



## **Technology for Smart Growth**

In the latest SpatialRoundtable.com discussion, ESRI industry solutions manager Dr. Ahmed Abukhater prompts planning leaders to weigh in on the role of technology in creating smart communities. He proposes that analysing the geography of growth and planning with geospatial technology provides a clear path forward and helps build consensus.

"Planners make decisions regarding current and future development patterns in response to urban problems that are geographic in nature," says Abukhater. "Developing sustainable, equitable, and livable communities involves spatially based decision making that requires spatially enabled technology. Planners need new tools and approaches to change the way we think, plan, and-most importantly-envision our future."

Spatial Roundtable is designed for geographic information system (GIS) industry thought leaders to share their points of view about trends, challenges, and technologies. Participants in the discussion include the main contributor, who initiates the discussion, and invited topic experts. Site visitors may also add comments.

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