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Regional Planning is...

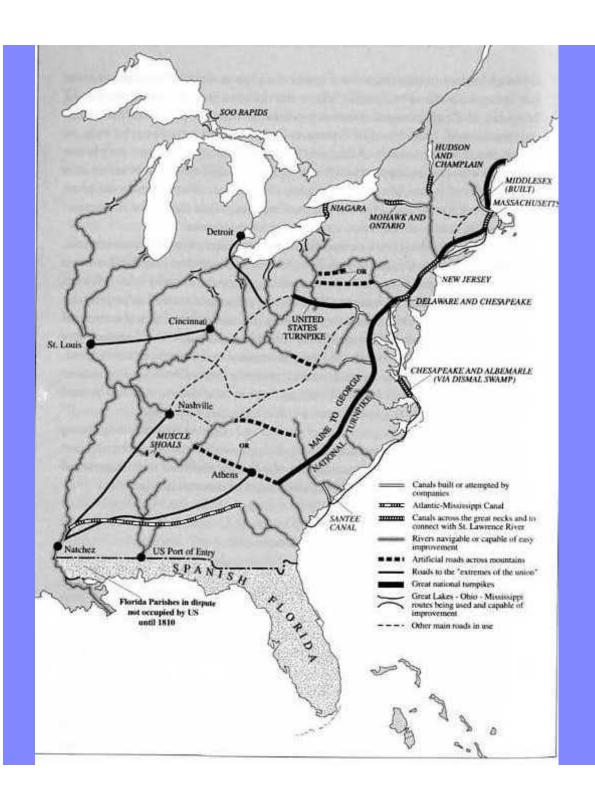
- Planning for issues that no single jurisdiction can adequately plan for or act on by itself.
- Therefore,
 - it's profoundly collaborative, and
 - at its best, reflects the native scale of problems/issues.

American Regional Planning

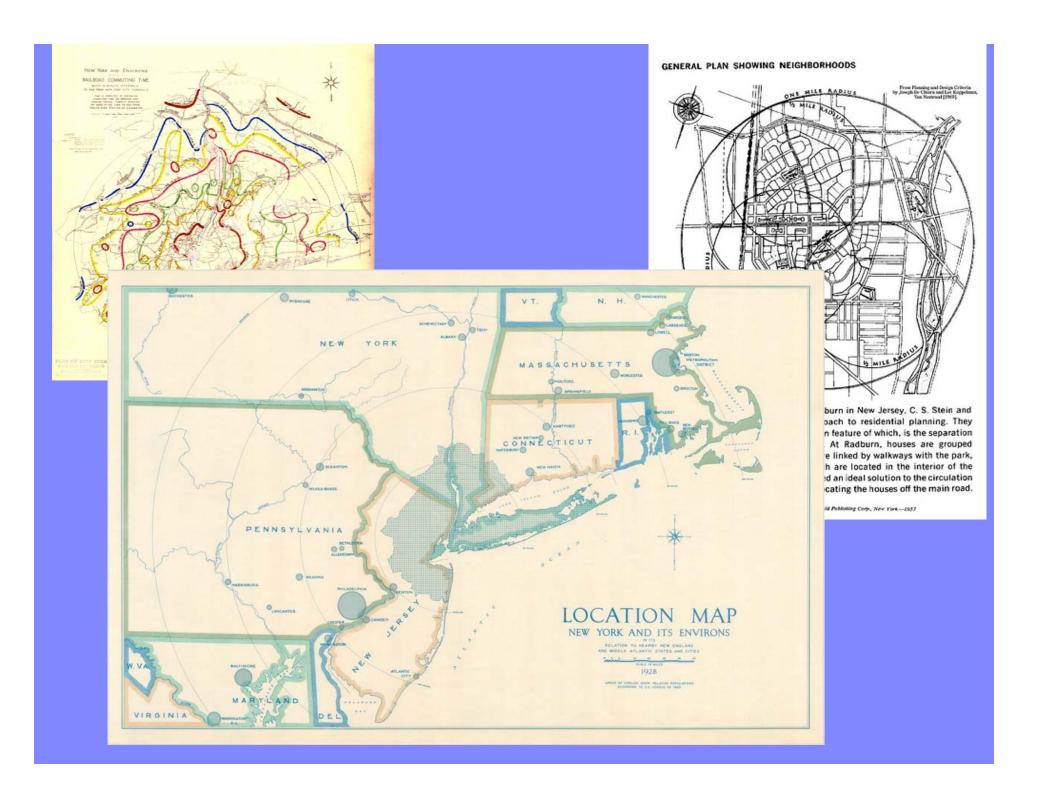
Never able to create a sustained "movement"
 AND....

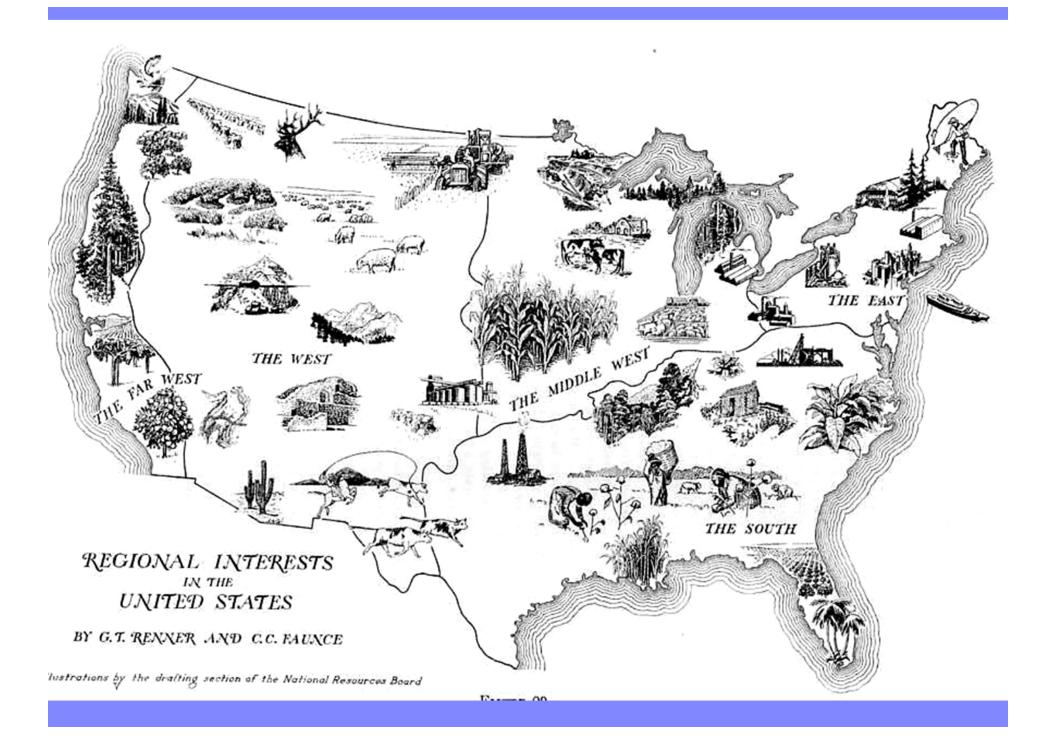
 The foundation for the last 100 years of American planning

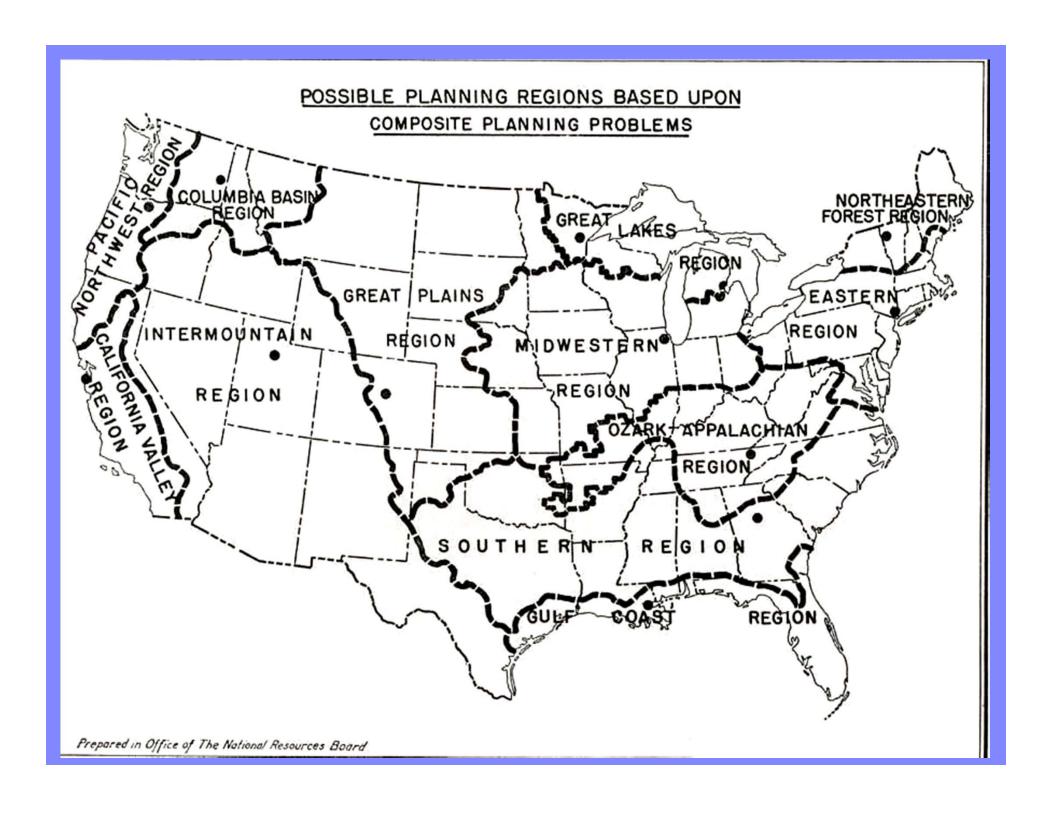
....people live regional lives and places have regional futures...

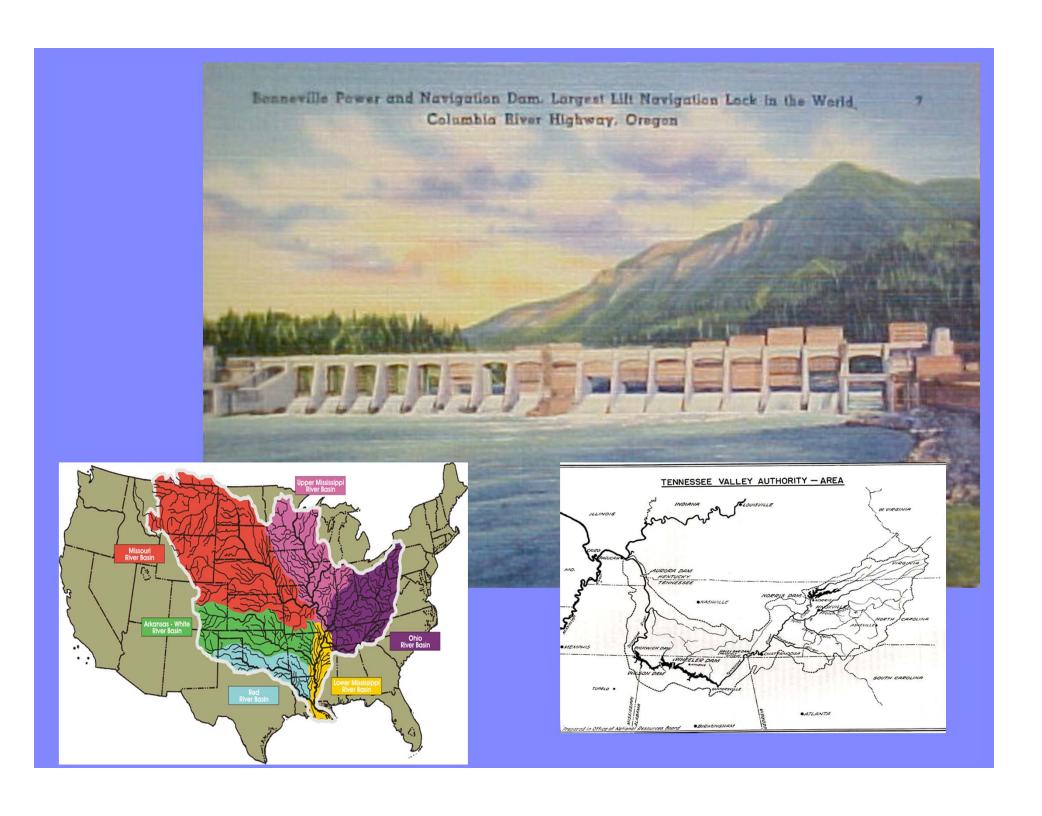


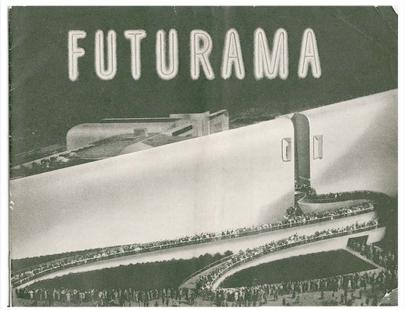
The Gallatin Plan – 1808

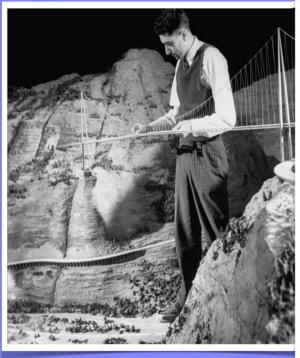




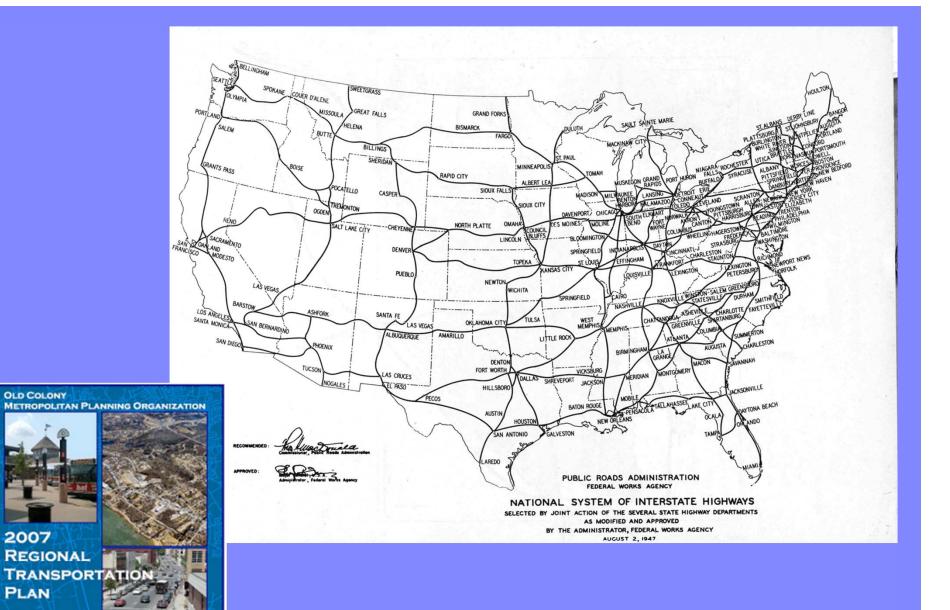






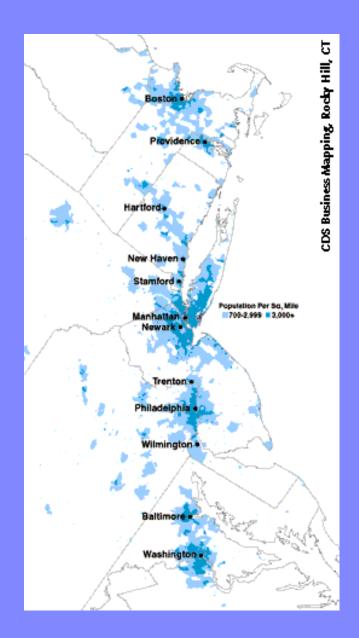


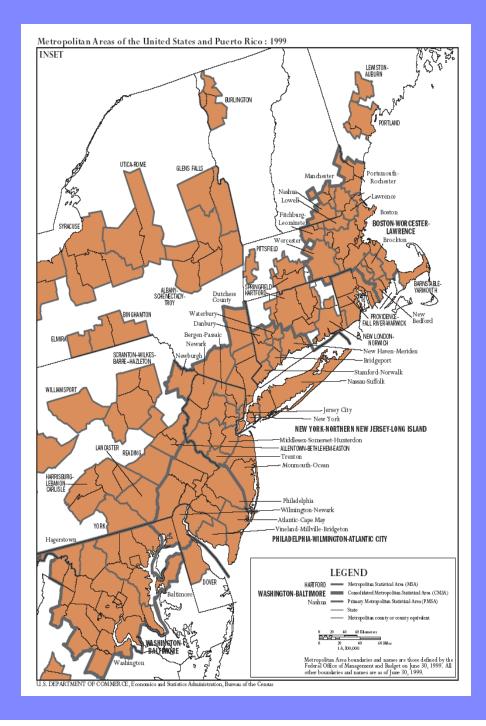


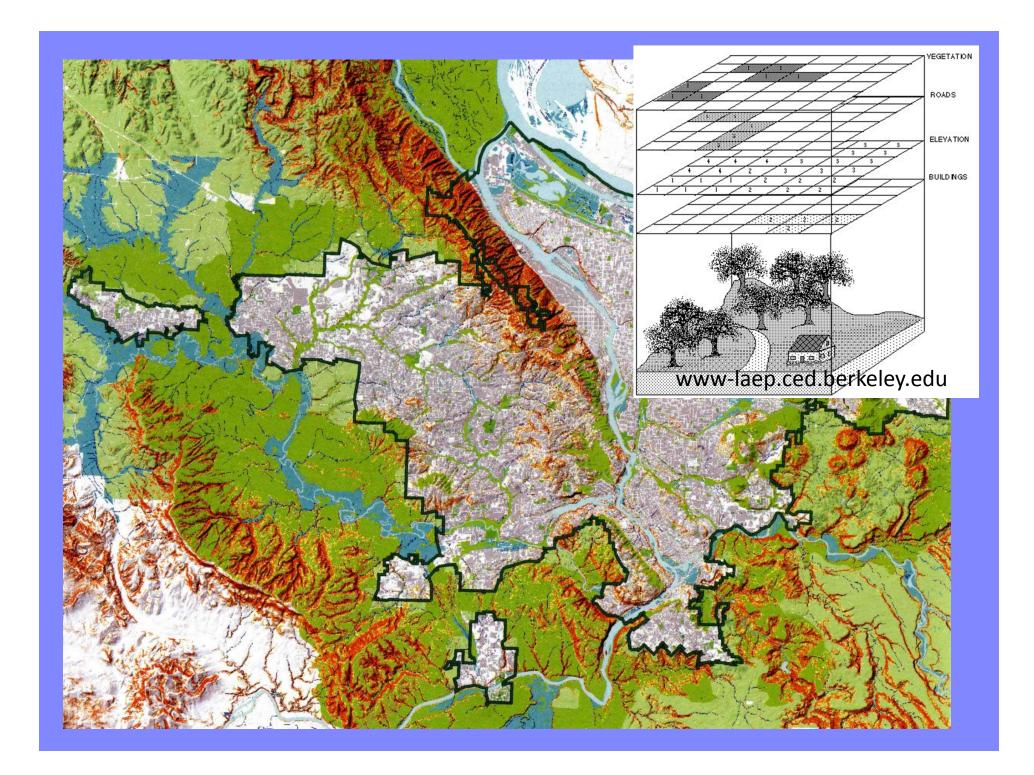


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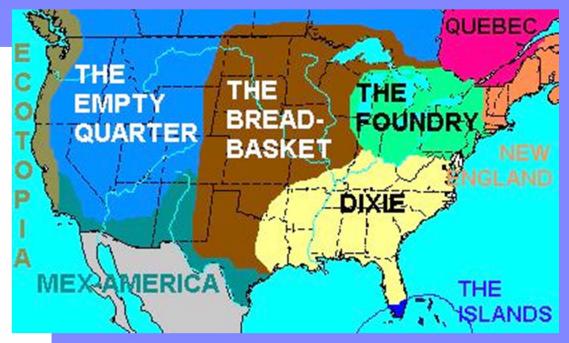
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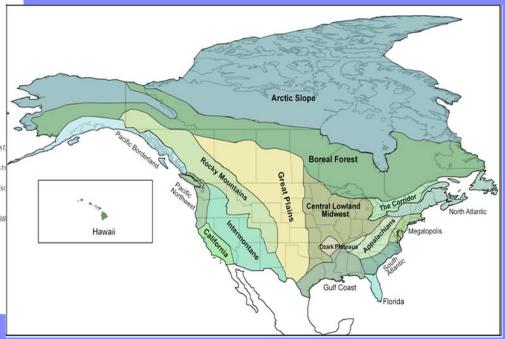






Map drawn by
Cynthia Thomas on
the basis of forest
data in Conservation
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Pacific GIS, "Coastal
Temperate Rain Forests
North America,"
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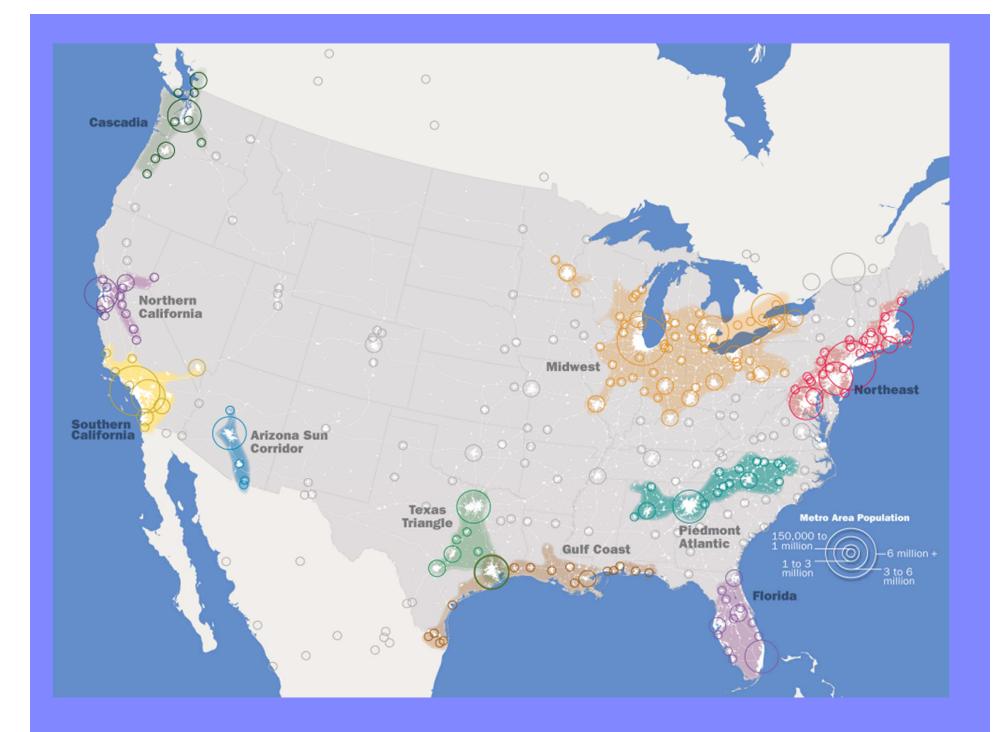
our sound, our community, our chance

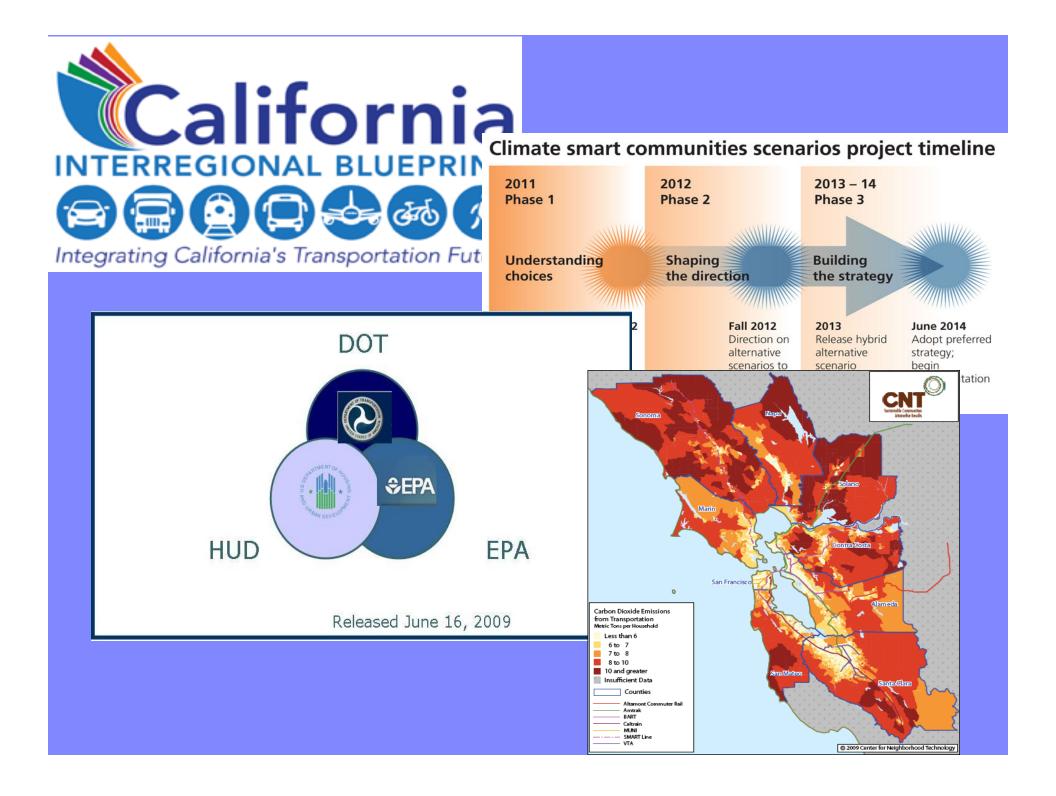






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- 1) Regional planning/regional governance takes place within the US context.
 - Private Interest versus the Public Good
 - Market versus Public Sector
 - Proactive versus reactive
 - Local versus You Name It

AND... data, tools, and funding constrain the answers...

2) Regional Planning, even with regional government, doesn't have the benefit of a set jurisdiction.

- Fuzzy edges and relatively clear centers
- Regional Planning and action is a Community Organizing Project.
- Create/organize/steward
- Institutionalize Boundary Crossing, not Boundary Management... Create a Culture of Collaboration
- Organize, and once organized, care for Relationships... Planners as stewards/facilitators for regional identity and purpose

3) Planning and the Regional Equity Movement

- Create regional agendas/don't depend on topdown planning activity to carry them forward.
- Strategically choose when to "participate."
- Engage social movements. Find out what they want and know. Build up, not down.
- Learn to work with fuzzy edges and a high degree of uncertainty.
- Embrace and expect principled (and unprincipled) conflict. There is no easy elimination of marginality.

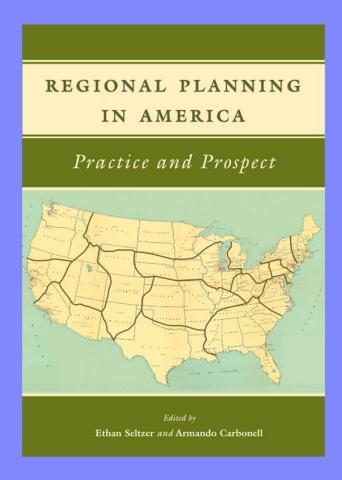
Key question: what does the regional scale offer that other scales don't?

- Definition of "equity?"
- Constituencies?
- Desired outcomes?
- Data?

...or, what would a region constructed to advance equity look like? Are the resources needed to advance equity available at the regional level?

Reasons to Like the "Region"...

- Scale at which we live.
- Recognizes true scale of economic relationships.
- Can be understood in a national context.
- Scale at which our planning for the future is and must take place.
- Fundamental focus on relationships.
- Scale for the long haul...Good Things Take Time!



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