



## News Flash



A service of ILG's Sustainable Communities Learning Network, the News Flash highlights fresh resources and upcoming events tailored for local sustainability practitioners.

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### EVENT

## EPA Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Webinar

Learn how to get free technical assistance for building sustainable communities

SEPTEMBER 21, 2012 - 10:00AM - 11:30AM

Call 1-888-850-4523. Participant passcode: 719661 (no registration required).

Participants will learn about the types of assistance available through [EPA's Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program](#).

This program provides short-term, targeted technical assistance to help communities implement smart growth development approaches, such as creating a green streets strategy, linking land use to water quality, or conducting a parking audit.

Communities may apply for assistance from EPA between September 26 and October 26, 2012.

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## SUSTAINABILITY CASE STORY

# City of Riverside Wellness Program Decreases Sick Time and Improves Employee Health and Morale

In the face of an economic downturn and rising health insurance costs, The City of Riverside implemented a wellness program for its 2,400 employees. The program provides educational resources, fitness events, health fairs, and wellness incentives. It has had wide employee participation and is adding elements yearly. The program has decreased employee sick time, improved the health of employees, built positive relationships within the community, promoted positive employee/employer relationships, and reduced the rate of the city life insurance plan.

[Read more](#)

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## Sustainable Communities Learning Network Partnership



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## Sustainable Communities Learning Network Group on LinkedIn



The LinkedIn™ group is a place for local government sustainability practitioners to connect, exchange information, discuss best practices, and seek feedback on project ideas directly from their peers.

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