



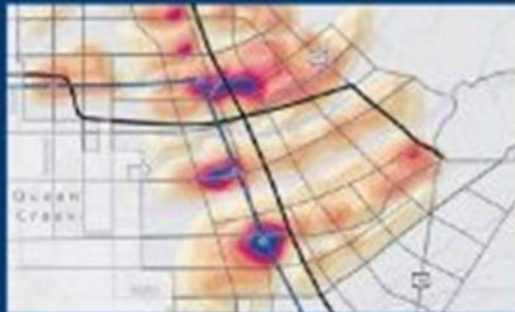
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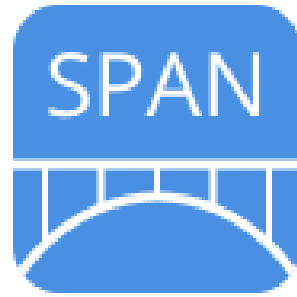
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Opening Access to Scenario Planning Tools



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Scenario Planning Applications Network



[Scenarioplanning.io](https://scenarioplanning.io)

Regional Scenario Planning Tools Consortium

Ultimate Goal: Regional scenario planning tools and data are more widely available, usable, and powerful

Initial Goal:

- Platform for interoperability across a suite of tools
- Cooperative and targeted investment in improvement of data and software

Scenario Planning Tools in Evaluation:

- Envision Tomorrow
- CommunityViz
- Urban Footprint
- UrbanSim

2016 Consortium Activities

Today

- Understand how regional organizations are – and would like to be – using scenario planning tools

Now
thru
August

- Evaluate four commonly used scenario planning tools for strengths and potential
- Go to scenariotool.questionpro.com/ (soon – not now!)

Sept.
8 & 9

- Agree upon initial technical activities to improve tools, their interoperability, and data

Sept. –
Dec.

- Establish Consortium agreements for collaboration, decision making, operations
- Plan and fundraise for implementation in 2017

Your Next Steps:

Familiar with one of the four tools? *Help with Evaluation!*

1. Complete survey at scenariotool.questionpro.com
2. Participate in conversation with other tool users:
 - Envision Tomorrow: Ted Knowlton, WFRC
David Warm and Frank Lenk, MARC
 - CommunityViz: Marc Draisen and Tim Reardon, MAPC
 - Urban Footprint: Mike McKeever and Gordon Garry, SACOG
 - UrbanSim: Daniel Jerrett, DRCOG

New to scenario planning tools or using others?

Make sure your region benefits from improvements!

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