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# The Federal Role in Advancing Smart Growth Efforts

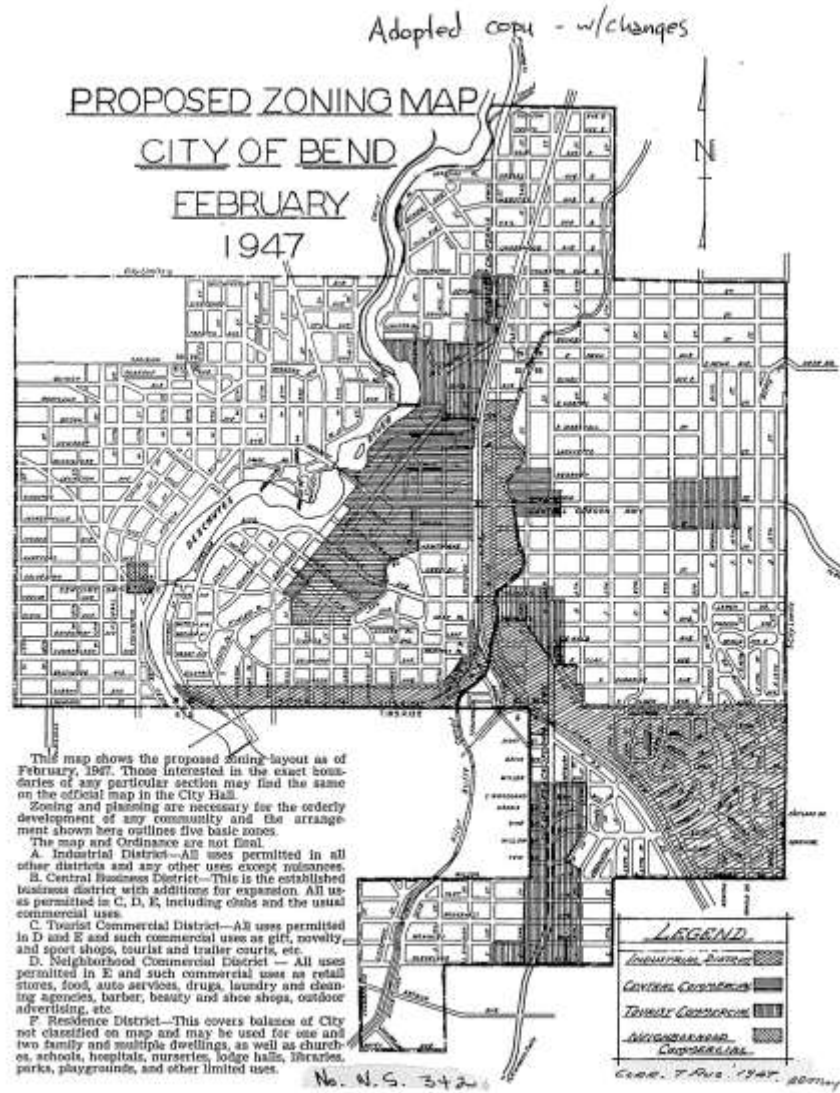
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Single-use zoning



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# The Good News

# We're learning

- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
- Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (aka ISTEA)
- Smart Growth Network



# The Bad News

## We Don't Always Use What We Know

- Denial of federal influence on local choices
- ARRA's "shovel-ready" requirement
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# What's to be done?

## SPELL IT OUT

Make the case

Share what works



# What We Are Following Now

- Transportation Bill
- Water Regulations and Investment Rules
- Farm Bill





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**Thank you**

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