

Tier 3: External Resources		
Existing resources organized by topic area with a brief description of each		
	Tool	Blueprint Principle or Strategy
3.1	<p>Educational resources and opportunities</p> <p>Webinars , Institute for Local Government (ILG) This site shares information on upcoming webinars that address a range of smart growth and local planning issues. ILC also provides recordings and presentations from past webinars, including the webinar “Tools and Resources for Sustainable Planning at the Local Level.” Topics include public engagement and planning for sustainability, including AB 32 & SB 375.</p> <p>Technical workshops and assistance , Smart Growth America Leadership Institute The Leadership Institute helps local governments develop their own smart growth implementation strategies. Smart Growth America’s Leadership Institute provides the following resources and types of assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations and workshops outlining the principles of smart growth and best practices from around the country. • Training on how to build effective coalitions, encourage public involvement and support, and achieve meaningful change within complex political environments. • Consultations to help states and communities identify solutions to a vast array of issues – including transportation, housing, and environmental issues. • Annual free technical assistance workshops. <p>Education and events, League of California Cities The League of California Cities provides local government education with a focus on networking, legal, legislative, new technologies, best practices and organizational improvement. Session materials from the 2012 Planning Expo are available for downloading. Use the link above to search its current educational conferences and opportunities. The League also provides a library of resources on topics of interest to planners, elected officials and planning commissioners.</p>	Education / Collaboration

		<p>Resources for Planners , American Planning Association (APA) Northern California Chapter Lake County is served by the APA’s Northern California Chapter. This site includes list of resources about planning in the state and region. The organization publishes a free newsletter, <i>Northern News</i> and advertises educational and professional development opportunities through its eNews.</p> <p>City and Regional Planning Resources , Planners Web This organization formerly published the Planning Commissioner’s Journal and is now switching to an online structure with resources available by subscription. Articles, back issues and the Guide for New Planning Commissioners are available for purchase. These resources may be of particular use to new planners, Planning Commissioners or others with limited background in planning and development.</p> <p>Transportation Forums and Trainings , Caltrans The Caltrans Office of Workforce Development has a website that provides information for career development for planning staff. Partner agencies do have the opportunity to attend several of the trainings offered. Planning Horizons is an educational forum that is webcasted every other month or more.</p> <p>Other workshops, conferences and educational opportunities are available periodically through the California Association of Coordinated Transportation (CalAct) and the California State Association of Counties (CASC).</p>	
3.2	Planning and Zoning Code Resources for Balanced Growth	<p>Smart Growth Zoning Codes, Local Government Commission (LGC) The LGC has developed a guidebook for planners and elected officials to understand, prepare and adopt codes and ordinances to support the development of livable communities. The executive summary is available online; the full hard copy document is available for lending from APC or for purchase from the LGC.</p> <p>Better Models for Development in California, Local Government Commission This LGC describes six principles for better development in California communities and provides several examples, best practices and tools. This manual focuses on small communities and issues</p>	Growth and Development / Infrastructure / Agriculture

including how to protect the countryside and strengthen downtowns. The hard copy document is available for lending from APC or for purchase from the LGC.

[Putting Smart Growth to Work in Rural Communities](#), Smart Growth Network

This publication focuses on how smart growth strategies can be applied in rural areas to guide growth, protect land and preserving the rural character of existing communities. These strategies are based around three goals: 1) create an economy that protects working lands and conserves natural lands; 2) help existing places to thrive by taking care of assets and investments such as downtowns, Main Streets and existing infrastructure; and 3) create great new places by building vibrant, enduring neighborhoods and communities.

[Essential Smart Growth Fixes for Rural Planning, Zoning, and Development Codes, U.S.](#)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The EPA has published a guide for local governments who want to implement critical changes to their code to allow and encourage smart growth development. It identifies the most common code and ordinance barriers and suggests implementation steps to overcome these barriers. It is organized around ten strategies that address key issues faced by rural communities. It emphasizes smart growth policy options that can be implemented by rural communities with limited resources.

[Essential Fixes for Urban and Suburban Codes](#) is also available. While this guide is designed for urban and suburban communities, it includes several items, including parking management, which will be relevant to Lake County.

[Heart & Soul Community Planning Implementation Guides](#), Orton Family Foundation

Orton Family Foundations' Heart & Soul Implementation Guides outline the steps necessary to implement numerous community goals and provide a resource for towns to actively plan their futures. Implementation Guides provide a general review of actions that could support a community's values around community character, good governance, promoting housing options and others. The Orton Family Foundation created these Guides to accompany the Heart & Soul Community Planning Handbook.

[Smart Growth Award Winners](#), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

		<p>EPA's National Award for Smart Growth Achievement winners are showcased online, offering examples of how to use smart growth principles to improve your community. EPA awards communities for outstanding rural smart growth projects and policies, green building, and overall smart growth excellence (among others). These projects are good examples of balanced growth development for elected and appointed officials.</p> <p>Model Design Manual for Living Streets, Smart Growth America Smart Growth America has published a manual to help cities create balanced street design that accommodates cars while ensuring that pedestrians, cyclists and transit users can travel safely and comfortably. This guide can help public works and engineering staff with developing roadway standards.</p> <p>Model Development Code, State of Oregon The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development has developed two editions of its model code to provide small cities with guidance and expertise in zoning, development standards, review procedures, and implementation of state planning rules and statutes. While this product is specific to Oregon's planning framework, it is an excellent example of model code that may be transferable to California.</p>	
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3.2	Healthy Communities	<p>Land Use Planning 101 Resources, National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) NACCHO’s Planning 101 Resources provides links to a number of useful tools and resources that relate to improving public health through the built environment. Examples include links to “walkability” and “bikeability” checklists, and a primer on active living for government officials.</p> <p>Healthy Planning Policies, Public Health Law and Policy (PHLP) PHLP developed a resource for local planners interested in seeing how other California communities have integrated healthy planning policies into their General Plan documents. Visit this page to review the compendium and to access fact sheets and toolkits related to planning for community health at the local policy level. This site includes a Toolkit for creating Healthy General Plans.</p> <p>Health Impact Assessments, Human Impact Partners Human Impact Partners’ tools and resources web page provides a comprehensive series of white papers, guidelines, checklists and measurement tools to determine the health impacts of development projects and planning decisions.</p> <p>Steps to a Walkable Community, America Walks This guide outlines strategies and tactics that have successfully improved and encouraged walking in communities around the country.</p> <p>Health Impact Report in Brief, National Academies in Science This report describes the role of a health impact assessment in planning and policy-making.</p> <p>Health by Design, Sonoma County This workbook was developed by Sonoma County Planning and Development and The Center for Sustainable Communities at Sonoma State University. It focuses on how land use planning can contribute to improving health through reducing obesity and chronic disease. It includes case studies, general plan policies and resources for linking land use and public health.</p> <p>The Lake County Health Needs Assessment, Lake County Collaborative of Health and Community-Based Organizations A comprehensive needs assessment of Lake County’s community health needs was completed in 2010. It provides an overview of health-related needs and provides baseline data for performance measurement. It also provides information to guide policy-making and to support fund-raising efforts. and other support towards the highest-priority health needs in the community.</p>	
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3.3	Illustrations and Visual Simulations	<p>Smart Growth Illustrated Case Studies, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Smart Growth Illustrated provides visual examples of smart growth techniques as they have been used in different places. Although every example illustrates several smart growth principles, each was chosen to illustrate one specific principle. These case studies effectively illustrate 10 smart growth principles as they have been used in 20 communities around the country. They include a scorecard for each project based on the EPA’s Smart Growth Principles.</p> <p>Envisioning Urbanism, Urban Advantage Urban Advantage has a library of visual simulations available online or for purchase. These illustrations are effective tools to visualize development options and show how places can change incrementally over time.</p> <p>Blueprint Photo Simulations, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Visual simulations developed during SACOG Blueprint process are available to view on this site. Also available is a resource sheet about using 3-D simulations.</p> <p>Smart Growth Visualization Tools and Photo Library, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) SANDAG has a set of Smart Growth visualization examples developed by Urban Advantage. A regional smart growth photo library is also available for purchase to use for educational purposes.</p> <p>Picturing Smart Growth, Natural Resources Defense Council This website includes featured scenarios and examples of smart growth visualizations (also by Urban Advantage).</p>	Growth and Development
3.4	Other Toolkits	<p>Smart Growth Implementation Toolkit, Smart Growth America Leadership Institute This set of tools helps communities implement smart growth and related policies. Tools are intended to help staff evaluate policies, codes, zoning regulations and development requirements and overcome barriers to balanced growth.</p> <p>Tools and Key Resources for Rural Communities, Partnership for Sustainable Communities This federal interagency program has many online resources for community planning. It includes a</p>	On-going Planning

	<p>focus on rural areas and planning for small, non-urban communities.</p> <p>I-69 Planning Toolbox, State of Indiana A comprehensive range of tools is included in this toolbox which is designed for use by small communities located along state or U.S. highways. It includes resources on evaluating and building local planning capacity. Tools are organized by topic area and level of planning capacity.</p> <p>Florida Planning Toolbox, State of Florida This comprehensive planning resource provides a summary description of a variety of tools used to achieve smart growth goals, including agricultural land conservation, economic health, housing, climate planning, and infill and redevelopment. Examples of each tool in use are given.</p> <p>Envision Utah Toolboxes The Envision Utah process has resulted in a number of useful resources for citizen and professional planners alike. For example, the Local Government Economic Development Toolbox includes a step-by-step guide through the process of economic development planning, and describes ways to evaluate and select from a range of possible strategies and actions. Other Envision Utah resources include a toolbox with reuse and infill, public safety and residential streets, and strategies for walkable commercial design.</p> <p>Community Planning Toolbox, Smart Growth Vermont A toolbox of planning tools with rural applications. Also includes a Summary of Land Use Regulations and Takings Laws.</p> <p>Sustaining Rural Places Toolkit, Sierra Business Council This site includes several fact sheets describing tools intended to protect this region, with a focus on conservation and watershed planning.</p> <p>Toolkit for Integrating Land Use and Transportation, Federal Highway Administration This site includes a data-base of brief case study examples of successful and innovative design guidelines and standards, planning and public involvement strategies, project prioritization and funding, and others. Case studies can be searched by project scale, type of implementing agency</p>	
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3.6	CEQA / Environmental Review	The CEQA Process Flowchart summarizes the CEQA process for public agencies. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) offers more information and resources on CEQA.	
3.7	Agriculture	The University of California Cooperative Extension has resources for small farms, including information about agritourism that can help support local economic planning efforts. The SACOG Rural-Urban Connections Strategies Project offers many resources on rural planning issues, including land conflicts, land conservation and supporting agricultural activities.	
3.8	Main Street Planning	Caltrans has released a draft guide to Main Street planning and design that compiles options for main streets, applicable to communities of all sizes.	
3.9	Traffic Calming	Fehr & Peers has developed an online resource for resources and guidelines for traffic calming tools and techniques for controlling traffic speed and volume.	