Sustainable Infrastructure for the Social Economy: Cluster-Based Social Enterprise Models

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Introduction / Context

Purpose of Research:
To examine emerging cluster-based social enterprise models as mechanisms for developing sustainable infrastructure and networks of support for the social economy.
Phase 1

**Literature Review**
- Cluster theory / Economic Geography
- Industrial Ecology
- Organizational Learning
- Innovation / Social Innovation

**Case Study Identification**
- BC & Alberta
- Across Canada
- North America
- Abroad
Strategic Research Connections

- **Diane Kaplan-Vinokur** – University of Michigan
  - Professor – School of Social Work
  - Director of MU’s NonProfit & Public Management Centre
  - Director – Under One Roof Project

- **Sherri Torjman** – Caledon Institute of Social Policy
  - Vice President of the Caledon Institute
  - Author – Shared Space: The Communities Agenda

- **Tides Shared Spaces / NonProfit Centres Network**
Some exciting examples…

- Centre for Social Innovation (Toronto)
- The Hub Halifax (global hub network)
- Third Sector New England (Boston)
- Tides Renewal Centre (Vancouver)
- Many others….
Anticipated Outcomes

- **Academic paper and 2009 Conference presentations**

- **Case study research**
  - Phase 2

- **Reports and recommendations**
  - (academia, policy, sector)

- **PhD Dissertation**
  - Making Space for Social Innovation
  - Non-profit Organizational Learning Communities