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**Providing tools, training,
grants, and incentives
for local leaders to plan
and implement projects
that support thriving,
walkable communities.**



Place-based Economic Development



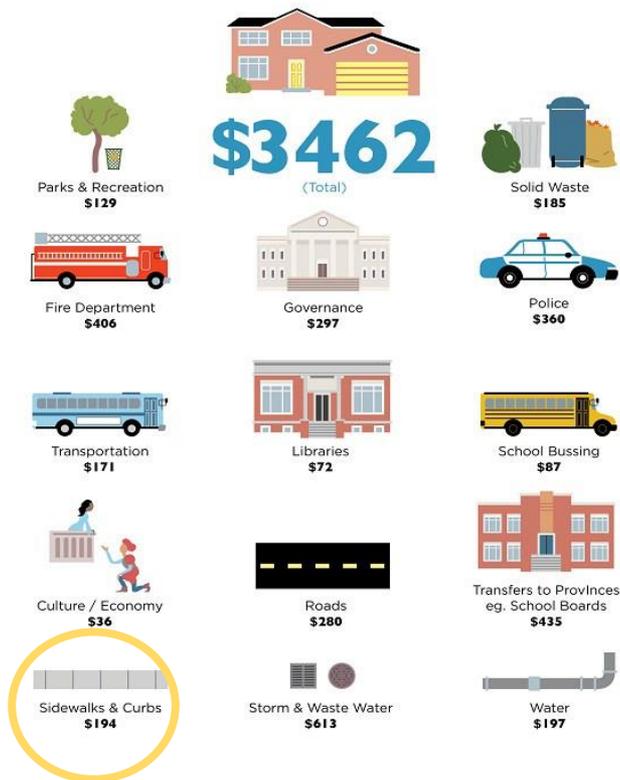
“To plan development so as to maintain the historic settlement pattern of compact village and urban centers separated by rural countryside.”

24 V.S.A. Chapter 117
§ 4302. Purpose; goals

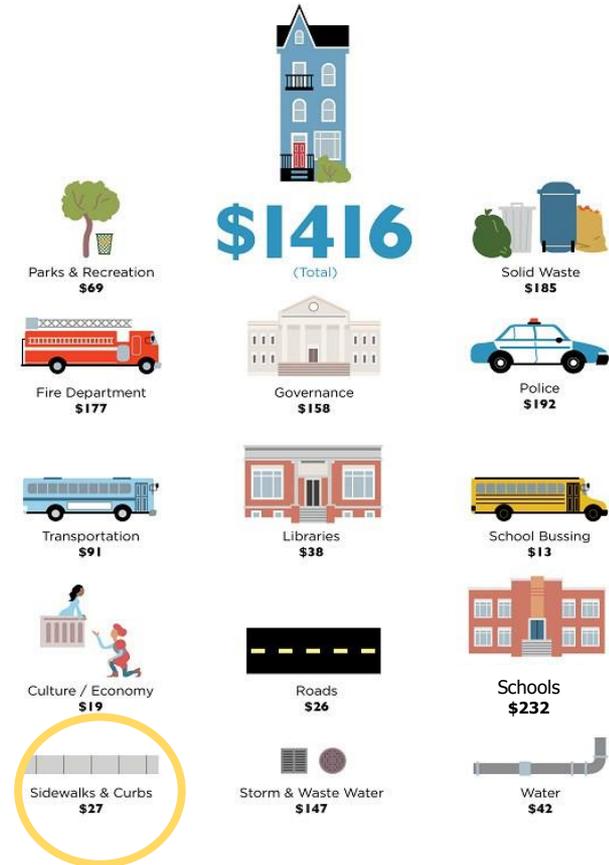


For Location-Efficient Places

Rural/Suburban Town Annual Cost, per Household



Walkable D/V Centers Town Annual Cost, per Household

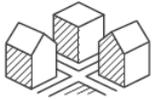


Community Assistance



State Designations: 222

Core



Village Centers: 187



Downtowns: 23



New Town Centers: 2

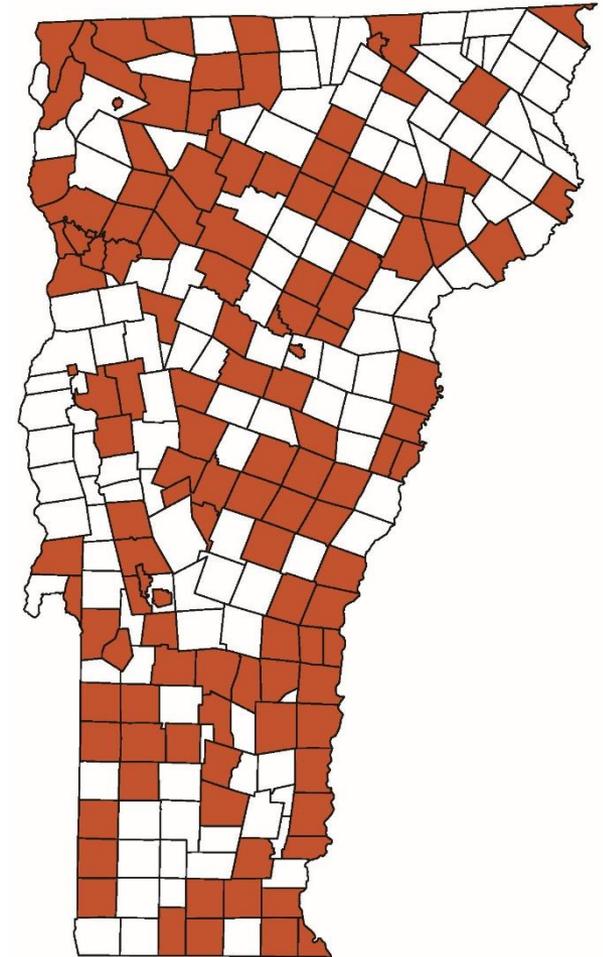
Add-On Designations



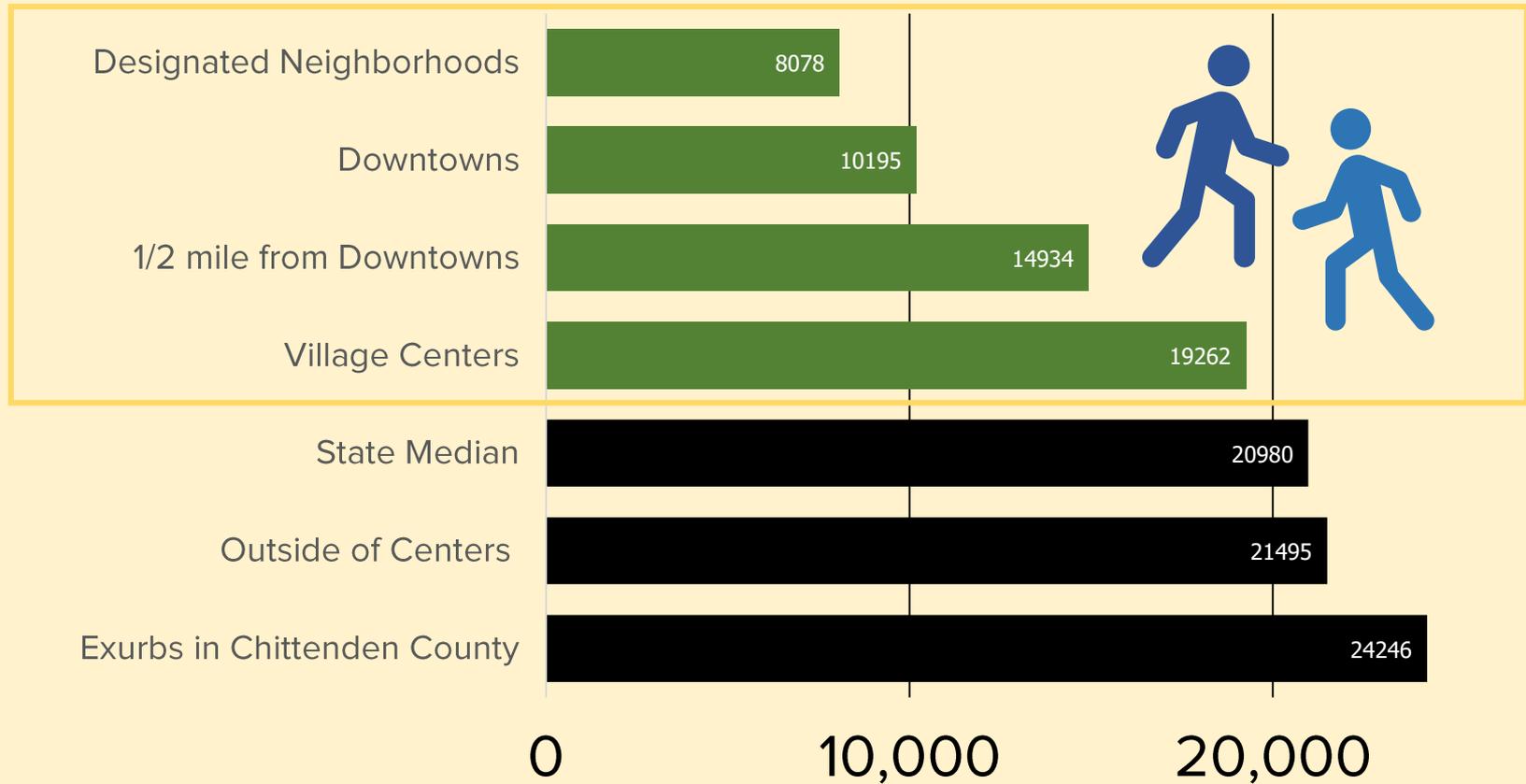
Neighborhood Development Areas: 5



Growth Centers: 6



Vermont's Green Zones

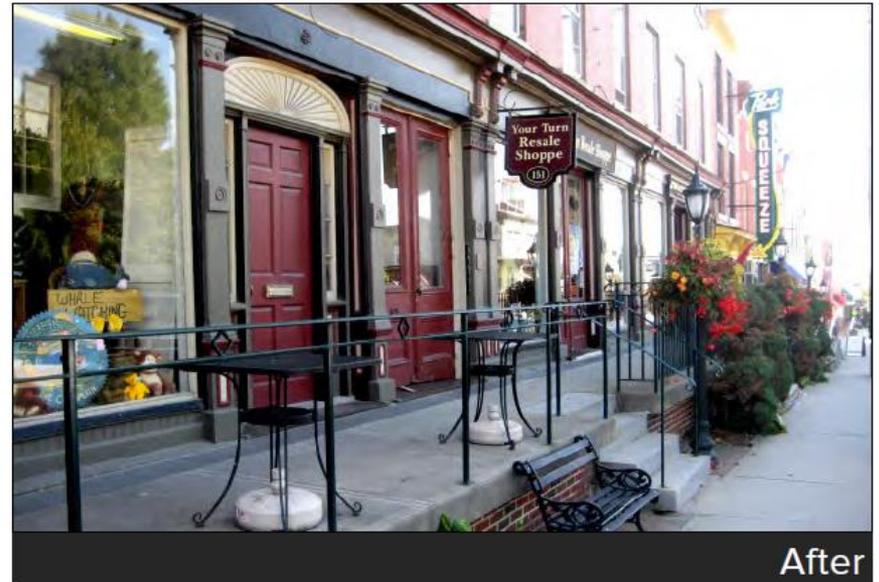


Annual VMT by Location
American Household Travel Survey 2009

Downtown Transportation Fund

The Downtown Transportation Fund supports revitalization efforts in designated downtowns 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.

Vergennes - Transportation Improvements Spark Revitalization Efforts



Charging Station Grant Program

State Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Grant Program

A program proposed for the Vermont Beneficiary Mitigation Plan for the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust



Planning Grant Programs



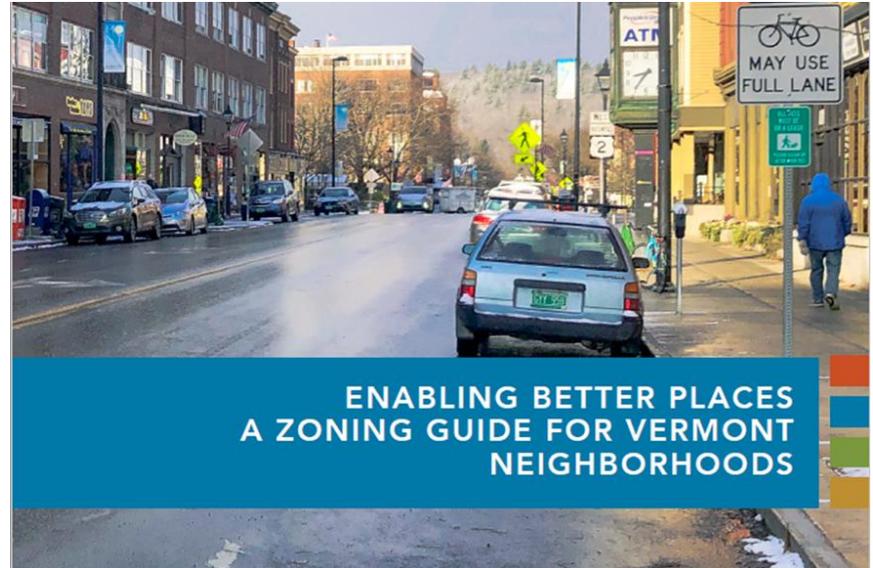
Municipal Planning Grants

Better Connections Grants



Partnerships

Complete Streets a guide for Vermont communities





New Solutions



Community Investment Package (H.782/S.237)

Modernize state regulations to support housing

Act 250 in State Designated Downtowns & Neighborhoods

- Modifies jurisdiction to exempt development-ready downtowns and neighborhoods
- Transitions existing permits to municipal review

State & Municipal Water/Wastewater Connection Permits

- Exempts state connection permits in willing and capable municipalities.
- Requires communities improve maps of their sewer and water infrastructure.

Community Investment Package

Regulation, Municipal Technical Assistance & Training

- Provides incentives [downtown tax credits for income producing properties] to encourage communities to modernize their bylaws through the Neighborhood Development Area designation
- Offers funding [\$150K to RPCs; \$150K to MPGs] to help municipalities update and adopt inclusionary housing bylaws
- Funding [\$50K] to train “missing middle” builders and landlords to jumpstart development in all counties

Community Investment Package

Provides new funding support community investment

Tax Incentives

- Increases tax credit cap [\$2.6M to \$4M total] to support re-investment and designated Neighborhood Development Areas
- Eliminates capital gains on the sale of improved homes located within federally designated Opportunity Zones

Vermont Housing Improvement Program Grants

- Creates housing provider grants [\$1M] to bring unsafe, blighted, and vacant rental units up to code and back online.

“Better Places” Crowd-granting Framework

- Establishes funding [\$250K] framework to leverage funding for placemaking in state designated centers.



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Church Street in Burlington, Vermont in 1979. . .



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Complete Streets Consider Context & Users



VT Green Streets Guide 2018

Act 34 of 2011

Requires municipalities to consider complete streets when undertaking transportation projects on paved highways and file a report on limiting circumstances if the project doesn't incorporate complete streets.



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