

Connecting Communities

By building partnerships among diverse communities, cities can exchange information and training, identify and adopt best practices in sustainability and connect **ASU's research to front-line** challenges. There are 40+ communities from around the state and region participating in **SCN** activities.



SCN's Steering Committee produced a **Greening Events Guide to help event** planners host sustainable events

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The Network provides:

- Practitioners with knowledge to accelerate the valley toward national leadership in sustainability.
- **Resources to streamline city** operations, advance solar energy, mitigate the urban heat island, design sustainable neighborhoods, and secure water supplies in a changing climate.
- The opportunity to work together to make sustainability a core value in city activities.



The cities of Mesa and Glendale partnered through SCN to develop this Low Impact **Development (LID) Toolkit.**

ASU's Sustainable Cities Network

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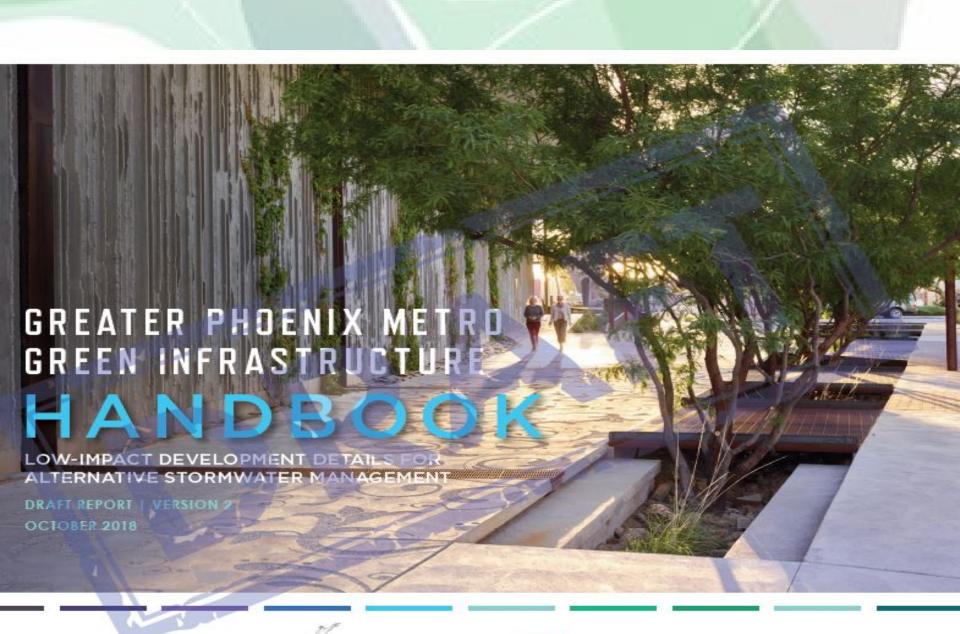
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Project Cities:

Sustainability through Local Action Project Cities connects higher education with local communities, creating a powerful combination of knowledge and know-how. Through the program, sustainability faculty and students pair with a city to co-create strategies for a better environmental, economic, and social balance in the places we live.

Focuses on the needs, interests, and goals of Arizona communities.

- best management practices
- green infrastructure
- energy efficiency
- renewable energy
- water resources
- green building
- air quality
- climate adaptation
- sustainability communications
- economic development





Cultivating Solutions





SCN and the American Meteorological Society (AMS) session on the impacts of extreme weather on local government.

Network Activities: educational workgroups regional meetings training workshops events and activities partnership projects regional research

 ASU student and faculty engagements



"This is not just a great" opportunity to partner with Arizona State University, this is another way to engage the community as a whole, find ways to promote our city as a great place to visit, do business, and, ultimately, live in."

-Jeff Serdy, Mayor, **City of Apache** Junction

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