



Strong, Prosperous, And Resilient Communities Challenge

An initiative of Enterprise Community Partners, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, the Low Income Investment Fund, and the Natural Resources Defense Council

We all benefit when everyone thrives.

SPARCC is investing in and amplifying local efforts underway in six regions to ensure that new investments reduce racial disparities, build a culture of health, and prepare for a changing climate. The initiative's long-term goal is to change the way metropolitan regions grow, invest, and build through integrated, cross-sector approaches that benefit low-income people and communities of color.

Where you grow up [is one of the strongest predictors](#) of future success. The systems that currently shape the built environment – who sets the vision and makes decisions, what kinds of development and infrastructure are incentivized in neighborhoods through public policy, and how the unseen rules of capital determine what is built and who benefits – are exacerbating racial, health, and climate vulnerability disparities. SPARCC seeks to ensure that low-income people and communities of color have a fair shot at a healthy, prosperous life, regardless of race and place.

SPARCC is empowering communities.

SPARCC is working with multidisciplinary groups across six regions that are bringing together community residents, public and private sectors, and local government to make sure that new infrastructure investments help make their communities places where everyone thrives.

- **Atlanta** | The Transformation Alliance
- **Chicago** | Elevated Chicago
- **Denver** | Mile High Connects
- **Los Angeles** | LA Thrives, ACT-LA, California Community Foundation
- **Memphis** | Neighborhood Collaborative for Resilience
- **San Francisco Bay Area** | Bay Area for All

Collectively more than 250 organizations are a part of SPARCC's regional collaboratives. While each region is different, all six have proposed concrete strategies to make their communities more prosperous and equitable through solutions ranging from regional transit expansion and revitalizing existing transit hubs, to reshaping and redirecting housing and land use.

SPARCC is changing systems.

SPARCC is leveraging the power of its collective network to influence policy, capital investments, and national conversations about the built environment.

- SPARCC is focused on racial equity at the core of national and regional efforts, including influencing local government agencies to join the [Government Alliance for Race and Equity](#).
- The [SPARCC Capital Screen](#) demonstrates how capital investments can have measurable impacts in advancing racial equity, improving health outcomes, and climate resilience.
- SPARCC is hosting interactive events to lift up national trends in the crisis of housing, commercial, and cultural displacement across the U.S. with a focus on strategies that bridge the gap between capital investments and community needs, ownership, and benefits.
- SPARCC is partnering with University of California, Berkeley's [Urban Displacement Project](#) to map regional displacement risk for each SPARCC site and build a national narrative on neighborhood change, grounded in local data designed to drive action and policy change.
- SPARCC is publishing tools, fact sheets and white papers to further the communities' goals and galvanize the national conversation on SPARCC issues.

For more information on SPARCC and the selected regions, please visit sparcchub.org.

The SPARCC Regions

Atlanta

The TransFormation Alliance is a broad partnership of organizations from the private, public and nonprofit sectors dedicated to creating thriving, mixed-income communities anchored by transit and linked to all the opportunities and amenities that make Atlanta great. Their mission is to offer all residents the opportunities for a high quality of life, linked by the region's critically important transit system. For more information, visit atltransformationalliance.org.

Chicago

Elevated Chicago is a partnership of organizations committed to transforming the half-mile radius around transit stations into hubs of opportunity and connection across our region's vast transit system. The collaborative members view station areas as the optimal location for planning, programming, urban design and development to converge to address the region's deeply rooted disparities in racial equity, public health, and climate resiliency. Elevated Chicago's 18 member steering committee is roughly half community organizations in the four focal neighborhoods and half leaders from the public sector, philanthropy, and regional planning and financial non-profit organizations. For more information, visit elevatedchicago.org.

Denver

Mile High Connects is a multi-sector collaborative working to ensure that the regional transit system fosters communities that offer all residents the opportunity for a high quality of life. The partnership formed in 2011 to ensure that FasTracks, the region's \$7.8 billion transit build-out, benefits low-income communities and communities of color by connecting them to affordable housing, healthy environments, quality education, and good-paying jobs. Mile High Connects is housed at The Denver Foundation, the largest and most experienced community foundation in the Rocky Mountain West. For more information, visit milehighconnects.org.

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles SPARCC recipients include the California Community Foundation, LA Transit, Housing, Resources and Investment for a Vibrant Economy (LA THRIVES), and the Alliance for Community Transit Los Angeles (ACT-LA). Together, these partners are working to move the Los Angeles County region toward achieving equitable opportunities for every Angeleno by ensuring access to affordable, stable, high-quality homes, quality living-wage jobs, and affordable low-carbon transportation. For more information, visit losangeles-sparcc.org.

Memphis

Neighborhood Collaborative for Resilience is a community-based coalition of residents and organizations (CDCs, neighborhood-based organizations, government, non-profit, and private sector) designed to cultivate and support meaningful community participation to strengthen the community spaces where people in North Memphis live, work, and play. They seek to guide work that will change policies, practices, and development to benefit quality of life in North Memphis, eliminating disparities to establish racial equity, improve climate resilience, and improve health. For more information, visit memphis-sparcc.org.

San Francisco Bay Area

Bay Area for All (BA4A) is aligning the work, vision, and focus of three nationally recognized collaboratives to build an equitable, healthy, climate-wise Bay Area. The 6 Wins for Social Equity Network (6 Wins), the Great Communities Collaborative, an initiative of The San Francisco Foundation, and Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII) are collaborating to advance a shared vision of community-driven housing preservation and development on public land in targeted, transit-rich neighborhoods across the Bay Area. For more information, visit sparcchub.org/communities/BA4A.