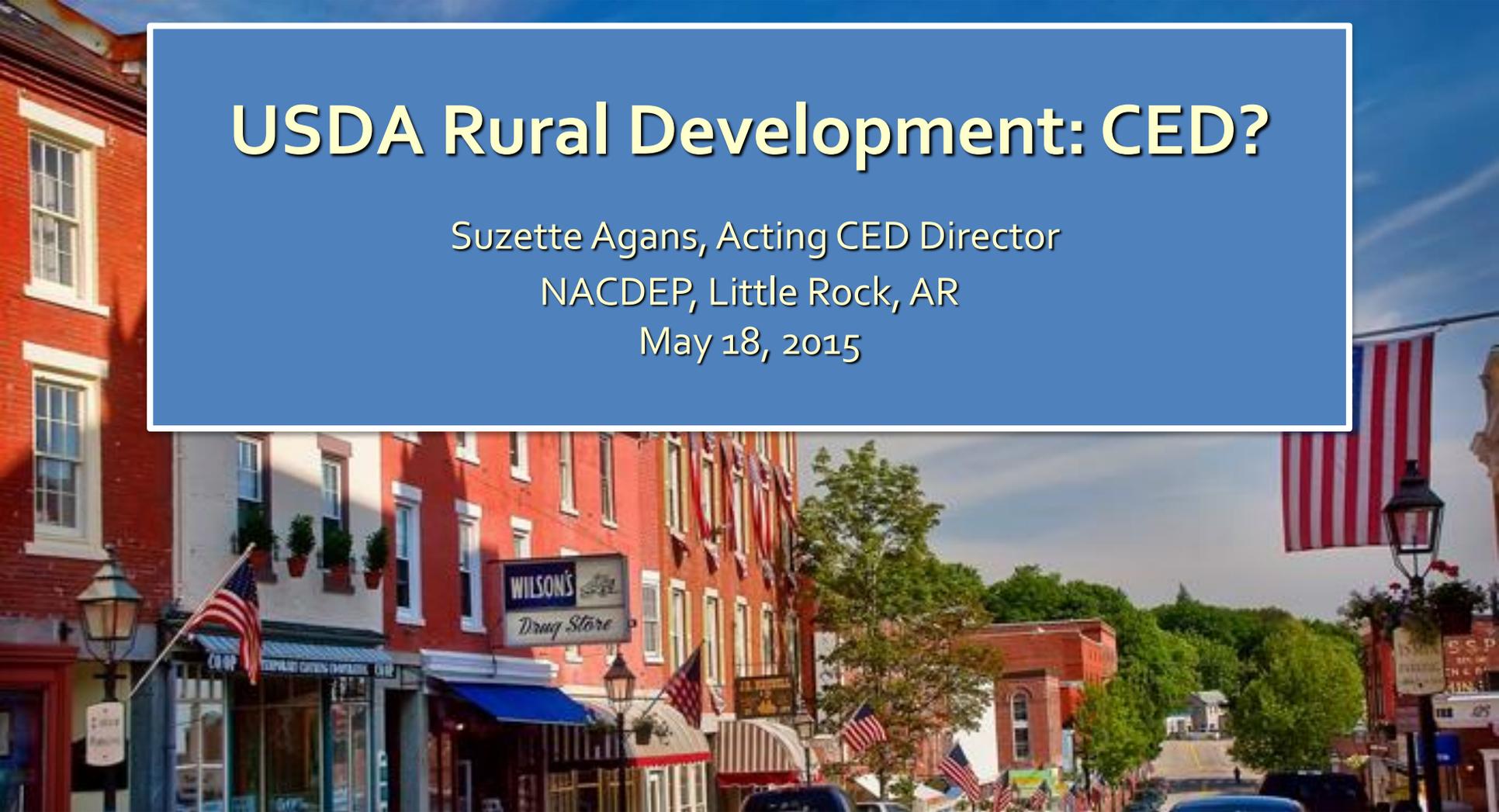


# USDA Rural Development: CED?

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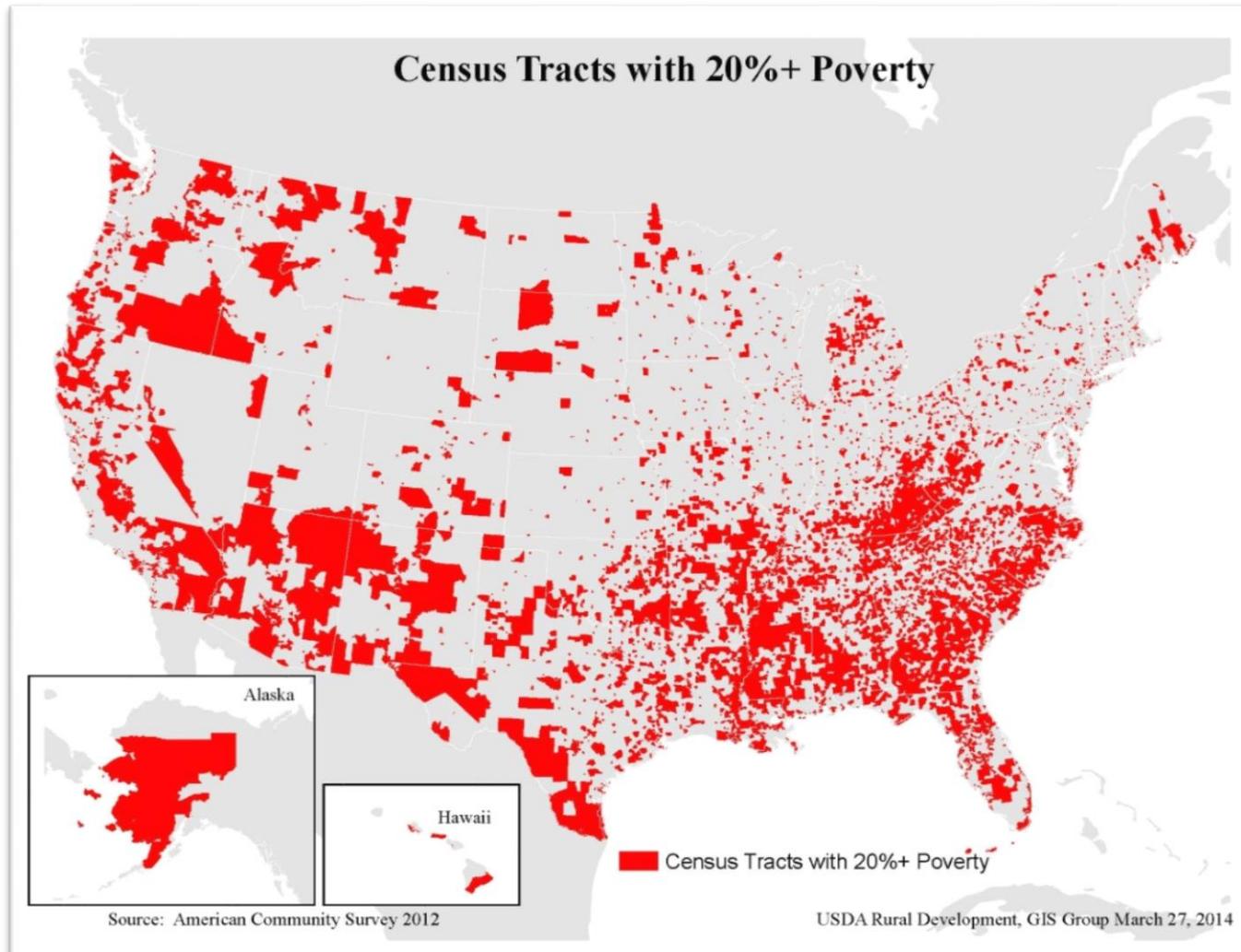
# Where do we currently excel?



# RD's role in CED

- Leverage other federal investments
- Encourage collaboration and convene key partners
- Support long-term planning by communities
- Engage leadership and key community members

# Better Assist High Need Communities



# Place-Based Anti-Poverty Agenda

- Stronger Economies Together (SET)
- Promise Zones
- StrikeForce
- Rural Jobs Accelerator



# Advancing Our Strategic Priorities

Energy and the bio-economy



Local and regional food systems

# Support for CED from Congress

## Farm Bill Section 6025: Strategic economic and community development

- Preference and set-aside
- CF, B&I, RBEG/RBOG, water programs
- Projects aligned with regional plan

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# CED: What does it mean for the communities we serve?

- (1) Getting more out of their local and regional plans
- (2) Reducing reliance on outside assistance
- (3) Building the capacity of people to work collectively in addressing their common interests
- (4) Moving forward,  
not just hanging on

