



Community Planning + Revitalization

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The CP+R team uses a collaborative, **place-based approach** to land-use planning and community development that **empowers state and local leaders** to plan for and build vibrant, inclusive, and resilient downtowns, villages, and neighborhoods.



Photo credit: VT SHPO, National Register Nomination, 1982

Bristol, VT

Bristol, Vermont

population: 3,782

There's no better marketing, tourism draw, or talent recruitment strategy than investing in vibrant places where people want to live, work, and visit



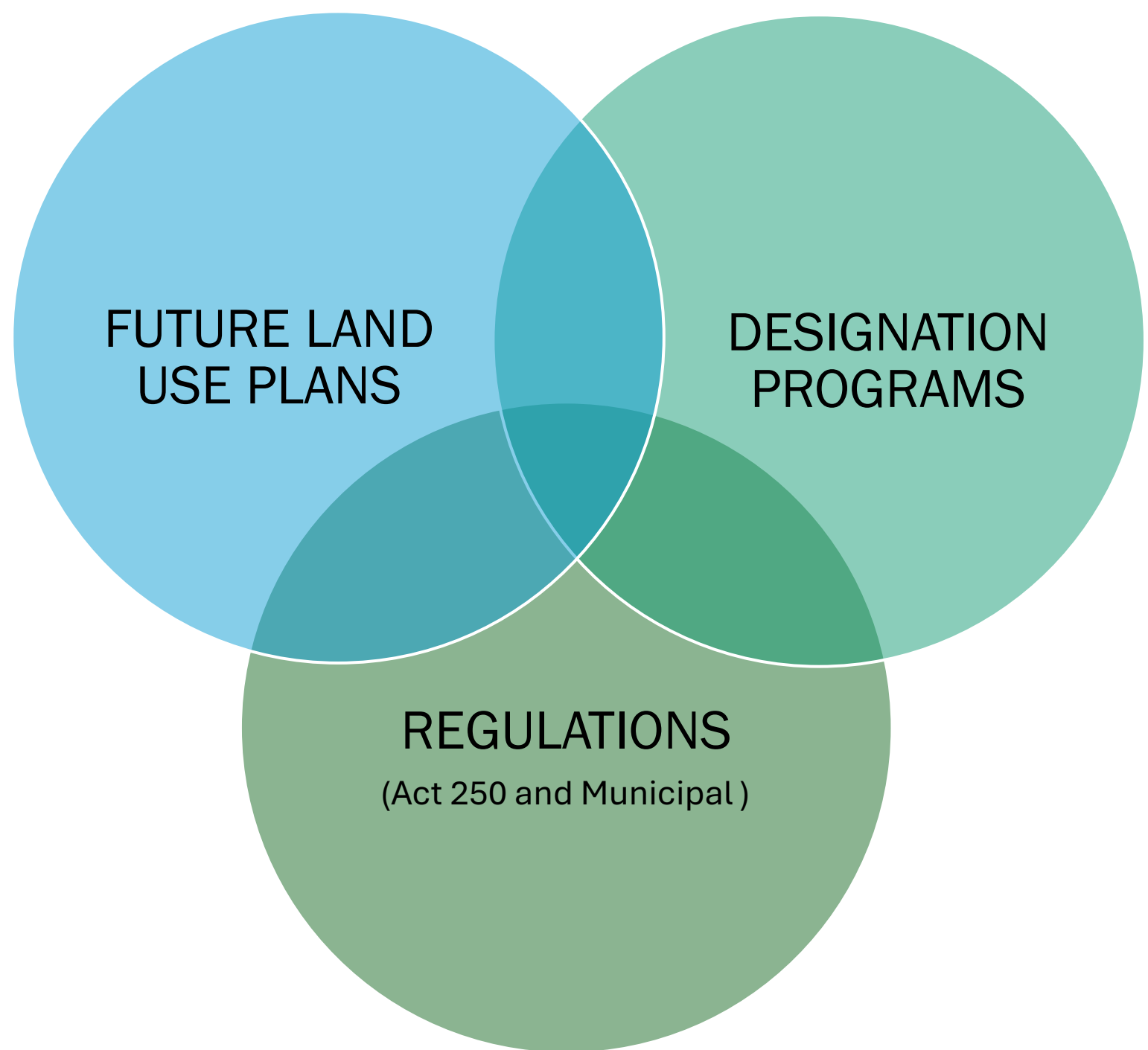


Place-based People-Focused



Act

181





DESIGNATION 2050

Vermont State

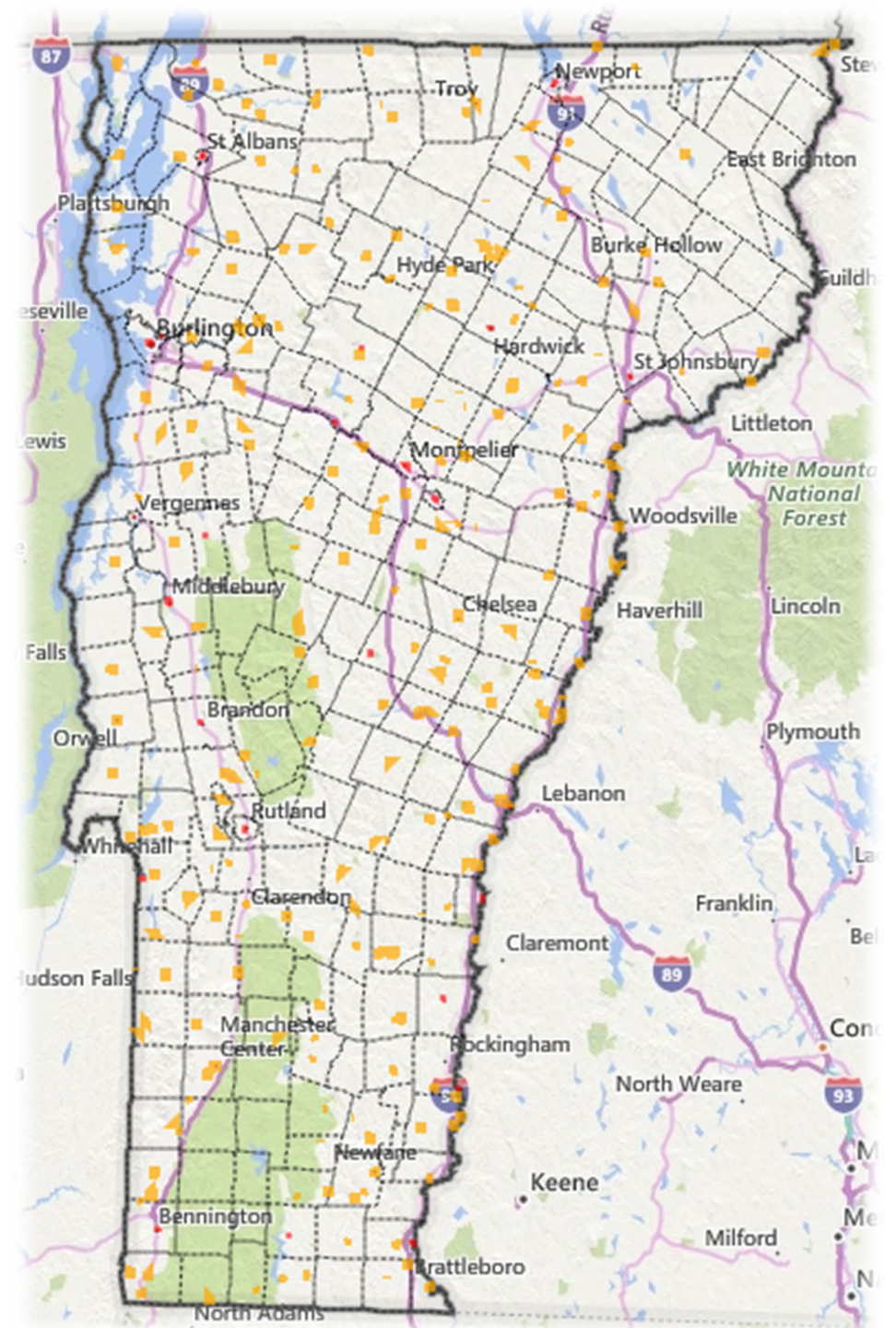
Better Designations

Improved access and better
benefits

State Designation

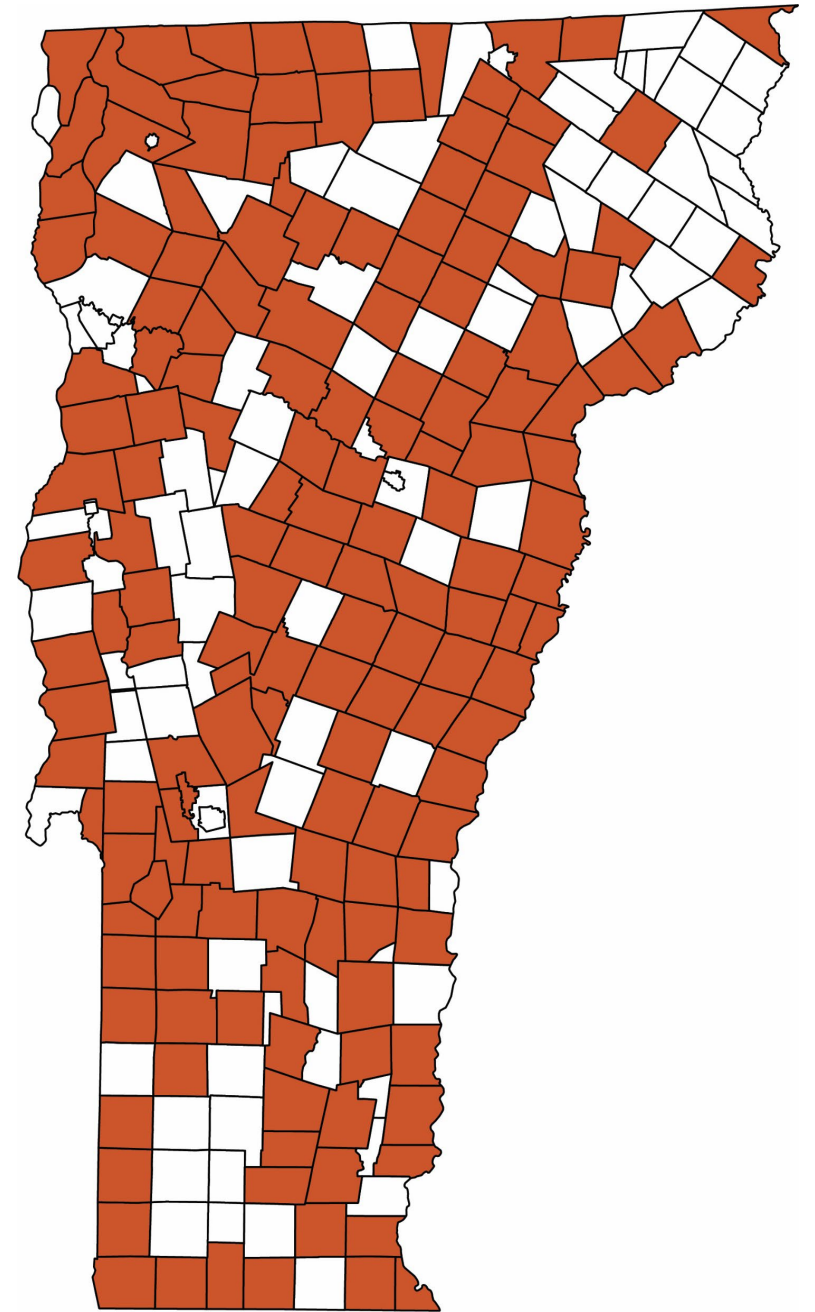
- 25 Years
- 295 designated areas
 - Every county
 - Every region
- A coordinating platform for shared priorities & investments
- Used as a proxy for state land use
- Rooted in Vermont's common goals and smart growth principles

Vermont Planning Atlas Online Screenshot



Designated Village Centers

250



The 5 Designations Today

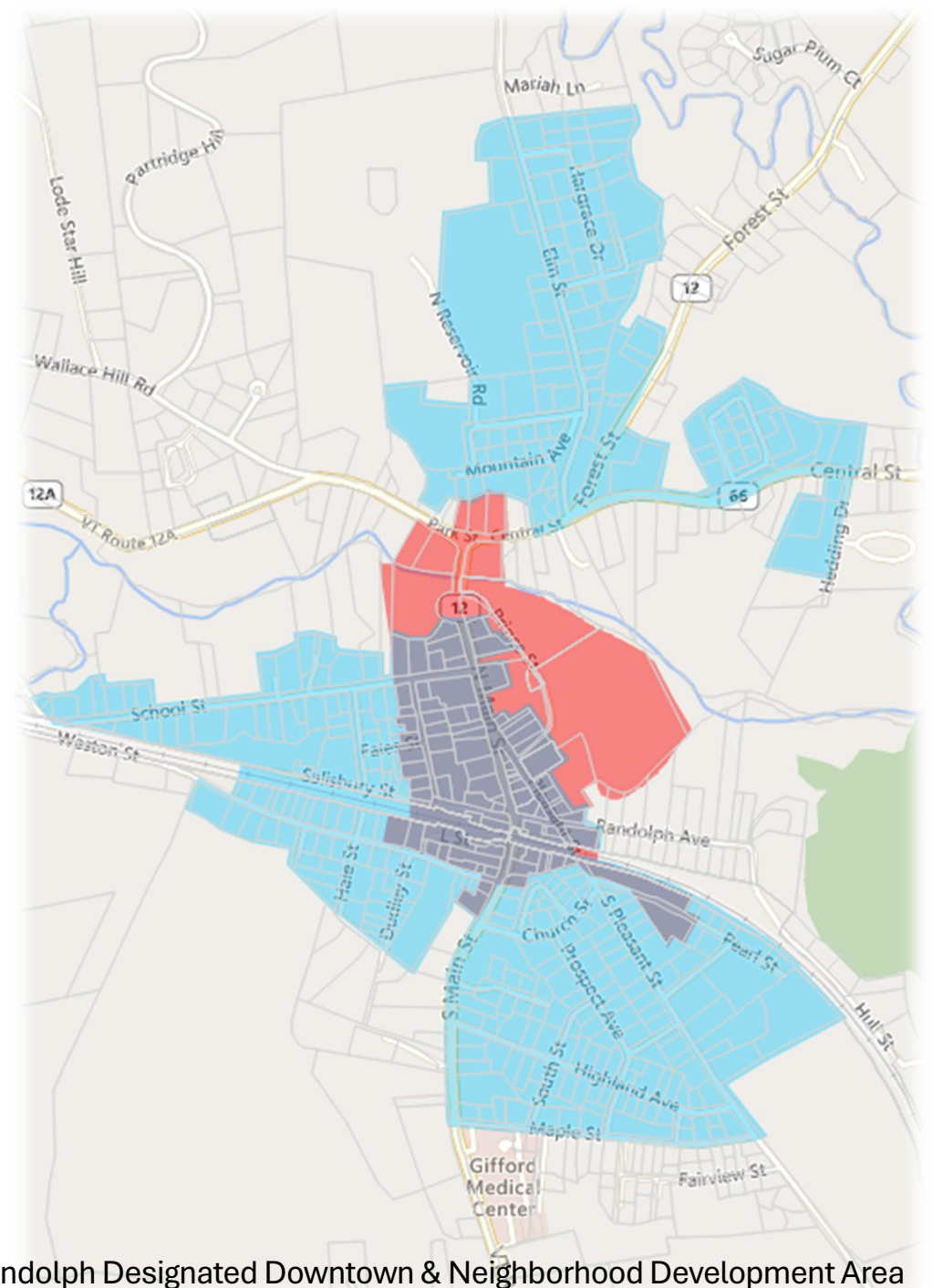
Distinct requirements & benefits

3 CORE DESIGNATIONS

1. Village Centers
2. Downtown Centers
3. New Town Centers

2 ADD-ON DESIGNATIONS

4. Growth Centers
5. Neighborhood Development Areas



Act 181 Reforms

CENTERS

Step 1: Beginner

Starter Village

Step 2: Intermediate

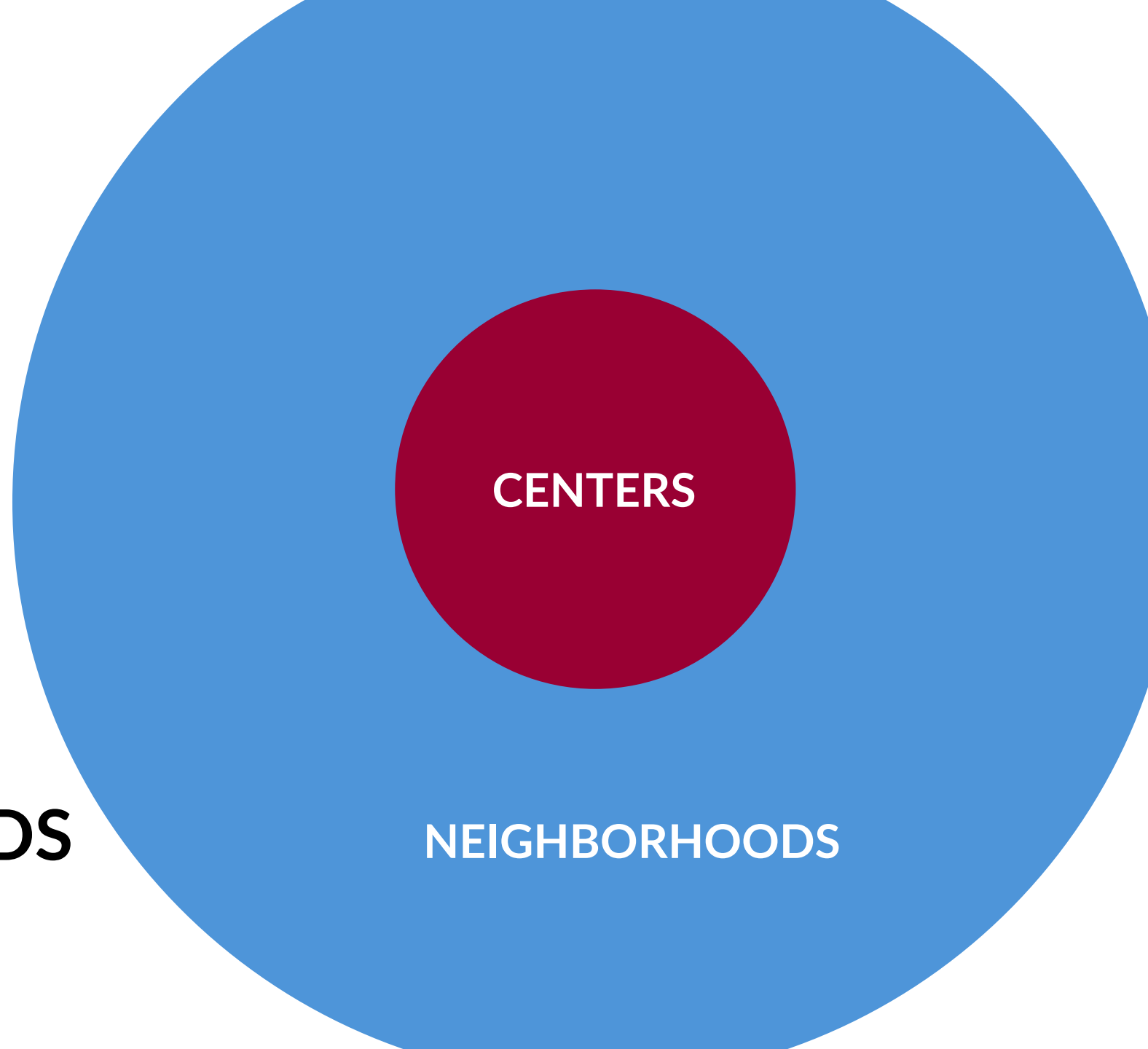
Growing Village

Step 3: Advanced

Downtowns

(Main Street Program)

NEIGHBORHOODS



Homes for All

Creative Housing Solutions in Vermont, from Policy to Outcomes

DHCD has used every available tool to promote the housing development the state needs.

1. New Toolkit to Cultivate, Support and Build a Diverse Small-Scale Developers
2. Cohort Training for the Next Generation of Homebuilders
3. Pre-Approved, Ready-to-Build Housing Designs (including modular and panelized homes)

Vermont Homes for All Toolkit

A 'Design & Do' Toolkit for Small-scale Home Builders, Investors, and Community Leaders



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Cohort Training



Homes for All

Pre-approved, ready to build housing



Vermont Infrastructure Sustainability Fund (VISF)

\$ 9.1M low-interest funding for infrastructure to enable housing production





Vermont Evaluation of Rural Technical Assistance (VERTA)



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Thank You!

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