Reports & Resources

Challenges to Local Governments
Pew Charitable Trusts | READ STORY
This study elucidates the complex situation evinced by decreasing state aid and property taxes, increasing demand for government services, and broader economic consequences of the Great Recession.

Complete Communities in America
Reconnecting America | READ STORY
Reconnecting America compiled this large-scale report, Are We There Yet?, to track the progress of U.S. efforts toward the cultivation of "complete communities."

President's Corner

The MACDEP Annual Meeting was held Oct. 30 in Bozeman. Many thanks to MACDEP members for attending and to Secretary Jennifer Anderson, Treasurer Mandie Reed, and V. President Barb Andreozzi for their continued service. Minutes will be posted on our MACDEP website.

Also, congratulations to the Montana Community Foundation for receiving the 2012 Montana Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) Friend of Extension Award for their support and partnership with MSU Extension over the years. A heartfelt THANK YOU to Linda, Cathy and the staff at the MCF!

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President
Education Among Young Adults

Pew Research Center | READ STORY

The Pew Social and Demographic Trends website reports that an unprecedented number of young adults across all key demographics are attaining high school and college undergraduate degrees.

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Educational Attainment of 25- to 29-Year-Olds, 2000-2012

% completing

- High school
- Some college or more
- Bachelor’s or more

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Pew Research Center

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Upcoming Events

Celebrating and Reclaiming Community Development Learning and Practice

November 21-22, 2012
Alfreton, Derbyshire, UK
Sponsor: Federation for Community Development

Disasters and Environment: Science, Preparedness, and Resilience

January 15-17, 2013
Washington, DC
Sponsor: National Council for Science and the Environment

12th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference

February 7-9, 2013
Kansas City, MO
Sponsor: Local Government Commission

Beyond the Boundaries: Creating Innovation Through Regional Collaboration

July 20-24, 2013
Charleston, SC
Sponsor: Community Development Society

Grants, Awards & Jobs

Youth Garden Grants (YGG)
Deadline: December 3, 2012
Funder: National Gardening Association

OVW FY 2013 Court Training and Improvements Program
Deadline: December 7, 2012
Funder: Office of Violence Against Women
Food Policy and Consumer Health

Amber Waves | READ STORY
The USDA Economic Research Service investigates the impact of food preference and nutritional knowledge on consumer health, as well as the influence of selective taxes on food consumption.

Rural America and the Uninsured

Daily Yonder | READ STORY
This study by the Daily Yonder reports that, despite rising numbers of uninsured rural Americans (matching a nation-wide increase in the uninsured), numbers vary drastically from county to county.

Uninsured in Rural America

In the U.S., 17.7 percent of those under 65 don’t have health insurance. But that rate varies wildly across rural and exurban counties.

E3 Grant Program
Deadline: December 7, 2012
Funder: Cardinal Health Foundation

Environmental Justice Small Grants Program
Deadline: January 7, 2013
Funder: Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2013 Our Town
Deadline: January 14, 2013
Funder: National Endowment for the Arts

National/International News

Lead Detected in Denver Tapwater
Denver Post; November 7

ID Lumber Export Boom
Idaho Statesman; November 6

New, “Monster” Vision Plan for Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; November 5

Kansas City Devises Plan to Clear Vacant Property Blight
Architect’s Newspaper; October 26

Rising Housing Prices Put Pressure on Laborers
CNBC; October 25

Montana News

Tester Retains Senate Seat
Despite still-contentious debates surrounding the cause, nearly two-thirds of Americans are convinced that the climate has warmed over the past few decades, a significant increase over previous numbers.

Across Party Lines, More Say There Is Evidence of Warming

% saying there is solid evidence of warming

2006 2009 2012

Democrats 91 86 83
Independents 79 76 75
Republicans 59 62 49