USDA & EPA Unveil Cool & Connected, Federal Planning Assistance for Broadband and Sustainable Community Development, in a Series of Webinars

The USDA and EPA, will host a series of webinars focused on Cool & Connected, a program in which a team of experts assist community members in developing strategies and action plans for using planned or existing broadband service to promote smart, sustainable community development.

Quality broadband access can provide new opportunities for people and businesses. A growing number of communities have combined broadband service with other local assets such as cultural and recreational amenities to attract and retain investment and people, including young people. This can help diversify local economies. Such efforts typically require planning among community leaders, businesses, and internet service providers. The Cool & Connected program will provide assistance to this end, helping communities take advantage of new or existing broadband service to create walkable, connected, economically vibrant main streets and small-town neighborhoods.

JOIN US ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES*:

Feb 9th, 2016 2:30 - 4 PM EST
Feb 16th, 2016 2:30 - 4 PM EST

* Dates and times are subject to change.

Webinar and Audio Conference Information

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

HOW TO REGISTER:

- Click on the following link: https://www.livemeeting.com/register **
- Fill in the required information.
- Note: Registration is only needed for one event. All webinars will present the same program details.
- Attendee instructions can also be found on the Rural Development RD Apply website as shown.

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- https://www.livemeeting.com/lrs/8002989786/Registration.aspx?pageName=bb2tgzjv6fxl996n

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Subjects Covered:

These webinars will focus on several Cool & Connected components:

- Program History
- Broadband & Downtown Revitalization
- Economic Development
- Program Eligibility
- Application Process
- Questions and Answers

Links:

- http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth
- http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/cool-connected-announcement-federal-planning-assistance-broadband-and-sustainable
- http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs
- USDA_RUSStakeholderAnnounceFedPlanning.pdf

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