State Designation Programs

2020

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

186 designated village centers

2 new town centers

6 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

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