



[Project D4]

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