities
 - Modal balance
- Code issues
 - How much
 - Design

Transportation Issues

- 1. Parking
- 2. Street networks connectivity, etc.
- 3. Mobility equity auto dependency
- 4. Context-based facility planning & design
 - a. Streets
 - b. Transit
- 5. Capacity-based standards LOS, etc.
- 6. Funding of facilities & services fair share
- 7. Pedestrian access
- 8. Sustainability