Data is making communities more sustainable, livable, and equitable.

Today’s cities and communities, and their residents, are increasingly connected.

Real-time data analysis guides civic decisions more than ever before, allowing communities to deliver services and deploy resources as efficiently as possible.

To responsibly shape this transformation, local governments are advancing innovative privacy practices with the emergence of local Chief Privacy Officers, oversight and community advisory bodies, and laws and ordinances governing responsible data practices.

FPF convenes municipal governments, academics, companies, and civil society to develop practical tools, inform policymaking, and share best practices that maximize the benefits of responsible data use while minimizing privacy risks to individuals and communities.

Resources

The Open Data Risk Assessment for the City of Seattle serves as a model for other municipalities navigating the complex policy, operational, technical, organizational, and ethical standards that support privacy-protective open data programs.

The Privacy Maturity Assessment helps municipalities better evaluate their organizational structures and data handling practices related to open data privacy.

Nothing to Hide: Tools for Talking (and Listening) About Data Privacy for Integrated Data Systems is a toolkit to help local government agencies lead privacy-sensitive, inclusive engagement efforts about uses of data they collect in the course of delivering public services.

Shedding Light on Smart City Privacy is an interactive visual guide to smart city technologies and data flows.

The Smart Cities Resources Site collects privacy-related guidance documents, best practices, reports, codes of conduct, and other tools.

Privacy Leadership for Smart Cities

The FPF Civic Data Privacy Leaders Network convenes government privacy leaders for smart cities and communities to help local governments strengthen their ability to collect, use, and share data in a responsible manner. It is supported by the National Science Foundation and Big Data Spokes program. Its members are producing a privacy risk assessment framework for smart city projects and holding workshops in partnership with MetroLab Network, a national network of 40+ city-university partnerships.

Find papers, articles, infographics and other resources at 
FPF.ORG/issues/smart-communities.

To learn more about the Civic Data Privacy Leaders Network or the FPF Smart Cities & Communities Working Group, contact Kelsey Finch at kfinch@fpf.org. 

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