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Tools for Implementing



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STATE DESIGNATION PROGRAMS



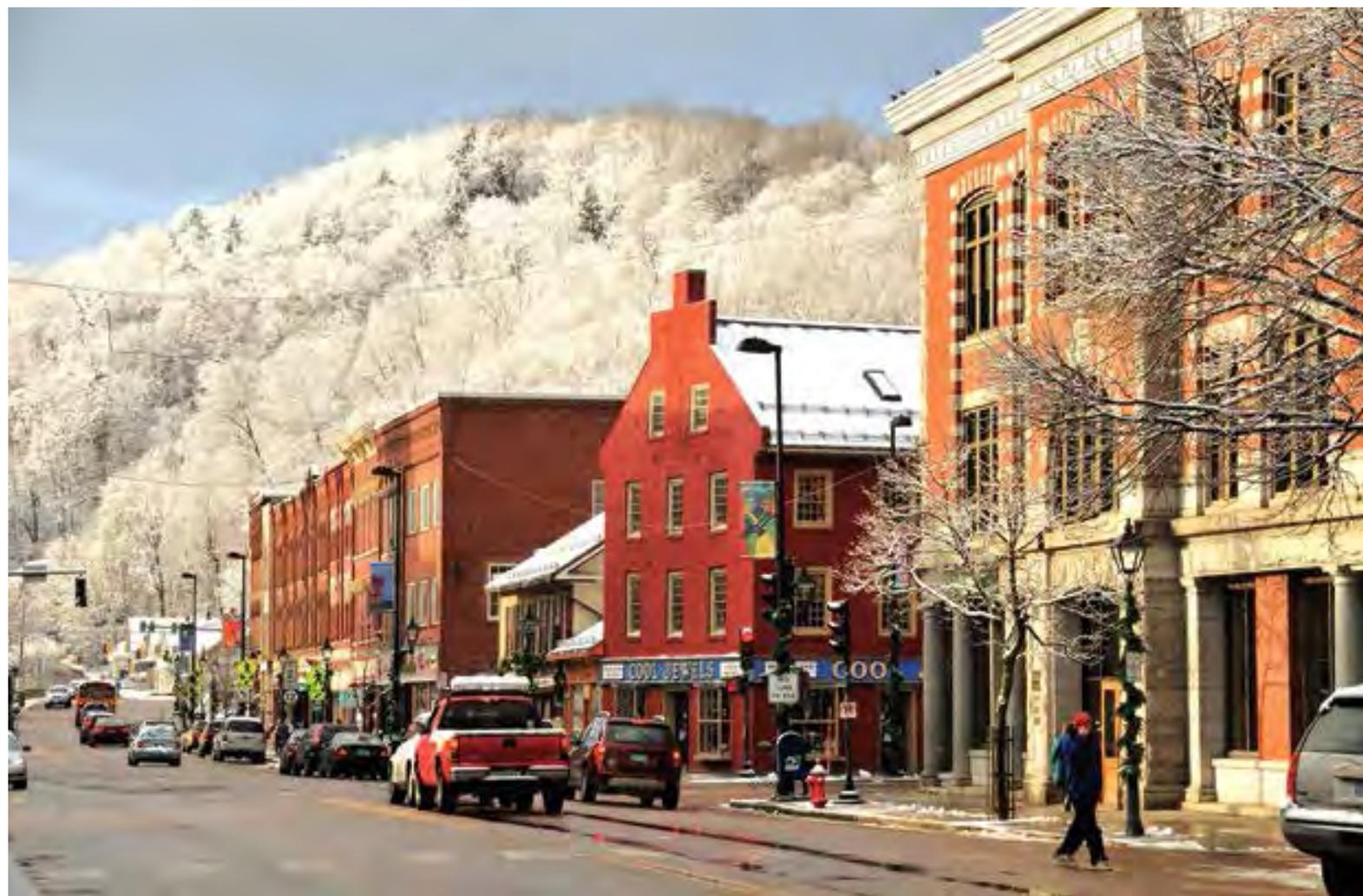














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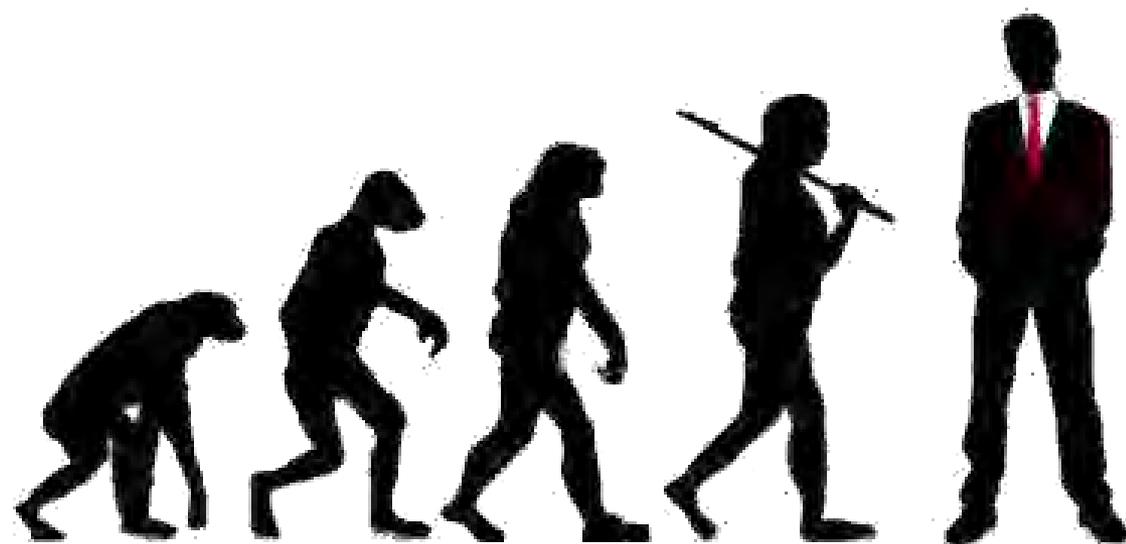
MIDDLEBURY, VT.

- 8 Middlebury College
- 9 Public Square
- 10 Building and Stone Yard
- 11 Railroad Station & Office, Burlington
- 12 Central Avenue & N. Village
- 13 Arthur Street, S. Side, Prospect



...to plan development so as to maintain the historic settlement pattern of compact village and urban centers separated by rural countryside.





DOWNTOWNS



VILLAGES



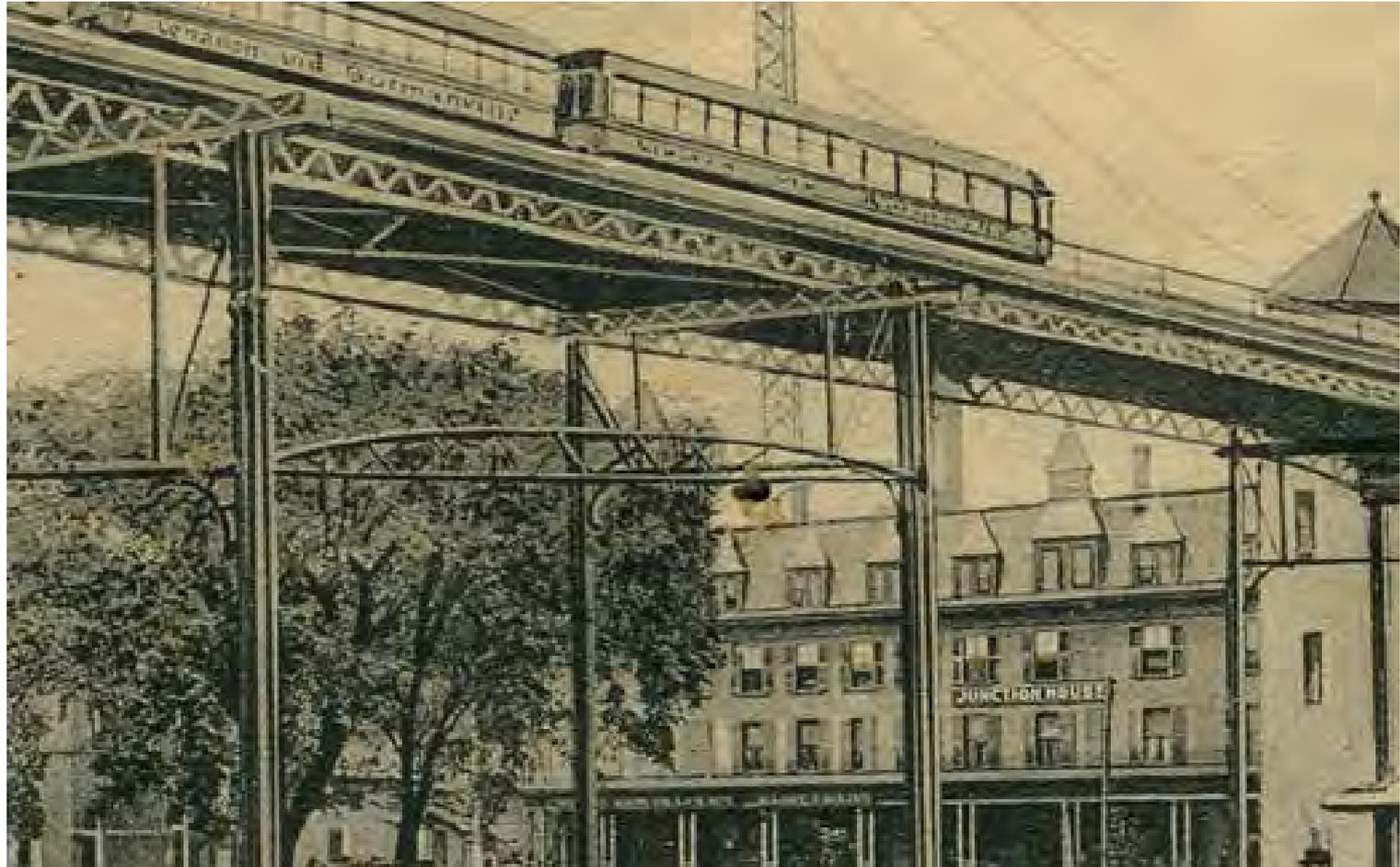
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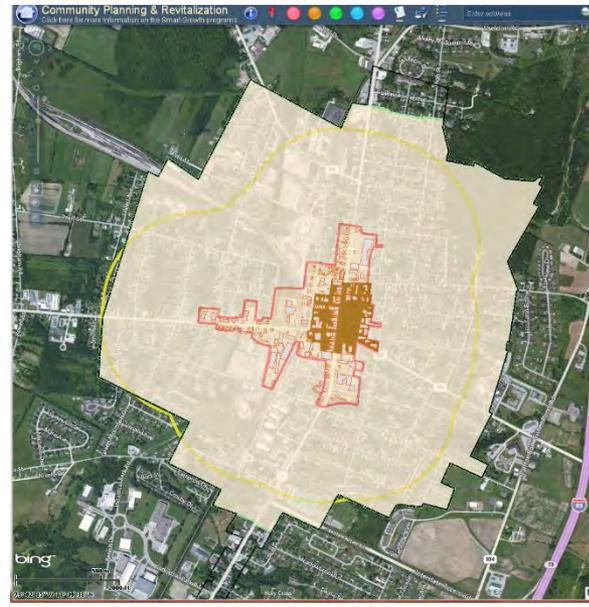
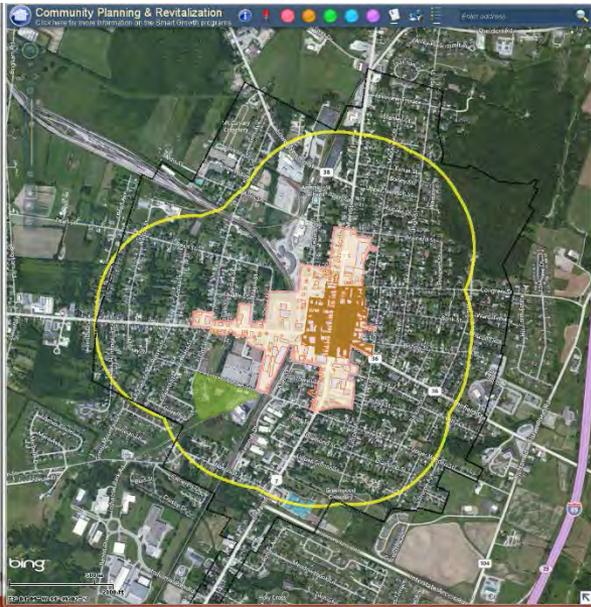
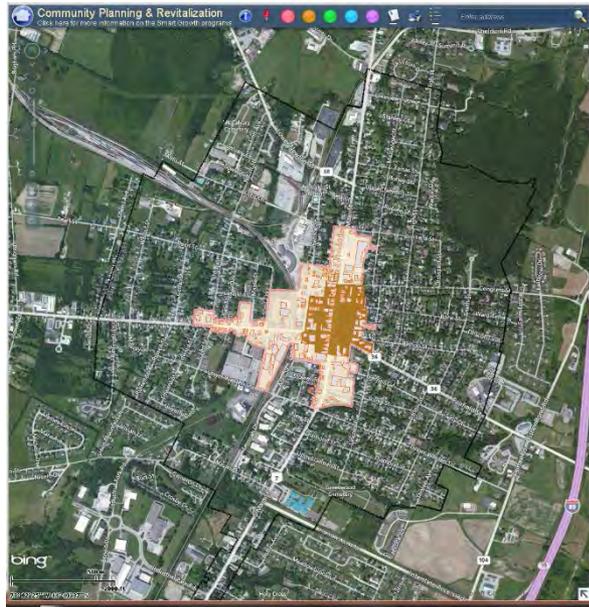
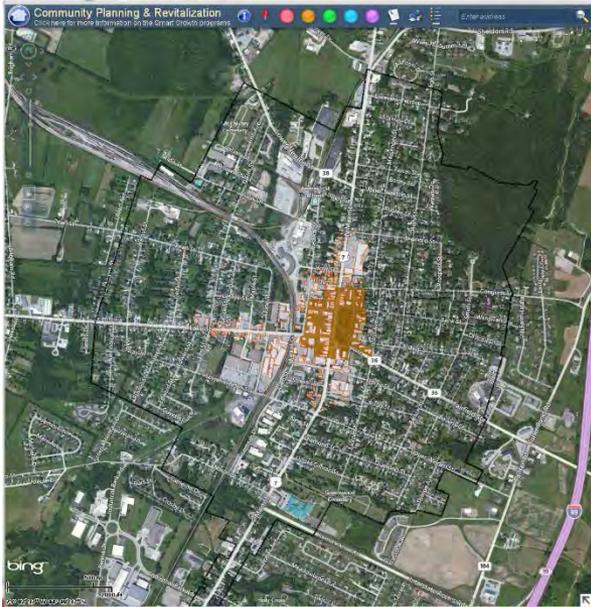


NEW TOWN CENTERS

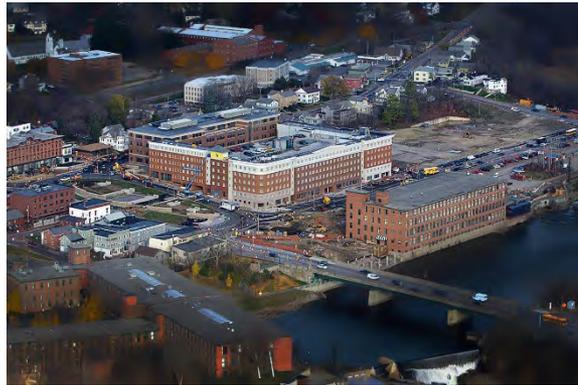


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Strong Communities is a quarterly newsletter published by the [Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development](#) (DHCD) to highlight news, trends and best practices to strengthen your community. Each issue will spotlight planning and revitalization successes throughout Vermont, outline upcoming grant and training opportunities, and provide tools you can use in your community. We invite your thoughts and suggestions for topics to address or articles for future issues. Please send your comments or suggestions to accd.cpr@state.vt.us.

Announcements

Rehabilitation Projects Bring Housing and Businesses to Vermont Downtowns



October marked the completion of two major downtown rehabilitation projects, the Brooks House in Brattleboro and the former Arthur's Department store in Morrisville. The historic Brooks House, which suffered a devastating fire in April 2011, was redeveloped to provide a downtown campus for the Community College of Vermont and Vermont Technical College, and provides housing and commercial/retail space in the heart of Brattleboro. In Morrisville, an entire block of Main Street, formerly Arthur's Department Store, offers 18 units of mixed-rate housing and 3,000 square feet of commercial space. Both projects were supported by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development which provided a variety of resources, including Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits, [Downtown and Village Center Tax Credits](#), [Community Development Funding](#) and [Brownfield Redevelopment Funds](#). For details about these projects, visit the [Brooks House](#) website and the [Lamoille Housing Partnership](#) website.

Another Competitive Round of Municipal Planning Grants (MPGs)

Demand for MPGs continues to increase with 58 municipalities requesting a total of \$657,000 for \$457,482 in available funding. This year, funding is targeted to support local planning efforts to improve downtowns and village centers, plan for



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- Announcements
- Department Updates
- Downtown Corner
- Tools You Can Use
- News and Resources

Training and Events

- VTASLA Doug Crowell Lecture Series – Burlington – October 30th, 2014
- Vermont Developers Conference – South Burlington – November 5th, 2014
- Downtown Networking Meeting – Bennington – November 7th, 2014
- VLCT Fall Selectboard Institute – Fairlee – November 8th, 2014
- Municipal Day – Montpelier – November 13th, 2014
- VHFA Biennial Statewide Housing Conference – November 19th, 2014
- VECAN's 7th Annual Vermont Community Energy and Climate Action Conference – Fairlee – December 6th 2014
- Main Street Webinars and Resources

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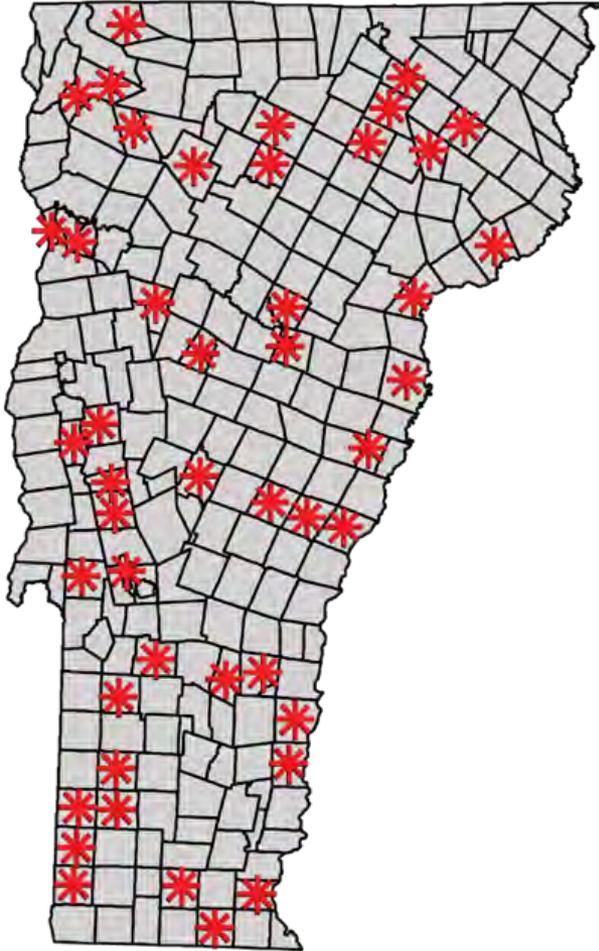
MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANTS



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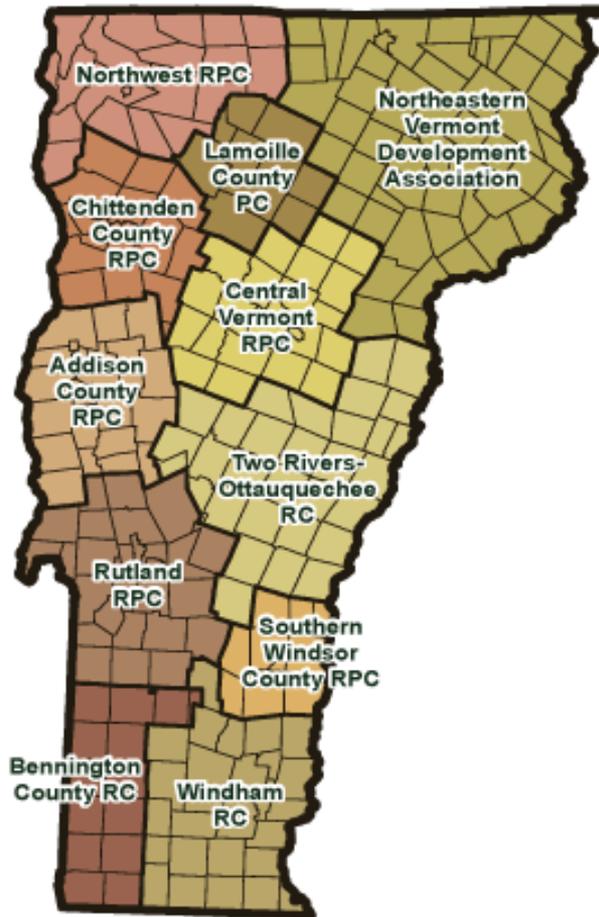
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AVAILABLE FUNDS



- \$450,000 available per year
- 45+ grants per year
- Average project cost - \$10,000

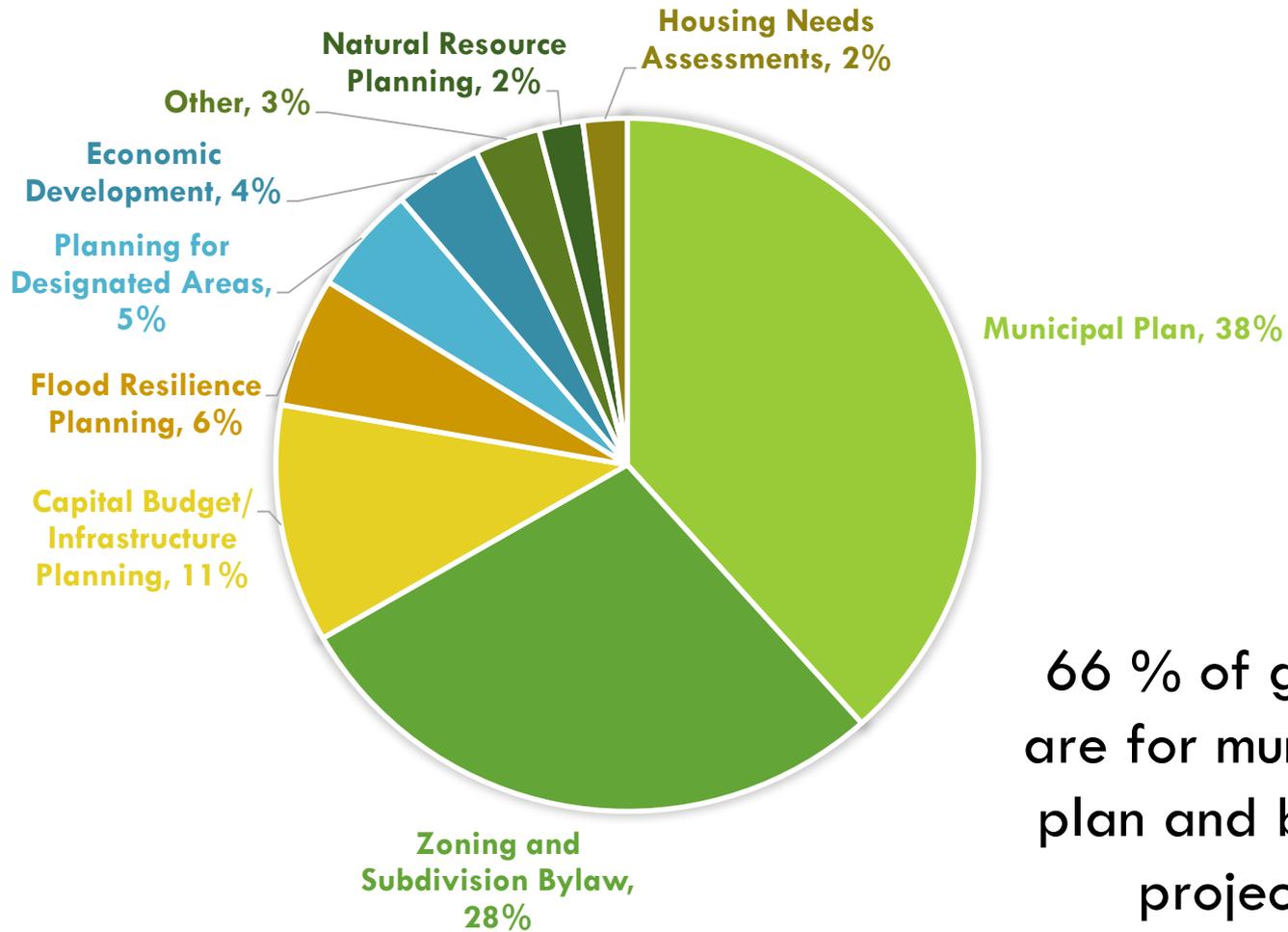
BROAD DISTRIBUTION



- Funds are divided among the 11 Regional Planning Commission areas
- Applicants only compete within their region

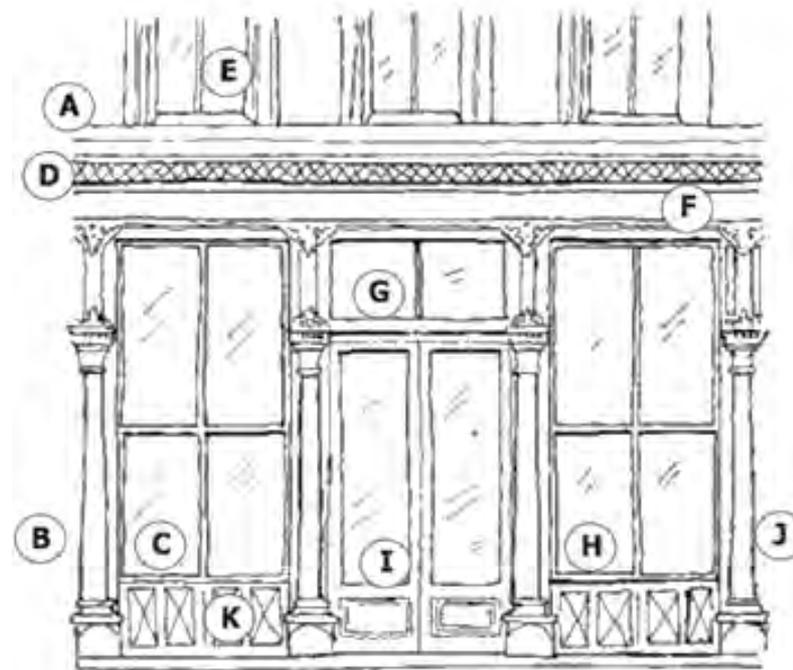


TYPES OF PROJECTS



66 % of grants are for municipal plan and bylaw projects

HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW



STOREFRONT ELEMENTS

- A. Upper Facade
- B. Lower Facade
- C. Storefront
- D. Cornice
- E. Upper-Floor Window
- F. Sign Band
- G. Transom
- H. Display Window
- I. Entry
- J. Piers
- K. Bulkhead

- BELLOWS FALLS

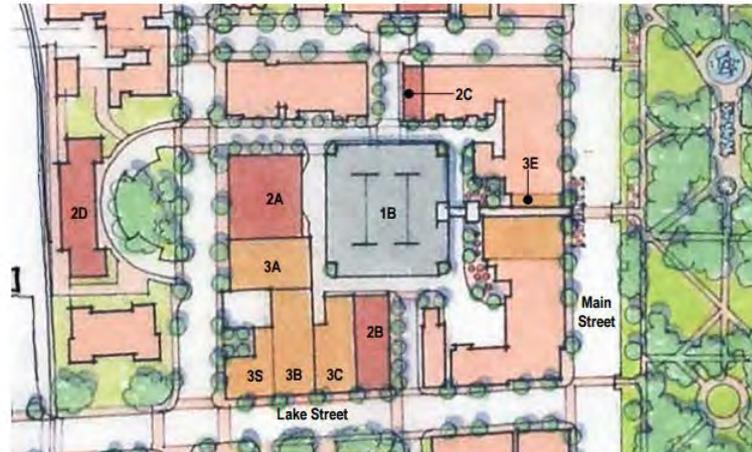


GATEWAY PLAN



- RUTLAND

MASTER PLAN



- ST ABLANS

BEFORE YOU DIVE IN



- Broad project eligibility
- Easy administration
- No match for up to \$8,000
- Grants up to \$20,000

- Confirmed planning process
- Applications due:



STRONG APPLICATIONS



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TRANSPORTATION FUNDING



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CLASS II TOWN HIGHWAY + STRUCTURES

Eligible Projects

Highways: resurfacing, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of class 2 town highways

Structures: construction and maintenance of bridges, culverts and retaining walls on Class 1, 2, or 3 town highways

Grant Timeline

Due to District Offices in January/February, with projects selected in summer

Total Funding

Highways: \$7.24 million

Structures: \$6.3 million



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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN

Eligible Projects

Planning/design and construction of facilities bicycle lanes and shoulders, sidewalks, pedestrian crossing improvements, pedestrian signals, ADA access projects, shared-use paths, and pedestrian lighting

Grant Timeline

Announced in late spring, with applications due in summer

Total Funding

Approximately \$4 million in federal funds and \$150,000 for small scale state funded projects annually



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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

Eligible Projects

Planning and construction for on-road and off-road facilities for pedestrian, bicyclist and other non-motorized forms of transportation, overlooks, community improvements such as preservation of historic transportation facilities, and environmental mitigation

Grant Timeline

Announced late summer/early fall, with applications due in fall

Total Funding

Approximately \$2.2 million annually. New this year, \$1.1 million set aside for environmental mitigation projects.



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MUNICIPAL PARK & RIDE

Eligible Projects

Park & ride projects, including facilities, signs and lines, lighting, and electric vehicle charging (level II) if in close proximity to a downtown

Grant Timeline

Announced in late summer/early fall, with applications due in fall

Total Funding

Approximately \$250,000 annually



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MUNICIPAL MITIGATION

Eligible Projects

Better Backroad Grants to municipalities for planning road and culvert inventories (\$4,000 max award) and implementation related to water quality erosion issues (\$10,000 max award). Due to additional funding, \$ thresholds will likely increase and eligible activities will likely expand.

Grant Timeline

Due in spring, with selection in early summer.

Total Funding

\$1,440,000 available this year in Transportation funds. Also anticipate additional funding.



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STRONG COMMUNITIES, BETTER CONNECTIONS

Eligible Projects

Planning initiatives that coordinate land use decisions and trans. investments, livability, and support statewide planning & trans objectives/goals.

Grant Timeline

Announced in early fall, with applications due late fall. Selections early winter.

Total Funding

Approximately \$200,000 annually by both VTrans and DHCD



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VERMONT LOCAL ROADS



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Training

Technical Assistance

Communication

Partnerships



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HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAMS



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GOT FUNDING?

Sources of Funding

- Federal and State programs
- Grants and Tax Credits

Multiple Designation Programs

- Programs funds specific types of projects
- Eligibility requirements vary
- Take advantage of the multiple designation programs to tap into different funding sources and tackle multiple types of projects
- Know who to call ...



FEDERAL RITC PROGRAM

Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit

- 20% credit on federal income taxes for qualified rehabilitation
- Eligible expenses include interior and exterior work, including utilities
- Does not include demolition, site work, additions, fixtures or acquisition costs
- Credits are awarded on a rolling basis to any qualified project with an approved application
- National Park Service administers program and awards credits



- ST. JOHNSBURY

FEDERAL RITC PROGRAM

To Qualify

- Building must be income-producing
- Rehabilitation must be substantial
- Building must be historic – listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- Work must meet preservation standards
- Apply *before* work begins!

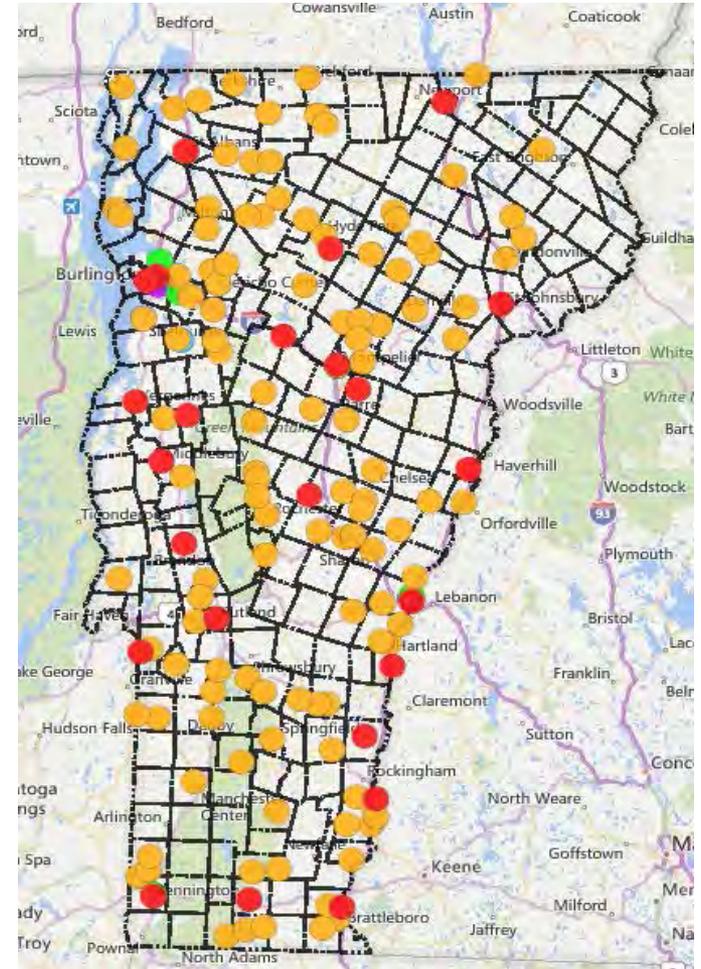


- RUTLAND

DOWNTOWN + VILLAGE CENTER TAX CREDITS

The Basics

- Program founded in 1998
- Goal to stimulate investment in commercial centers, large and small
- Award \$2.2 Million in credits annually
- Applications are competitive
- Project must be a Designated Downtown or Village Center



DOWNTOWN + VILLAGE CENTER TAX CREDITS

Tax Credit Tiers

- 10% credit for qualified rehabilitation with approved federal application
- 25% credit for façade repairs
- 50% credit for technology improvements such as data and network wiring
- 50% credit for code improvements including elevators and sprinkler systems

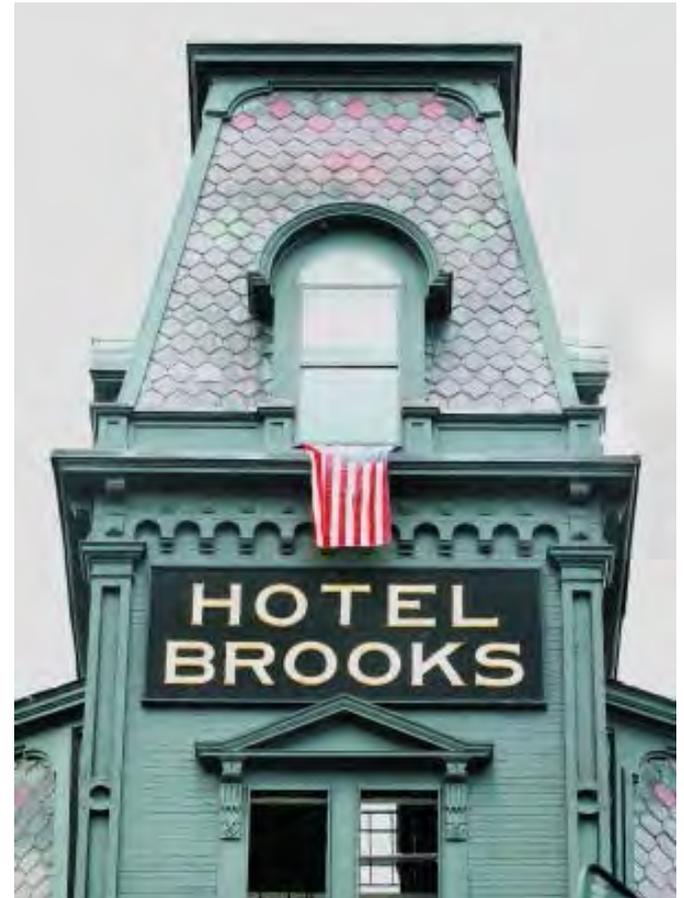


- BARRE

DOWNTOWN + VILLAGE CENTER TAX CREDITS

What do I do with my credit?

- Credits can be carried forward up to nine years
- Can also be traded for cash, debt reduction, or favorable loan terms
- Can be sold to banks or insurance companies
- Non-profits are eligible, but not religious entities or municipalities



- BRATTLEBORO

STATE SALES TAX REALLOCATION

The Essentials

- Joint application between a municipality and developer
- Qualified projects receive a reallocation of sales tax on construction materials
- Projects must be in a Designated Downtown and reallocated sales taxes must be used by the municipality to support the qualified project



STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS

The Essentials

- One round of funding annually with applications due in the fall
- Awarded by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- Matching grants of up to \$20,000
- Bricks and mortar projects for repair of historic building fabric
- Does not fund upgrades to systems, accessibility work, planning projects or temporary repairs



- Pomfret + Braintree

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS



- CHELSEA

To Qualify

- Eligible buildings must be owned by municipalities or non-profit organizations
- Buildings must be listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places
- Typical projects include work to repair town halls, libraries, schools, churches, museums, and community gathering places

RESULTS

Case Study – St. Albans

- Encourage redevelopment of blighted or marginal properties
- Incentivize housing projects in and around downtowns and village centers
- Make rebuilding possible after a disaster
- Encourage preservation of historic resources
- Leverage public and private money to revitalize communities

2011 – 2014

3 Downtown Transportation Fund Grants
\$251,000

6 State Downtown Tax Credit projects
\$619,955

3 State Municipal Planning Grants
\$40,493

Vermont Agency of Transportation Grants
\$3.1 million

Public and private investment since 2004
\$40 million





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VERMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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WHAT'S VCDP?

Federally Funded Program

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to State of Vermont

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Primarily benefit Low and Moderate Income (LMI) persons

VCDP since 1983

Approximately \$6.5M annually



WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Vermont Municipalities
except Burlington

For Profit/Non-Profit Entities
through municipalities only



HOW TO APPLY

Contact VCDP Staff

Meet program requirements

Complete online application

(grants are competitive)

**Apply
Online**



Grants & Incentive Management System
Agency of Commerce & Community Development

System Login



Login

Username

Password

LOGIN

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Welcome to the State of Vermont's Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD)

WHY ACCESS VCDP?

Community Needs:

- Housing
- Economic Development (jobs)
- Public Facilities
- Public Services



WHAT'S ELGIBLE?

Just about anything, but:

- general conduct of government
- Fire/Police/Ambulance
- Schools

1)Need to benefit Low & Moderate Income Persons

2)Urgent Need

3)Slums/Blight

GRANTS

Planning

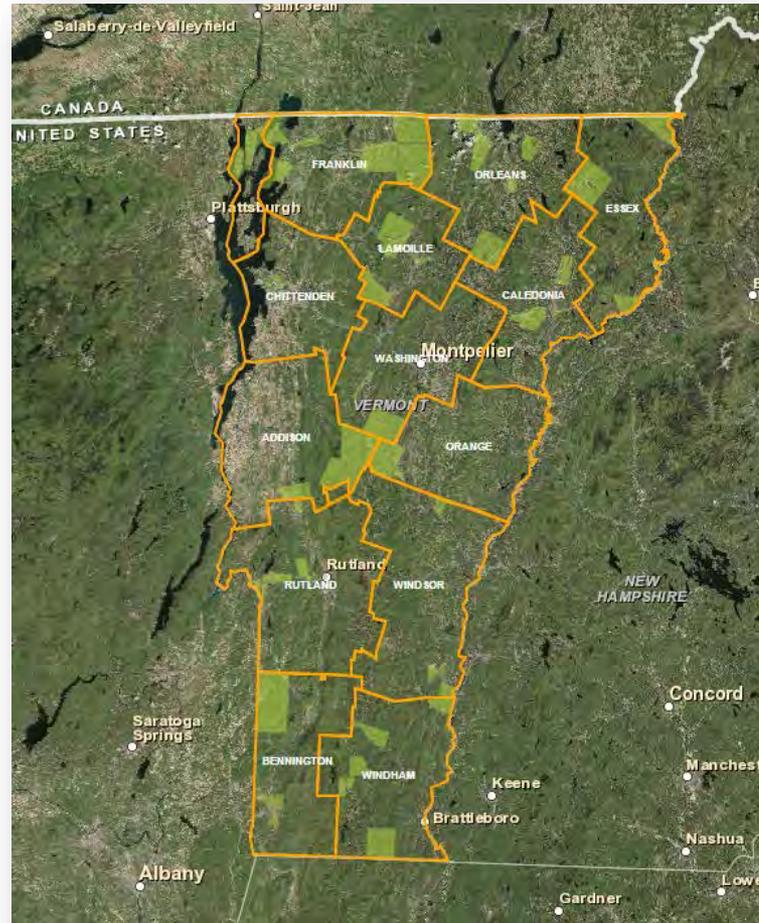
Implementation

Accessibility Modification

Scattered Site Housing



AREA WIDE BENEFITS COMMUNITIES



http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/opportunities/funding/vcdp/resources

AFFORDABLE HOUSING



MILTON



- MEADOWLANE

MORRISTOWN



- ARTHUR'S

BRATTLEBORO



- BROOKS HOUSE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



- BRATTLEBORO

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



- THETFORD

PUBLIC FACILITY



- VERGENNES

ACCESSIBILITY



- SHOREHAM + HUNTINGTON



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WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS



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DWSRF- PLANNING & DESIGN

Who

- ◆ All municipal and non-profit public community and municipally owned non-community water systems

Eligible Projects

- ◆ Preliminary engineering
- ◆ Final design
- ◆ Efficiency audits
- ◆ Asset management plans

Term

- ◆ 0% interest, 5 Year
- ◆ Loan forgiveness provisions
- ◆ Delayed repayment - rolled into construction loan

Timeline

- ◆ Rolling application deadline



CWSRF- PLANNING & DESIGN

Who

- ◆ All municipalities or municipally sponsored privately owned systems

Eligible Projects

- ◆ Preliminary engineering
- ◆ Final design
- ◆ Efficiency audits
- ◆ Asset management plans

Term

- ◆ 0% interest, 5-15 Year
- ◆ Delayed repayment - rolled into construction loan

Timeline

- ◆ Rolling application deadline



DWSRF- CONSTRUCTION

Who

- ◆ Most public water system infrastructure improvement/refurbishment projects
- ◆ All public and privately owned community and non-profit non-community water systems

Term

- ◆ 3% interest, 20 year
- ◆ Qualifying disadvantaged systems, -3 to 3%, 20-30 years
- ◆ Must be voter approved

Timeline

- ◆ Priority List applications accepted in Late Winter
- ◆ Funding is available the following Fall
- ◆ All project funds must be spent within two years



CWSRF- CONSTRUCTION

Who

- ◆ Municipalities
- ◆ Municipally sponsored privately owned wastewater or stormwater systems

Term

- ◆ 2% interest, 20-30 Year
- ◆ Subsidy provisions
- ◆ Must be voter approved

Timeline

- ◆ Priority List applications accepted in Late Winter
- ◆ Funding is available the following Fall
- ◆ All project funds must be spent within two years



ON-SITE LOAN PROGRAM

Eligible Projects

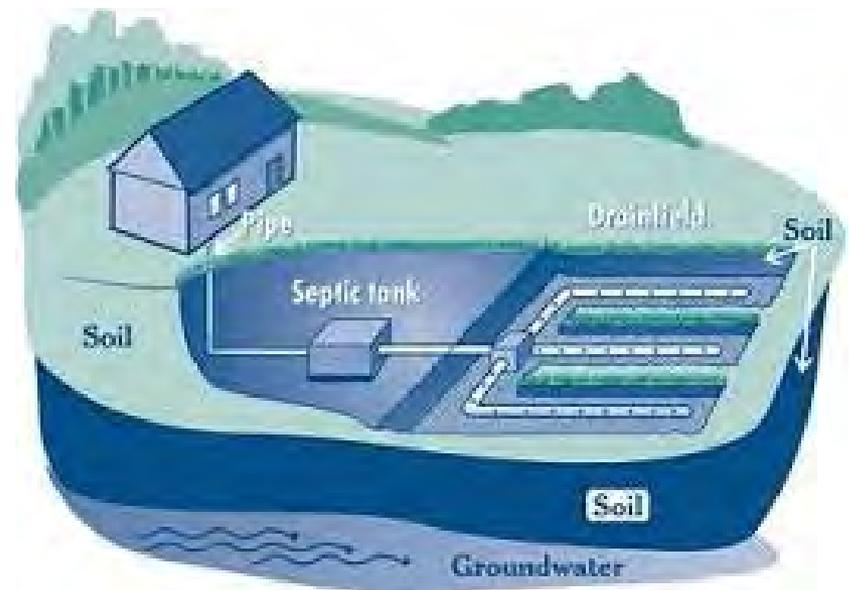
- ◆ Replacement of failed on-site potable or wastewater systems
- ◆ Must be denied financing from a lending institution
- ◆ Moderate income cap (200% state-wide MHI)

Term

- ◆ 3%, 15 year

Timeline

- ◆ Rolling application deadline



OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Planning Advances
- ◆ Vermont-only Drinking Water Fund
- ◆ Vermont-only Clean Water Fund
- ◆ Pollution Control State Grants
- ◆ Unsafe Dam Loan Fund
- ◆ Asset Management Planning Grants





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