



# Community Planning + Revitalization

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Provide tools, training, grants, and incentives for local leaders to plan and implement projects that support thriving and inclusive communities.



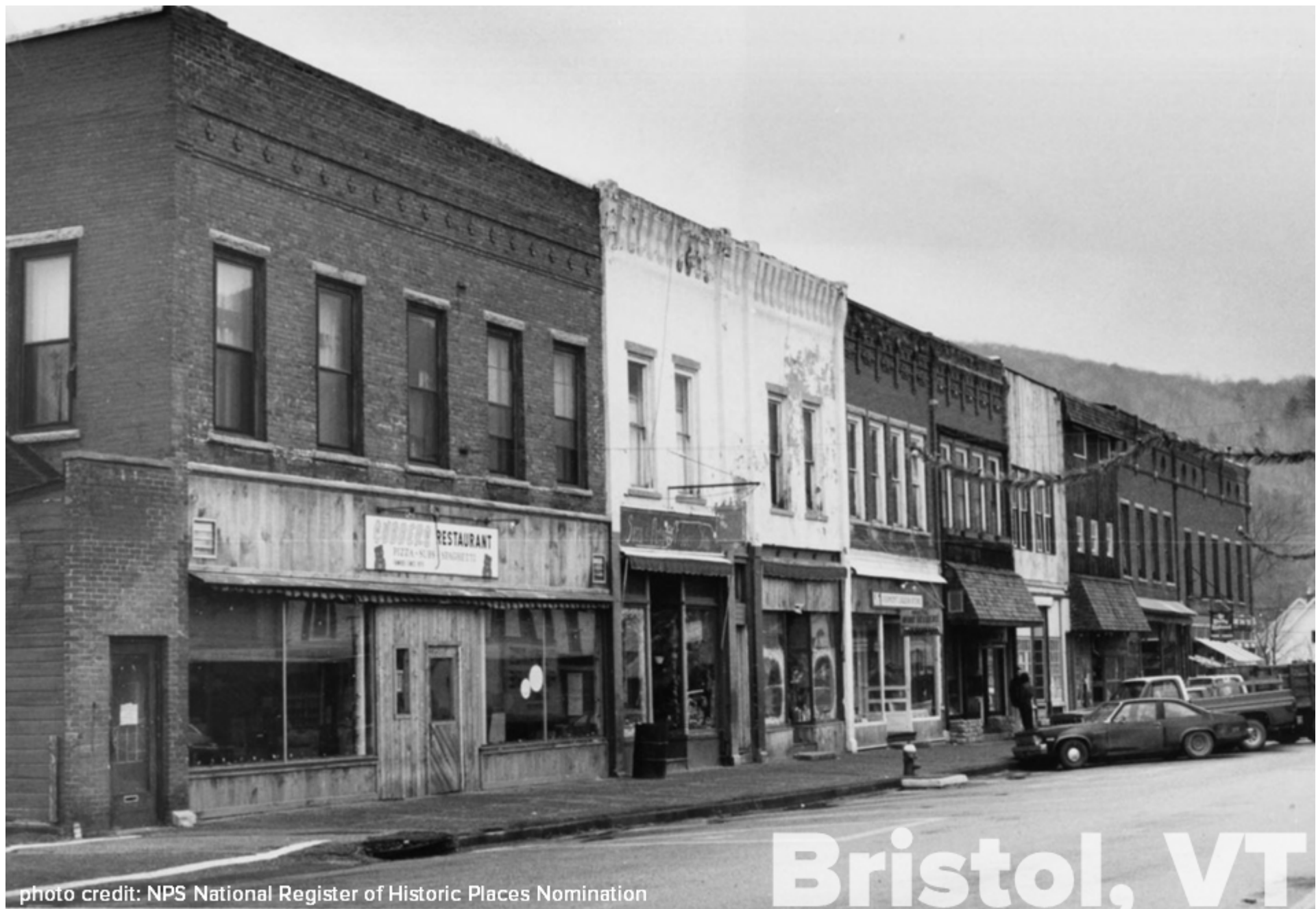


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# Bristol, VT





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# Vibrant Places



# Partnerships



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS



And Many Others...



# Downtowns





Villages



# Neighborhoods

# Funding, Tools, and Incentives



Municipal and Bylaw  
Planning Grants  
\$950K

Better Connections  
Grants  
\$240K/biennial

Downtown  
Transportation Fund  
\$5M

Downtown/Village  
Center Tax Credits  
\$4M

Electric Vehicle  
Changing Grants  
\$10M

Regional Planning  
Commissions  
\$2.9M

Regulatory Incentives  
Act 250

Special Initiatives  
Z4GN, Better Places , Missing  
Middle, Designation Reform

# State Designation Program Reform



**Village Centers: 230**



**Downtowns: 23**



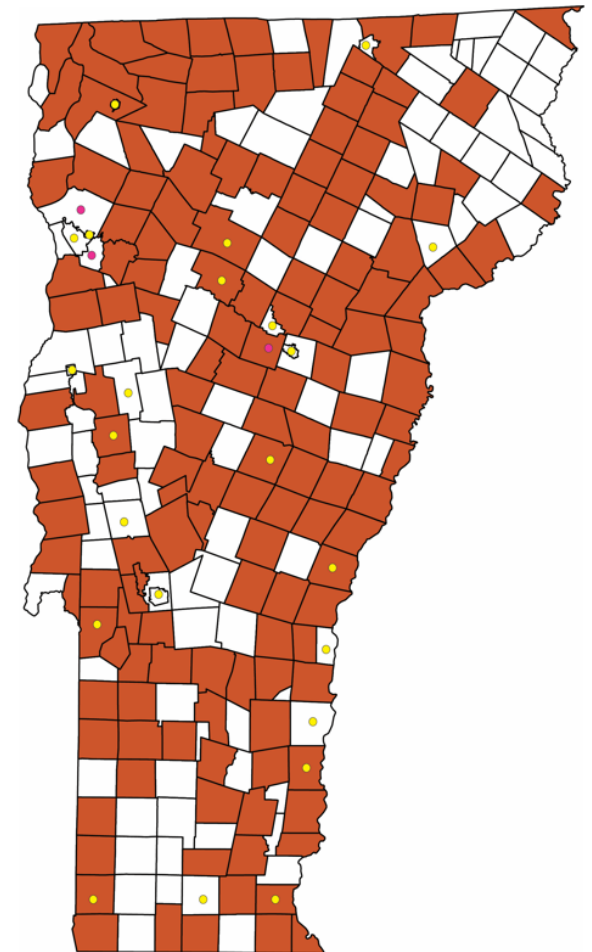
**New Town Centers: 3**



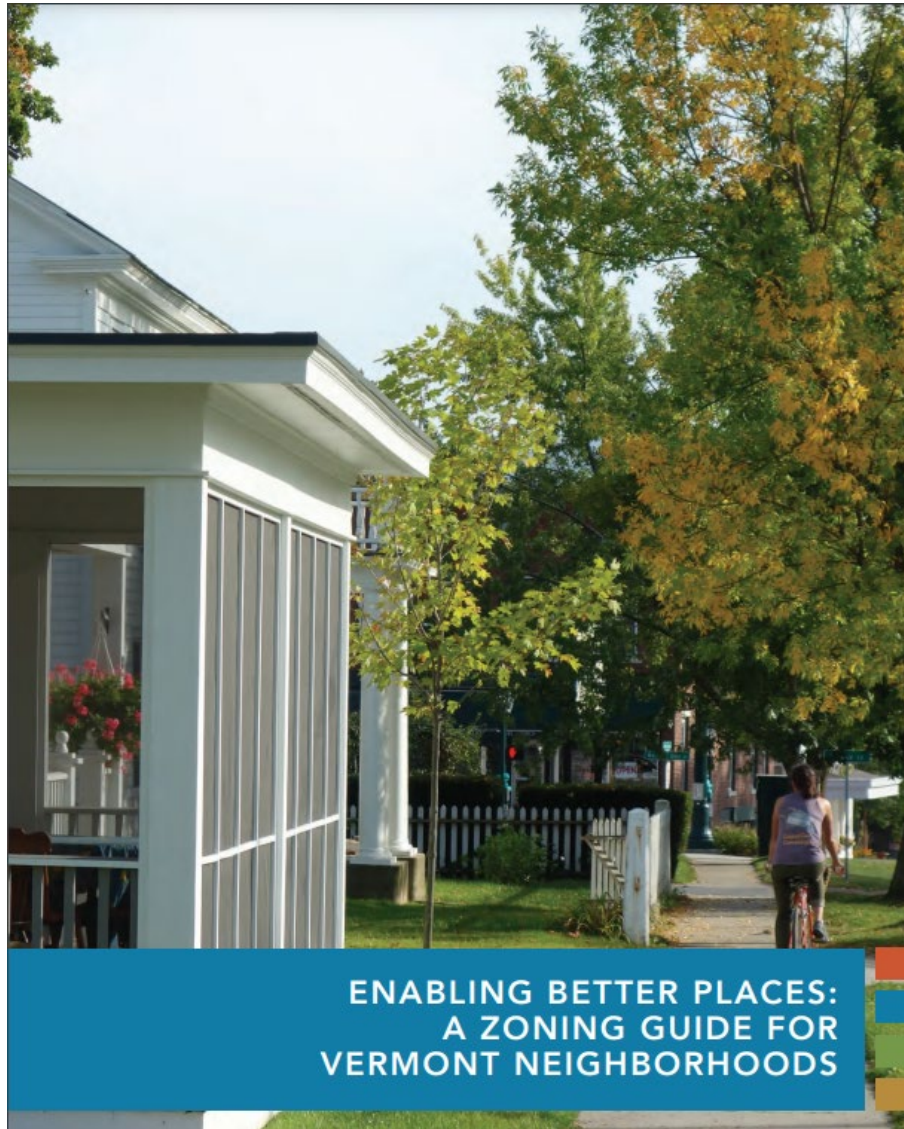
**Neighborhood Development Areas: 11**



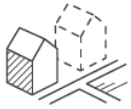
**Growth Centers: 6**



# Zoning for Great Neighborhoods



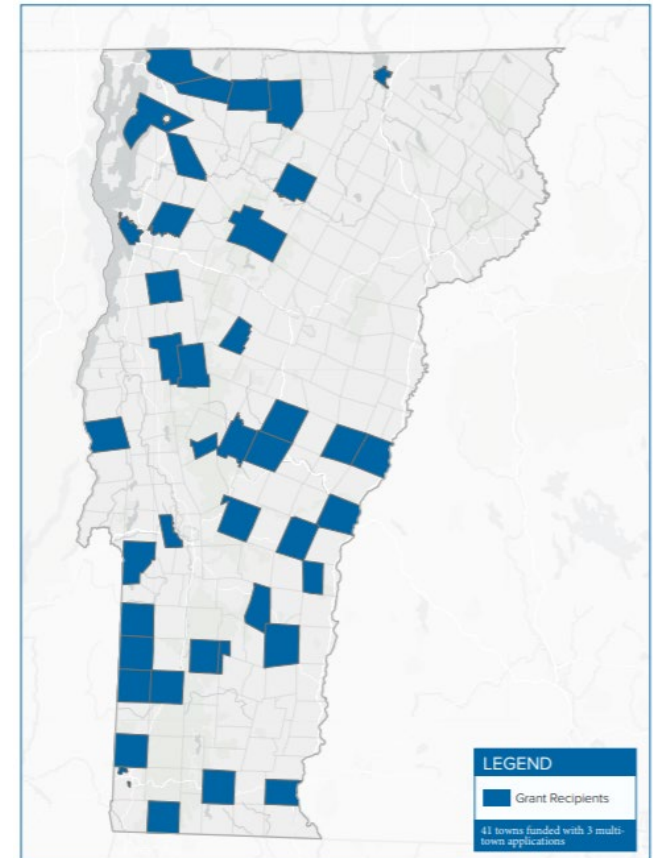
ENABLING BETTER PLACES:  
A ZONING GUIDE FOR  
VERMONT NEIGHBORHOODS



# 41 FY22 Bylaw Modernization Grants

*+15 FY23 announced this week!*

1. Bethel
2. Brattleboro
3. Bristol
4. Burlington
5. Chester
6. Enosburgh
7. Essex
8. Fairfax
9. Hartford
10. Highgate
11. Hinesburg
12. Hyde Park
13. Killington
14. Landgrove
15. Lincoln
16. Ludlow
17. Manchester
18. Montgomery
19. Newport City
20. North Bennington Village
21. Old Bennington Village
22. Pawlet
23. Peru
24. Poultney
25. Randolph
26. Rochester
27. Rupert
28. Sandgate
29. Shaftsbury
30. Sheldon
31. Shoreham
32. St. Albans Town
33. Stamford
34. Stowe
35. Strafford
36. Thetford
37. Waitsfield
38. West Rutland
39. West Windsor
40. Wilmington
41. Woodstock





# SEVEN DAYS

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SPECIAL REPORT

VERMONT'S HOUSING CRISIS

TOP STORY

Expensive Housing Is Limiting Who Gets to Live Where in Vermont — and Clouds the State's Future

By Derek Brouwer | December 7, 2022



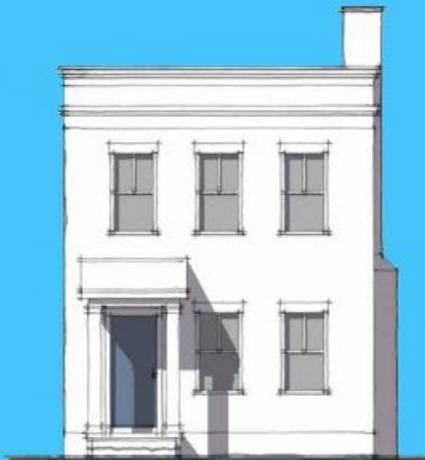
DIANA BOLTON

# Missing Middle Housing

## Building Design



## Cultivating New Developers



## Community Design for Infill Development



# Neighborhood Partnership



# Downtown, Village, and Neighborhood Tax Credits

## By the Numbers [2017-2021]

 **128**  
projects awarded

 **62**  
communities served

 **\$14.8 m**  
awarded tax credits

 **\$297 m**  
million in private investment

This program spurs investments in traditional commercial centers and provides incentives to encourage investments that make existing buildings safe and accessible. In 2022, **\$4.1 million** in state tax incentives helped 49 projects, supporting more than \$95 million in downtown and village center rehabilitation efforts.



# Downtown Transportation Fund

The Downtown Transportation Fund supports revitalization efforts in designated downtowns (and villages that participated in Better Connections) each year with over **\$300,000** in funding. Past projects include streetscape improvements, electric vehicle charging stations, parking facilities, rail or bus facilities, utility relocation, street lighting and wayfinding signage.

## By the Numbers [2017-2021]

 **31**  
projects awarded

 **19**  
communities served

 **\$2.1 m**  
in downtown transportation grants awarded

 **\$15 m**  
leveraged with downtown transportation funds

## Vergennes - Transportation Improvements Spark Revitalization Efforts



Before



After

# EVSE



## State Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Grant Program

A partnership to expand Vermont's network of electric vehicle charging stations.



# Better Connections

Better Connections is a joint program Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) working to create thriving, livable places with diverse transportation choices in Vermont.

# Better Places

Empowering Vermonters to Create Vibrant Public Places



## MAD RIVER VALLEY

WARREN, VT

### Help Us Bring a Dog Park to Mad River Valley!

We are creating a welcoming park where dogs (and their people) can socialize, recreate, have fun, and safely play.

**\$12,305** of \$12,000 **6** days left

★ Matching Grant: Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development

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MIDDLEBURY, VT

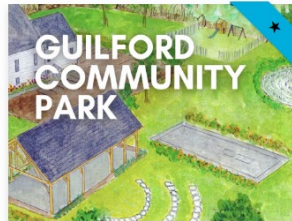
### Middlebury Bike Pump Track Project

Building a bike pump track in town that is free, fun, and accessible for bicyclists of all ages.

**\$6,068** of \$6,000 **27** days left

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GUILFORD, VT

### Guilford Community Park needs YOUR support!

Create and foster community through shared recreational experiences...

**\$9,480** of \$20,000 **48** days left

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PITTSFORD, VT

### Pittsford Village Farm Pavilion

Help us raise the funds needed to install a pavilion for the community at the Pittsford Village Farm!

**\$11,358** of \$11,000 **Project Closed**

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STOWE, VT

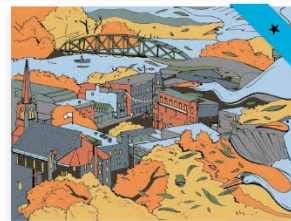
### Lamoille Art & Justice Project Community Mural

Join the Lamoille Art & Justice Project in a community-created mural on the Stowe recreation path to highlight local conversations around racial justice

**\$5,400** of \$5,000 **Project Closed**

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BRATTLEBORO, VT

### High Street Mural

Revitalizing Downtown Brattleboro Together

**\$8,411** of \$8,000 **Project Closed**

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# Better Places

*Empowering Vermonters to Create Vibrant Public Places*

## A YEAR OF BETTER PLACES

HERE'S WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED IN 2022



**18 LOCAL  
PROJECTS  
SUPPORTED**



**1,257  
UNIQUE  
DONORS**



**OVER  
\$201,000  
CROWDFUNDED**



**\$340,000  
MATCHED BY  
THE STATE**



**SAW \$522,000  
IN PRIVATE  
INVESTMENTS**

**ADDITIONALLY, BETTER PLACES HAS RECEIVED OVER 100 PREFLIGHTS AND PROGRAM INQUIRIES, REPRESENTING 84 VERMONT COMMUNITIES SETTING A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR 2023!**

# Thank you.



## VERMONT

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