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Tune into Open Data in a Closing World
World Research Institute | READ STORY

WRI launches Resource Watch, a new platform for visualizing and analyzing environmental data, at the National Geographic Society, Wednesday, March 11. More info here.

The Most Inclusive U.S. Cities, Mapped
Citylab | READ STORY

Economic growth doesn’t necessarily go hand-in-hand with economic and racial inclusion. That’s the finding of a new in-depth Urban Institute analysis of

MT CD Update

The 2018 Community Development Society (CDS) Conference schedule has been posted on the CDS Website; Registration info coming soon.

The 2018 World Community Development Conference’s International Induction will be June 24. The International Association For Community Development looks forward to welcoming international guests to our upcoming conference and will be announcing details on the Annual General Meeting taking place on June 26.

Our MSU Extension Small Business Development Webinar Series wraps up
the 274 largest cities in America. The study measures economic growth from 1980 to 2013 alongside measures of economic health and racial disparities to rank inclusive and recovering cities. CityLab’s Tanvi Misra digs into the report’s takeaways from successful cities that improved inclusion as they grew. The report’s top 10 cities for overall inclusion tended to be mid-sized cities in California—from Fremont to Santa Clara to Carlsbad—with Bellevue, Washington, and Naperville, Illinois, also ranking high. Meanwhile, bigger cities landed in the bottom ranks, with Dallas, Houston, Phoenix, Atlanta, and Miami all performing poorly on overall inclusion.

5 Facts About Americans and Facebook

Pew Research Center | READ STORY

Facebook is in the national spotlight as its co-founder and chief executive, Mark Zuckerberg, testifies before Congress. Zuckerberg is expected to face questions from lawmakers over the company’s recent disclosure that data on up to 87 million of its users may have been improperly shared with a political consulting firm during the 2016 U.S. presidential election. His trip to Capitol Hill comes as many Americans express concerns over the way social media firms are handling personal information.

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Upcoming Events

Gallatin Valley Farm Fair
May 8-10, 2018
Belgrade, Montana
Sponsor: Gallatin Valley Committee

2018 Building Active Communities Initiative
Workshop: May 8-10, 2018
Livingston, Montana
Building Active Communities Initiative (BACI)

2018 NACDEP Conference
June 10-13, 2018
Cleveland, Ohio
Sponsor: NACDEP

2018 Community Development Society Conference
July 22-25, 2018
Detroit, Michigan
Sponsor: Community Development Society
Farm Bill Should Do More for Rural Health and Hospitals

Daily Yonder | READ STORY

Congress should ensure that the farm bill does more to address rural healthcare needs, especially shoring up the finances of struggling rural hospitals, rural health advocates say. The Republican bill, released by House Ag Committee Chair Mike Conaway (TX) Friday, already includes a provision to allow the secretary of Agriculture to move more funds into health-care needs through the declaration of a rural health emergency. But legislators need to understand that closing rural hospitals isn’t just a health care problem, Elehwany said. It’s also a big rural economics issue. The Daily Yonder spoke with Elehwany to learn about the health-care implications of the farm bill and what rural health advocates think needs to be improved in the legislation moving forward.
Space Hopes to Bring People Together in the North End
Model D Media, April 29

North Korea’s Kim Promises Transparency in Nuclear Site Shutdown
CNBC, April 29

Ramaphosa Salutes International Community as He Bestows #NationalOrders
IOL, April 29

Montana News

MSU Student Who Wins Udall Scholarship Wants to Help His Northern Cheyenne Community
Bozeman Daily Chronicle, April 29

Arts Council Receives Input About Potential New Center
Daily Sun, April 29

Montana Mom and Author Wins National Award for Book About Feeding Tubes
KULR8, April 29

Creating New Worlds Through Native American Education
Char-Koosta News, April 29