The American Institute of Architects: 
SDAT Program 
Northeast Michigan

SDAT 
Sustainable Design Assessment Team

• SDATs bring a team of experts to work with community decision-makers.
• The SDAT program provides broad assessments to help frame future policies or design solutions in the context of sustainability and help communities plan the first steps of implementation.
Program Principles

- Multidisciplinary expertise
- Objectivity
- Community participation

SDAT: Communities

- Six SDATs held in 2005
- Eight SDATs planned for 2006
- Communities selected with an emphasis on regional diversification
SDAT: Issues Addressed

A wide range of issues have been covered, including:

• Environmental Justice
• Hydrology
• Low Impact Development
• Historic Preservation
• Air Quality
• Brownfield Redevelopment
• Resource Conservation

SDAT: Schedule

3 Day Team Visit
• Stakeholder and Public Meetings
• Report & Presentation Development
• Public presentation

Written report delivered to the community in 45-60 Days
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