

Program Overview

The Department of Housing and Community Development manages the state designation programs – downtowns, village centers, new town centers, growth centers and neighborhood development areas. These programs work together to provide incentives, align policies and give communities the technical assistance needed to encourage new development and redevelopment. The program incentives are for both the public and private sector within the designated area, including tax credits for historic building rehabilitations and code improvements, permitting benefits for new housing, funding for transportation-related public improvements, and priority consideration for various state grant programs.

Website: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/designation-programs>

By the Numbers

23

designated
downtowns



204

designated
village centers



2

new town
centers



7

neighborhood
development areas



6

growth
centers



Barre, VT

“Technical support through the State’s Designation Program helped us plan projects and access funding sources that leveraged private investment.”

Steve MacKenzie, City Manager of Barre