### **Growth Centers 101 - Vermont**

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### **Evolution of Land Use**

1970's

Regulation (Act 250)

1980's

Statewide Planning Housing & Conservation Board

1990's

**Downtowns & Village Centers** 

2000's

**Growth Centers** 











### **State Designations**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Programs

**Designates Downtowns / Villages** 

Targets resources to fix existing civic/commercial centers

### **2nd Generation Programs**

**Growth Center / Vermont Neighborhoods** 

Plan for compact growth in and adjacent to designated centers

- Preserve rural character and the working landscape
- Conserve natural and historic resources
- Support development in appropriate places
- Invest efficiently in public infrastructure
- Provide housing and transportation choice

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### **Downtowns**

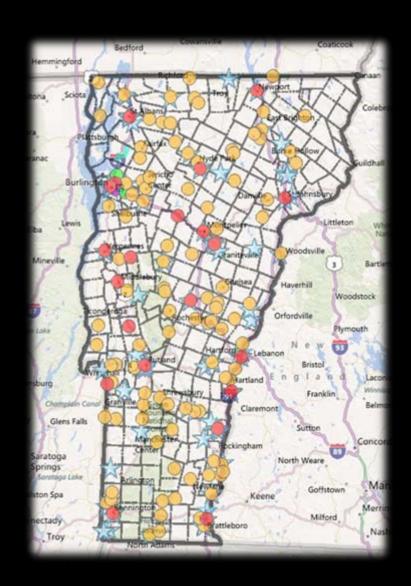
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Village Centers
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Neighborhoods

**Growth Centers** 

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### Reinvestment

### **Tax Credits** \$170m, past 6 years

Infrastructure \$58.7m, past 2 years

### **New Businesses**

179, past 2 years

**New Jobs** 435, past 2 years

### **Grand List**

#### 95 Main, Brattleboro



Grand List Before: \$320,100 Grand List After: \$629.840 Total Increase: \$309,740

New Investment: \$466,816 Federal Credits: \$93,363 State 10% Add-On: \$39,460 State Code Credits: \$36,107 Total Credits: \$168,930

#### 110 West Canal Street, Winooski



Grand List Before: \$910,400 Grand List After: \$2,019,512 Total Increase: \$1,109,112

New Investment: \$2,019,512 Federal Credits: \$260,000 State 10% Add-On: \$130,000 Total Credits: \$390,000

#### Shelburne Inn, Shelburne



Grand List Refore: \$1,011,100 Grand List After: \$2,509,900 Total Increase: \$1,498,800

New Investment: \$1,890,000 Federal Credits: \$139.000 State 10% Add-On: \$69,500 State Code Credits: \$55,000 Total Credits: \$263,500



Grand List Before: \$25,000 (condemned) Grand List After: \$385,000

Federal Credits: \$70,400 State 10% Add-On: \$25,046 State Code Credits \$50,770 Total Credits: \$146,216

Data source: Department of Taxes and DEHCD, Community Planning & Revitalization

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### **Growth Centers**

### **New Definitions**

**Growth Centers Smart Growth** 

# Downtown Development Board expanded to include more planning expertise

### Communities need to demonstrate...

- GC will accommodate majority of new growth in 20 year period;
- Pattern of development consistent with definitions
- Tools to achieve this (zoning bylaws, capital facilities) must be in place
- Plan for maintaining rural character
- Reinforce existing downtown or village center
- 20 year period with reviews every 5 year

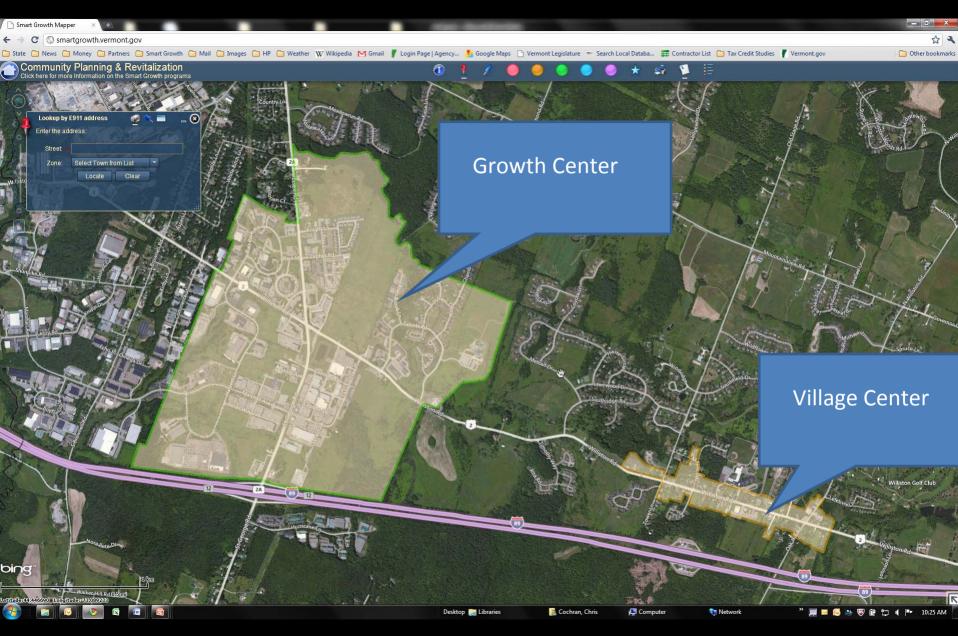
### **Growth Centers - Incentives**

# **Tax Increment Financing Act 250**

Threshold changes to mixed income housing and mixed use Master Plan Permit Application
Agricultural mitigation

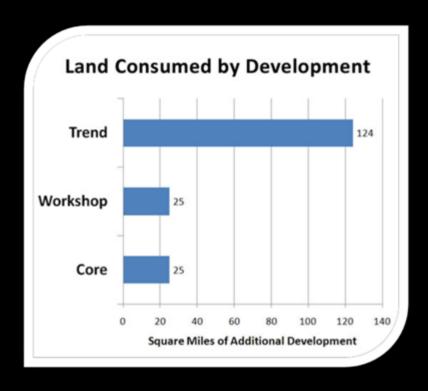
### **Priority Consideration**

- Municipal Planning Grants
- Transportation Enhancement Improvements
- Property Assessment Fund (Brownfields)
- CDBG
- ANR Wastwater Fund
- State Affordable Housing Fund
- Locating state buildings



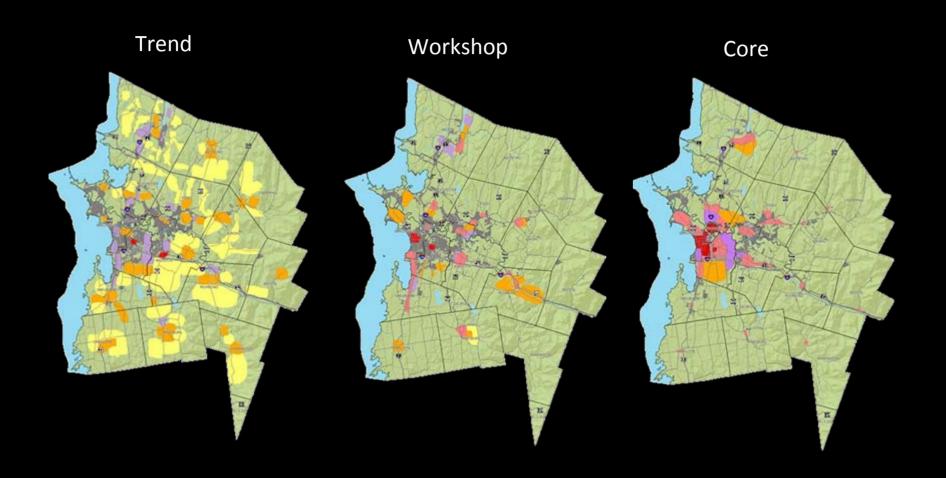
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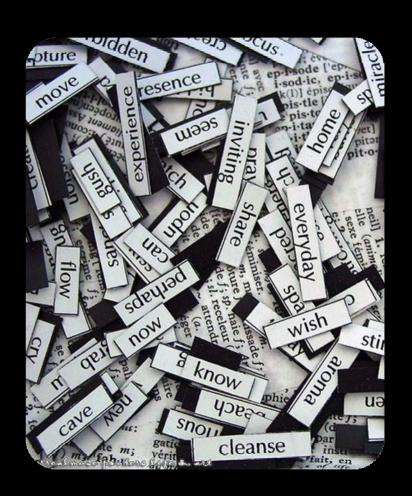




### **Public Involvement**

### A Sustainable Community is.....

An urban, suburban or rural community that has more housing and transportation choices, is closer to jobs, shops or schools, is more energy independent and helps protect clean air and water.





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### State Land Use Programs

### **Municipal and Regional Planning Development Act**

Supports mixed-use development through comprehensive planning and implementation

- Develop a comprehensive local or regional plan that implements the State's land use goals
- Implement regulatory and non-regulatory tools to guide growth
- Support development in appropriate places
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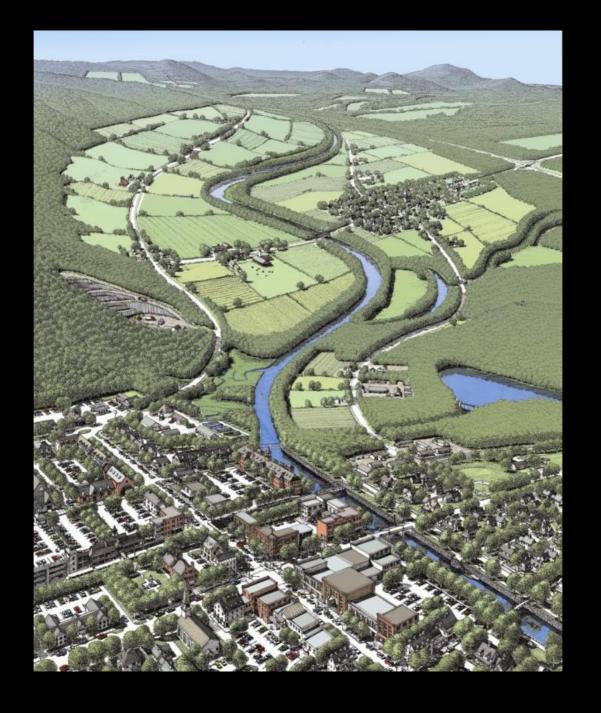
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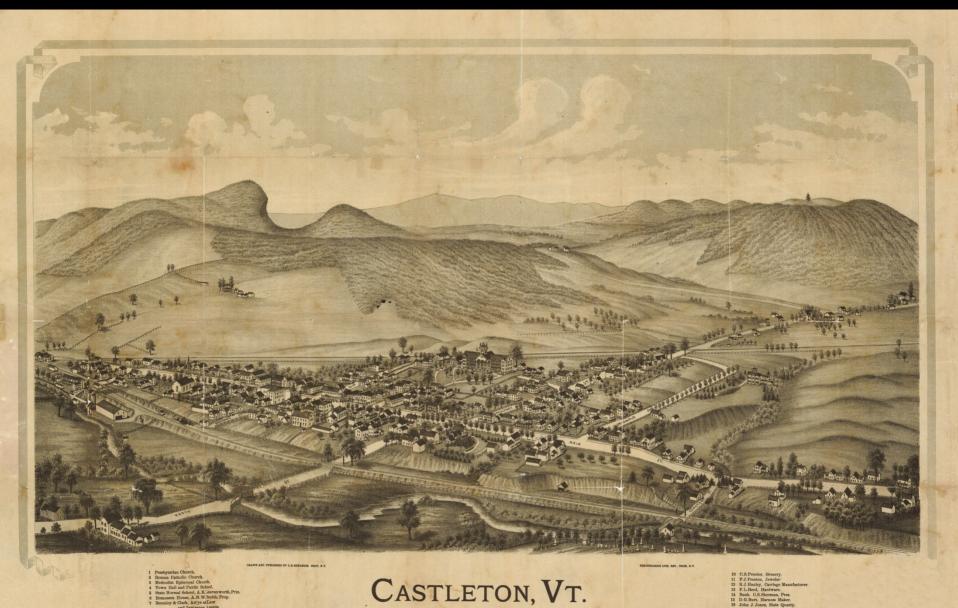












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