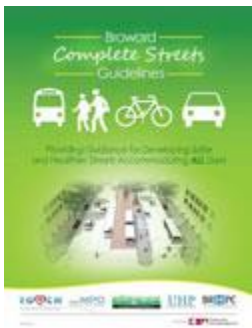


## The Many Ways Broward Was TOUCHed by Smart Growth in 2012

**Smart Growth Partnership (SGP)** achieved a number of important milestones in 2012 thanks in large part to a three-year **TOUCH** grant awarded to our organization.

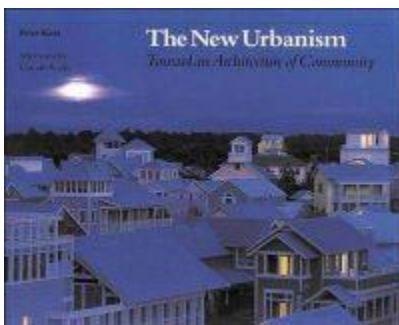
SGP continues to address the needs of current and future families by revitalizing neighborhoods, preserving natural areas, stimulating economic development and providing transportation alternatives to the car. Smart Growth encourages mixed versus single use tenant development, which is a financially beneficial way for communities to increase tax revenue while decreasing urban sprawl. SGP's *most important goal* is to promote the development of healthy, livable and sustainable communities.

This year, 11 Broward cities committed to [Smart Growth Principles](#), including Fort Lauderdale, Miramar, Dania Beach, Deerfield Beach, Coral Springs, Pompano Beach, West Park, Plantation, Lauderdale Lakes, North Lauderdale and Oakland Park.



Also in 2012, the [Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) adopted **Complete Streets Guidelines**, developed by SGP and Urban Health Partnerships. These guidelines promote healthier communities through the design of safer streets that take into account all kinds of users, including those who walk, ride bikes and use public transportation. The group garnered support and created educational and outreach programs for all communities in Broward.

SGP has helped organize educational programs for elected officials, city planning managers, public works administrators and the community-at-large. These included a February event organized in partnership with **Nova Southeastern University's School of Real Estate** that brought **Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Ed McMahon** to speak there on the economic benefits of Smart Growth.



In June, SGP partnered with **Nova Southeastern University, Sieman's** and the **United States Green Building Council South Florida Chapter** to present a two-day workshop involving interactive discussions about the results of Siemens' Green City Index (GCI). This was an opportunity to gain a better understanding of sustainable "best practices" from cities around the world.



In September, SGP awarded their annual Southeast Florida Awards for Smart Growth Excellence. Two awards were presented to [Dania Beach](#) and one to Fort Lauderdale's [Northwest Gardens Project](#), which then went on to win Honorable Mention from the EPA's Smart Growth Excellence Awards in November.

Also in September, SGP partnered with the **Fort Lauderdale Realtors Association, National Association of Realtors, Nova Southeastern University**, and other community partners [to present a half day seminar for elected officials and planning staffs with nationally recognized expert \*\*Peter Katz\*\*](#), author of "The New Urbanism," who spoke on **A Proactive Approach**

**to Managing a Community's Property Tax Base.**

For 2013, SGP will move into its second year as a TOUCH grantee and initiative partner and was also just awarded an additional grant from the Health Foundation of South Florida that will also support continued work in Broward County to assist cities in compliance with [Complete Streets Guidelines](#) and the [Smart Growth Principles](#).

*For more information on the mission of SGP, visit [www.smartgrowthpartnership.org](http://www.smartgrowthpartnership.org)*