

A background graphic of a network diagram with blue circles of varying sizes connected by thin grey lines, representing a global or interconnected network.

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urban sustainability
directors network

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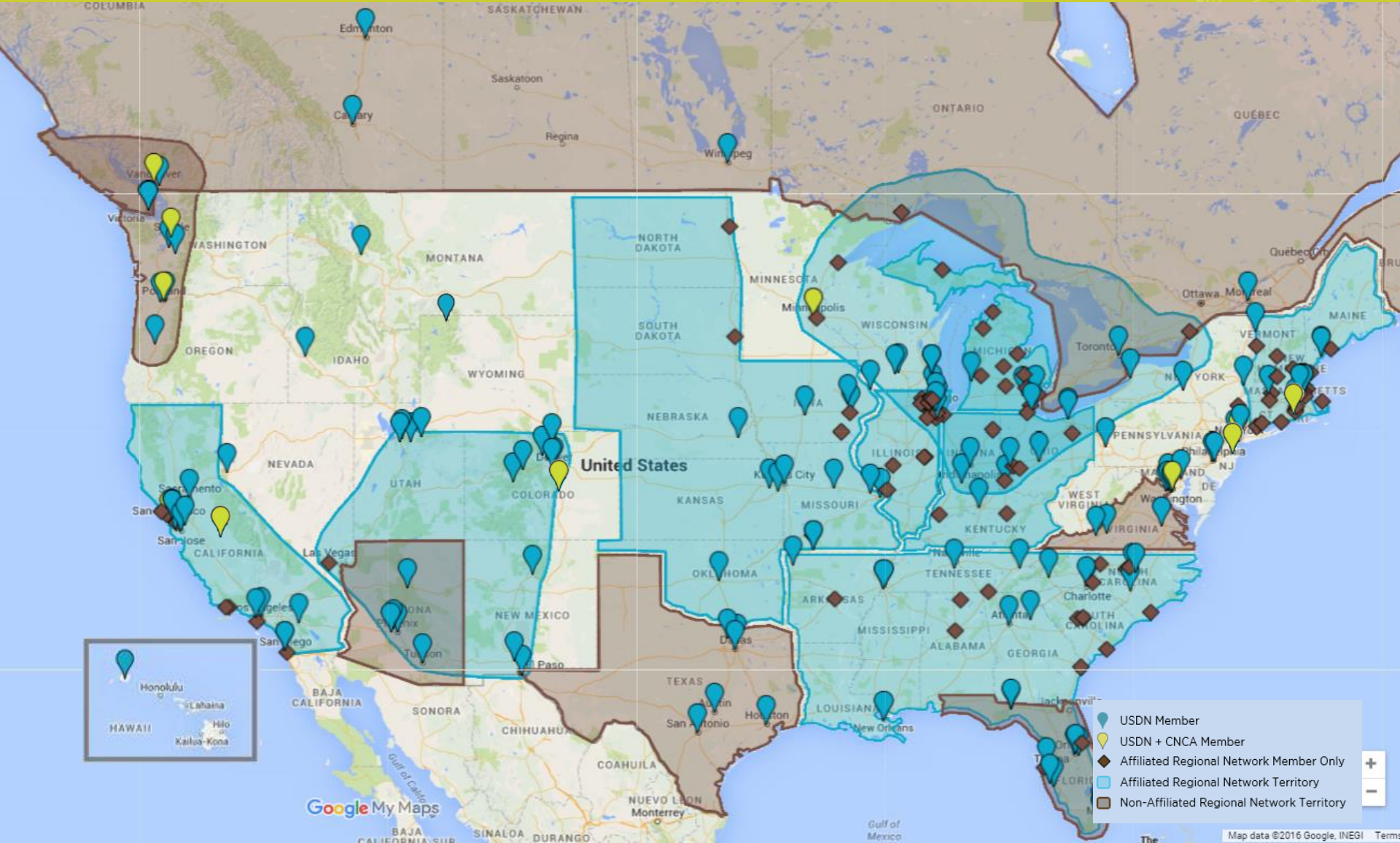
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USDN MEMBERS

162 Members Represent More than 73 Million People in the United States and Canada



CORE VALUE: PEER EXCHANGE & LEARNING

Building Connectivity Among Member Sustainability Directors

Members learn from each other and collaborate to advance big, bold ideas:

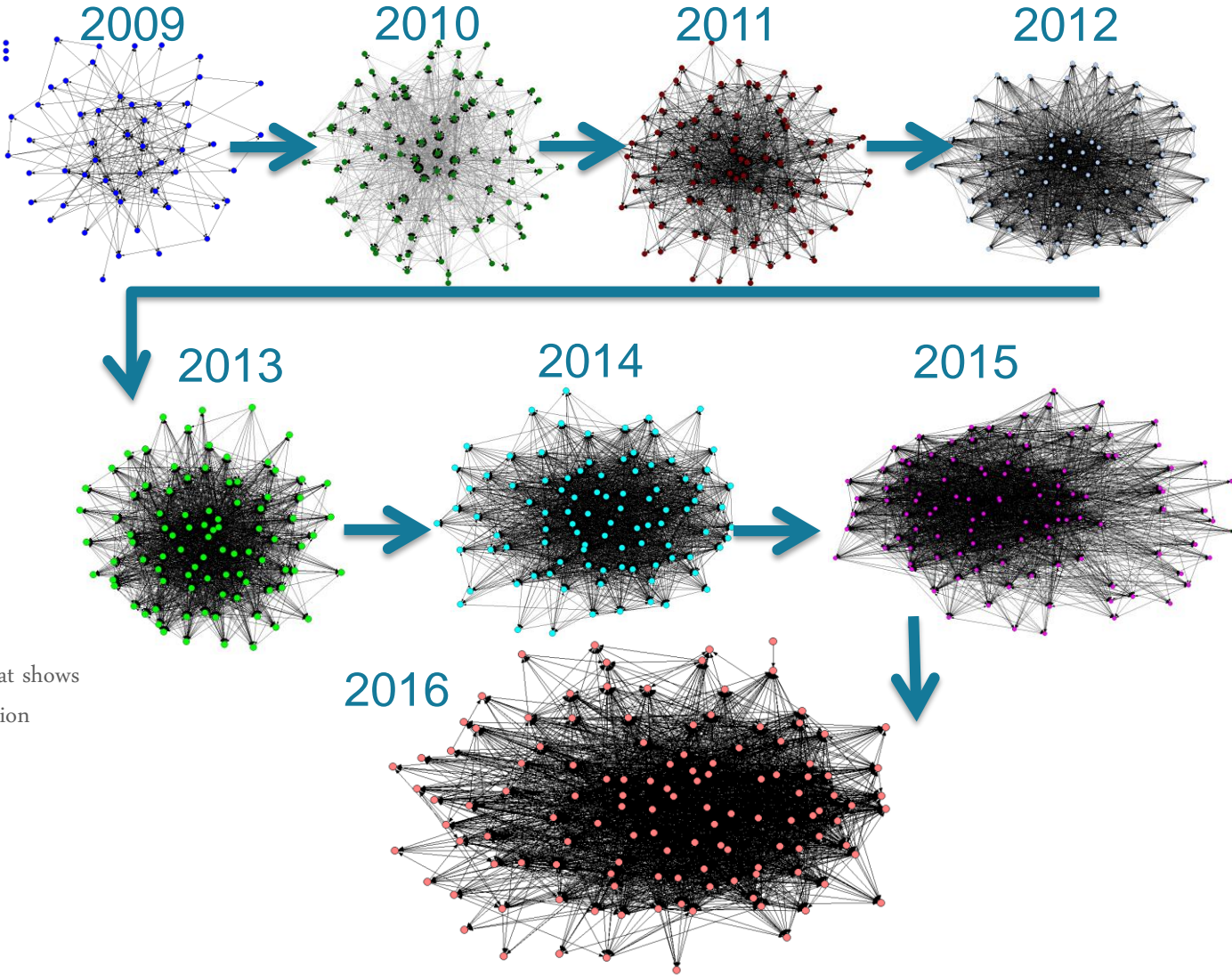
- Sharing learnings & information
- Peer consultation
- Collaborative projects



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MEMBER CONNECTIONS

Year	#	Density	Ave Ties
2009	55	9.2%	8
2010	90	12.9%	19
2011	85	20.0%	26
2012	82	38.0%	31
2013	91	36.4%	32.8
2014	95	41.9%	38.8
2015	108	35.3%	37.8
2016	123	28.2%	34.4



USDN generates an annual network map that shows the ties among members, including information exchange and collaborative projects.

COLLABORATIVE FUNDING SUPPORTS INNOVATION, LEARNING, ADOPTION



waste systems



resident engagement



food systems

6 MILLION DOLLARS INVESTED IMPROVING PROGRAMS



climate preparedness



energy efficiency



transportation systems

PARTNERS FOR PLACES



35 COMMUNITIES PARTNERED WITH 35 FOUNDATIONS

INNOVATION FUND



67 COMMUNITIES COLLABORATED ON 43 PUBLIC PRODUCTS

PEER LEARNING EXCHANGE



38 COMMUNITIES CONVENED FOR 13 IN-PERSON MEETINGS

In part due to Burlington's participation in the convening, we are hiring an Innovation Officer – rather than an IT director, as the City had originally envisioned.

- Jennifer Green, City of Burlington VT

USDN 2017 ENERGY-RELATED PEER LEARNING GROUPS AND PROJECTS

- **2017 Working Groups:**

- Building Energy Strategies
- Energy Benchmarking and Reporting
- Small Commercial & Multifamily Strategy
- Energy Data Access

- **Collaborative Projects:**

- Electric Heat Pump Feasibility Analysis
- Innovation in Equity and Energy Efficiency
- Energy Efficiency Opportunity Modeling
- Energy Stretch Codes and Zero Net Energy Buildings
- Grid Modernization, Microgrids, and Renewable Energy Planning
- LED Street Lights, Electric Vehicles





Thank you!

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