



Preferred Sustainability Status – Applicant Instructions

To be eligible for Preferred Sustainability Status bonus points, the proposed activities/projects of the requesting application must be within the eight county region of the San Joaquin Valley, consistent with the Livability Principles advanced by communities in the FY2010 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program, and consistent with the goals and objectives of Smart Valley Places.

ELIGIBLE GEOGRAPHY

Smart Valley Places is a project of the San Joaquin Valley. For the purposes of Preferred Sustainability Status eligibility, proposed projects/activities must occur within the eight county region comprised of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern Counties.

LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES

- Provide more transportation choices.
- Promote equitable, affordable housing.
- Enhance economic competitiveness.
- Support existing communities.
- Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investment.
- Value communities and neighborhoods.

SMART VALLEY PLACES GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Smart Valley Places consortium is prepared to build upon the regional framework of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley's Strategic Action Proposal and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint, to refine a regional plan for sustainable development for the San Joaquin Valley. This effort involves a broad spectrum of partners, committed to the following core objectives:

- Drive the goals and objectives of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley's Strategic Action Proposal
- Implement the Smart Growth principles established in the Valley Blueprint
- Create smart growth tools and principles in the 14 urban cities of SJV
- Interconnect smart growth principles in the 14 cities on a regional basis
- Provide tools and experiences for the 46 rural and 225 unincorporated communities of the Valley
- Maximize current and future federal and state investments in the San Joaquin Valley
- Foster civic engagement and open the planning process to all elements of the community, through the region

For more information about the founding principles of Smart Valley Places, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint and the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley's Strategic Action Proposal, please review the Smart Valley Places workplan found here:

http://www.smartvalleyplaces.org/wp-content/uploads/SVP_WP_Narrative_FINAL.pdf