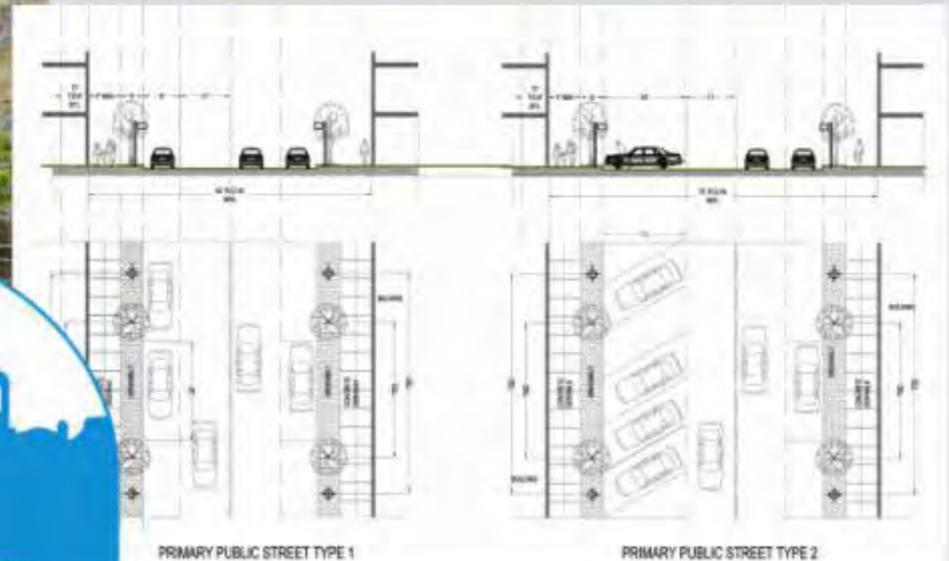
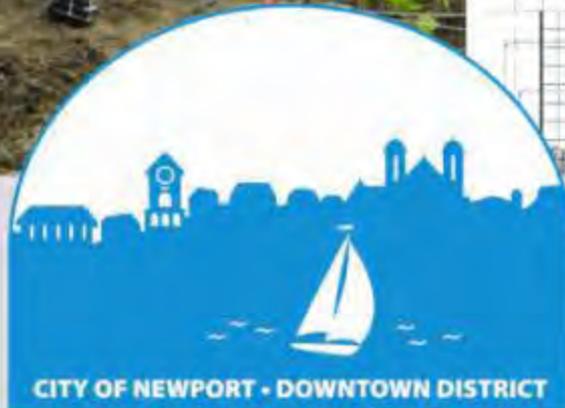


# GROWING COMMUNITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS: THE COMMUNITY AS EXPERT



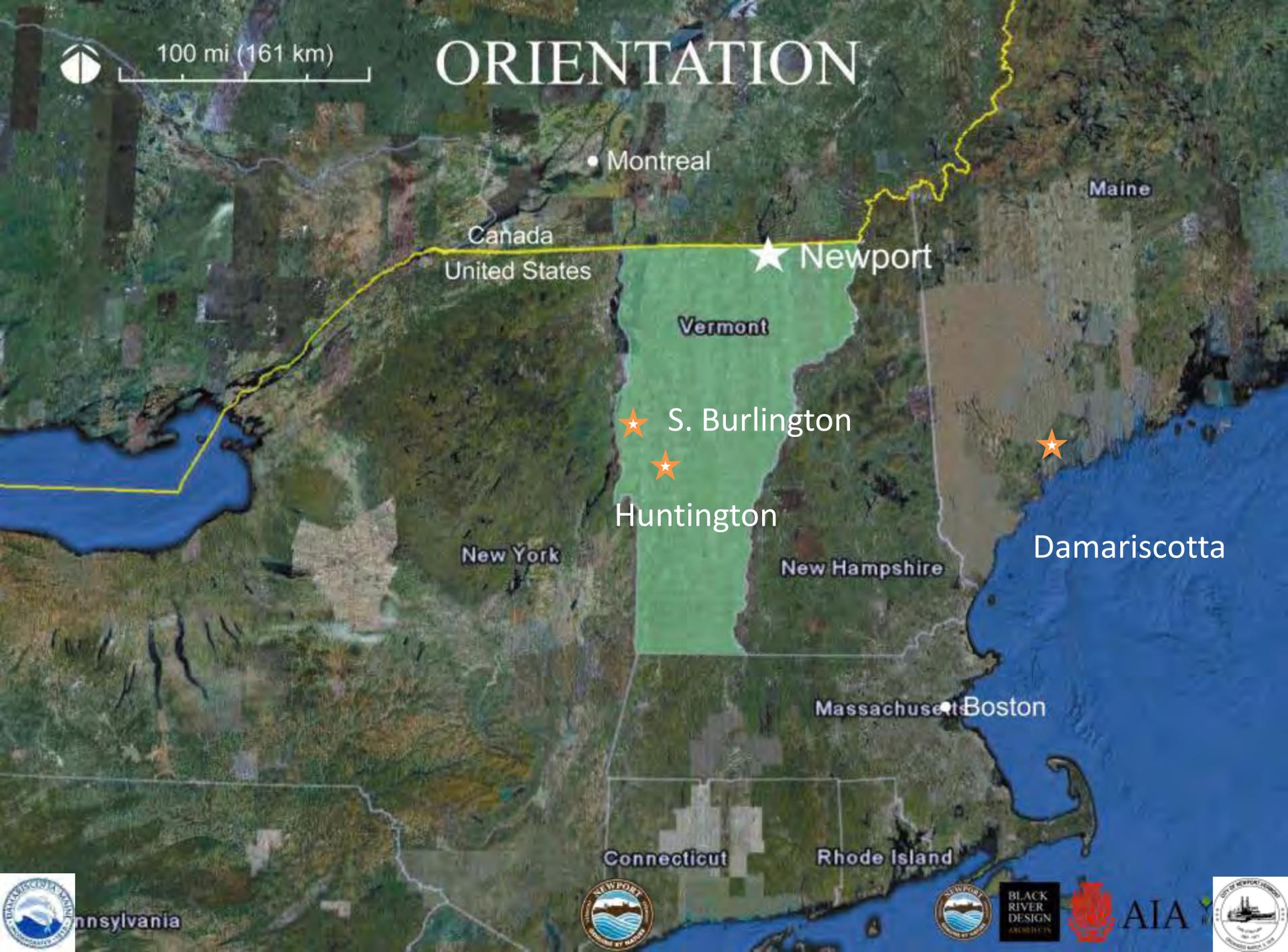
“Allowing communities to decide what they want to be and do rather than allowing developers and experts to determine what they should become.”



Paul Dreher, Livability Solutions, Newport, Vermont  
<http://livabilitysolutions.org/>

100 mi (161 km)

# ORIENTATION



• Montreal

Maine

Canada  
United States

★ Newport

Vermont

★ S. Burlington

★ Huntington

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Damariscotta

New York

New Hampshire

Massachusetts  
• Boston

Connecticut

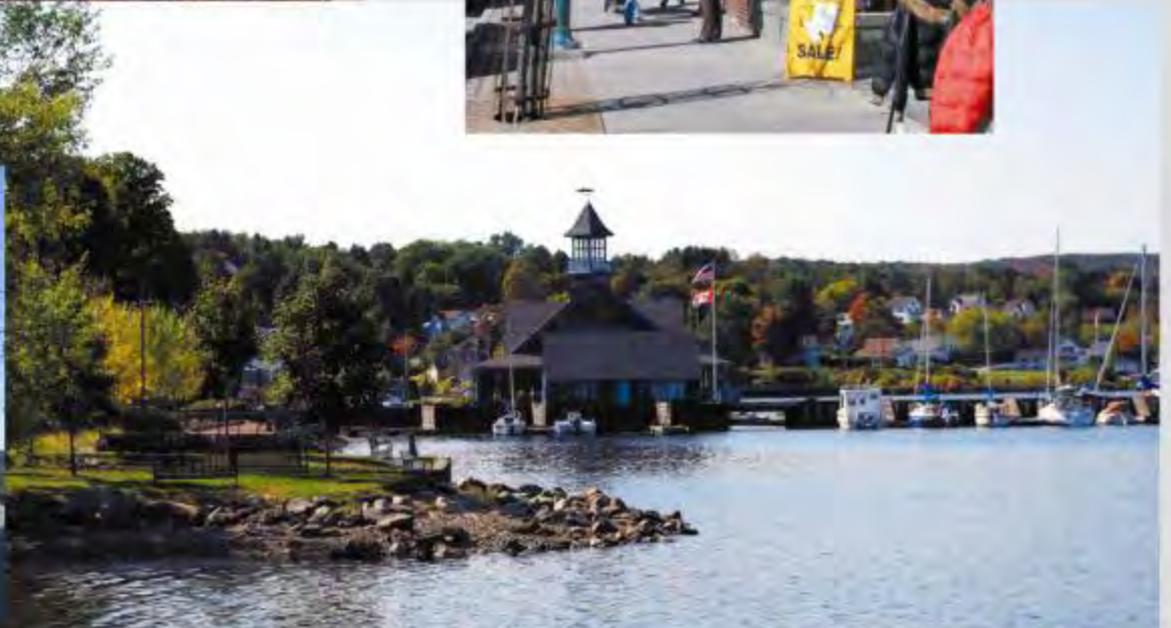
Rhode Island



AIA



# NEWPORT, VERMONT



# PLACEMAKING & COMMUNITY BUILDING

*“Setting the stage and then preparing for the actors, the script, the audience...and the reviews...”*



## Setting the stage...

- Visioning and capacity building
- Community code writing
- Community building and place-making
- Perceived challenges as placemaking opportunities

# PROCESS



- Meetings
- Charrettes
- Tours



Working Documents

## INVOLVEMENT (Unlikely Partners)

- Community Members
- Planning and Zoning (Local Government)
- Business Community
- Schools

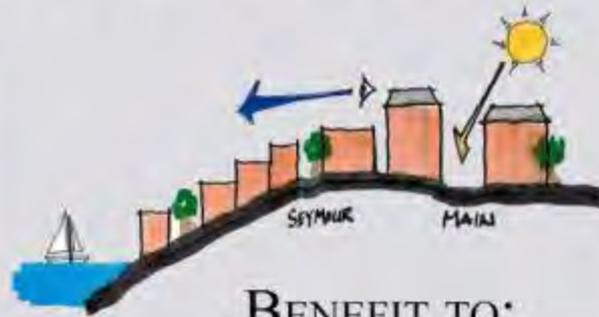
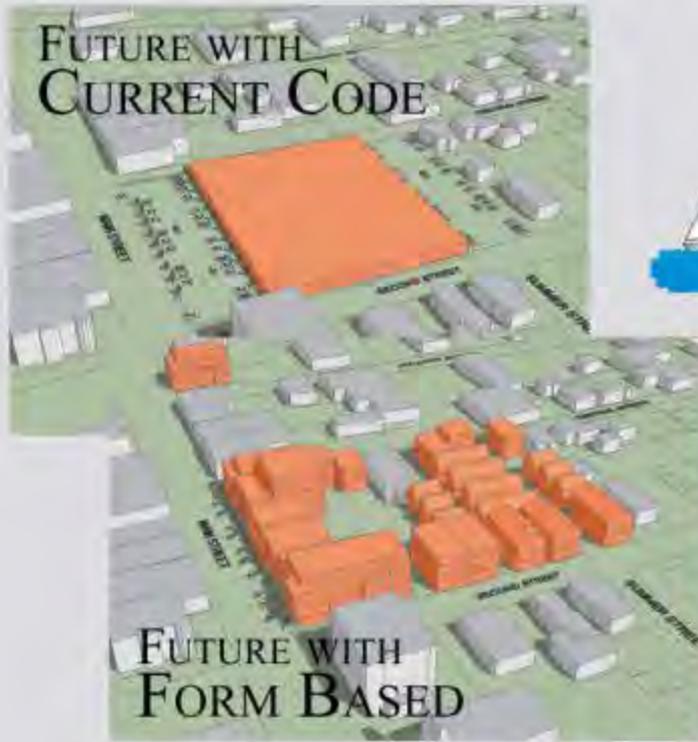


# LISTENING TO THE COMMUNITY





# IMPROVED ORDINANCES-FORM BASED CODES? COULD IT WORK HERE?

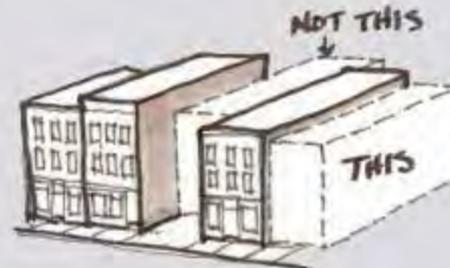


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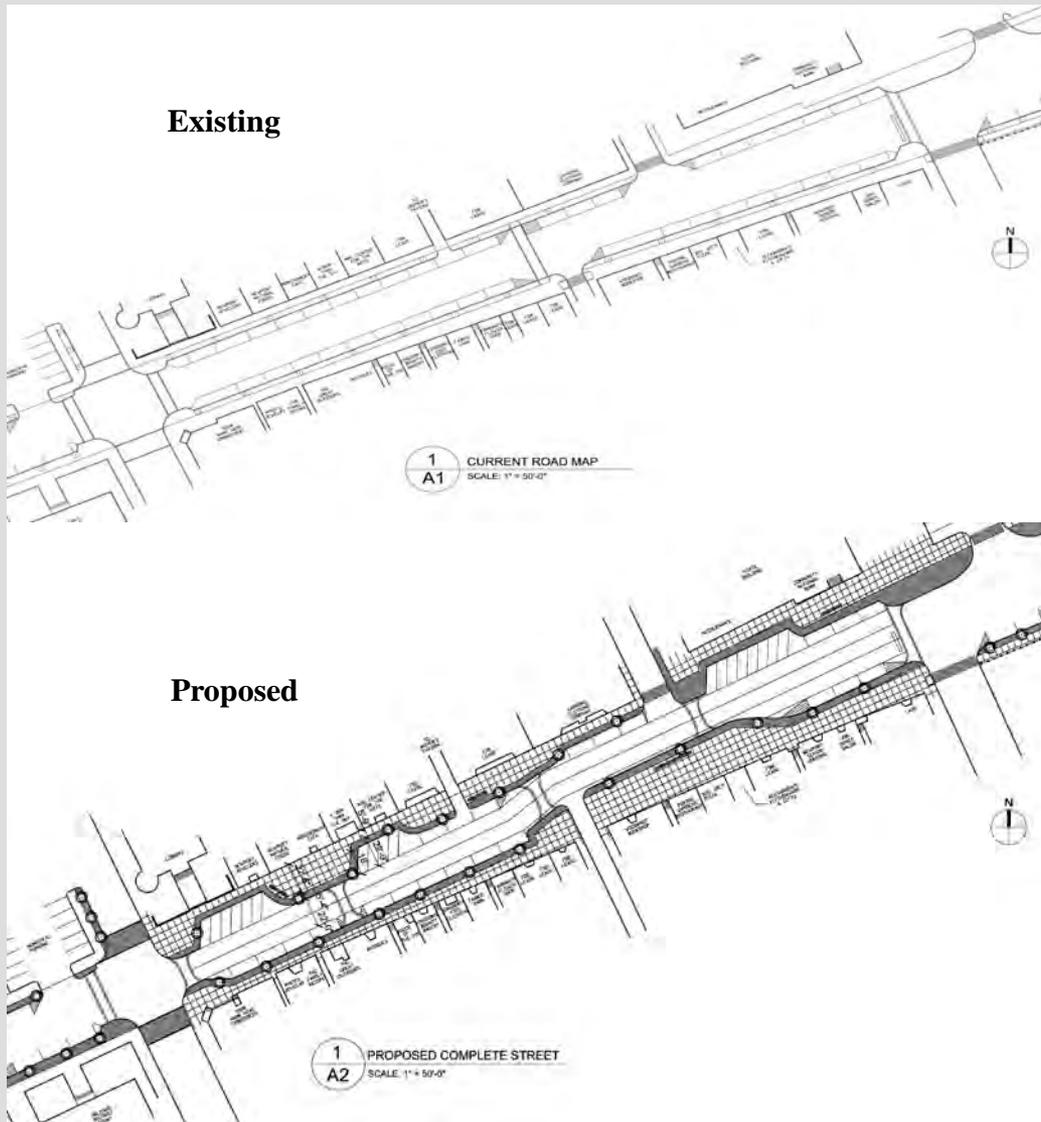
- COMMUNITY
- MUNICIPALITY
- BUSINESSES

CREATE A  
FRAMEWORK FOR:

- MULTI-PURPOSE/  
MULTI-USE  
DESTINATIONS
- BETTER  
PEDESTRIAN  
EXPERIENCE
- REINFORCING  
HISTORIC FABRIC
- GREAT  
PLACEMAKING



# STREETS AS PLACES



- Great placemaking.
- Increased street variety.
- Sustainable storm water management
- Better pedestrian experience.
- Spur new businesses.
- Safer streets.
- Shorter pedestrian crossing.
- Decreased vehicular speed.
- Back-in angled parking.
- Increased on street parking.

# NEIGHBORHOOD GARDENS, URBAN FARMS, SUSTAINABLE/LOCAL AGRICULTURE



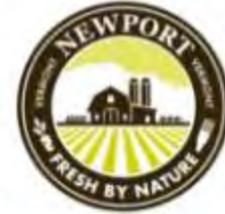
- GROW NEIGHBORHOODS
- ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY
- INSTILL HEALTHY FOOD HABITS
- CHAIR & YARN BOMB
- BUILD COMMUNITY!



# “The best way to seed place is to put out food”

William H. Whyte

Everything tastes better  
When you shorten the distance  
between the field and the fork.





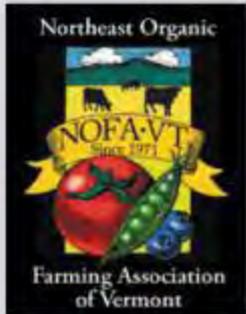
# When you eat Local You can taste the Love



# AN EMPOWERED COMMUNITY



# FORMING PARTNERSHIPS



# GROWING A COMMUNITY

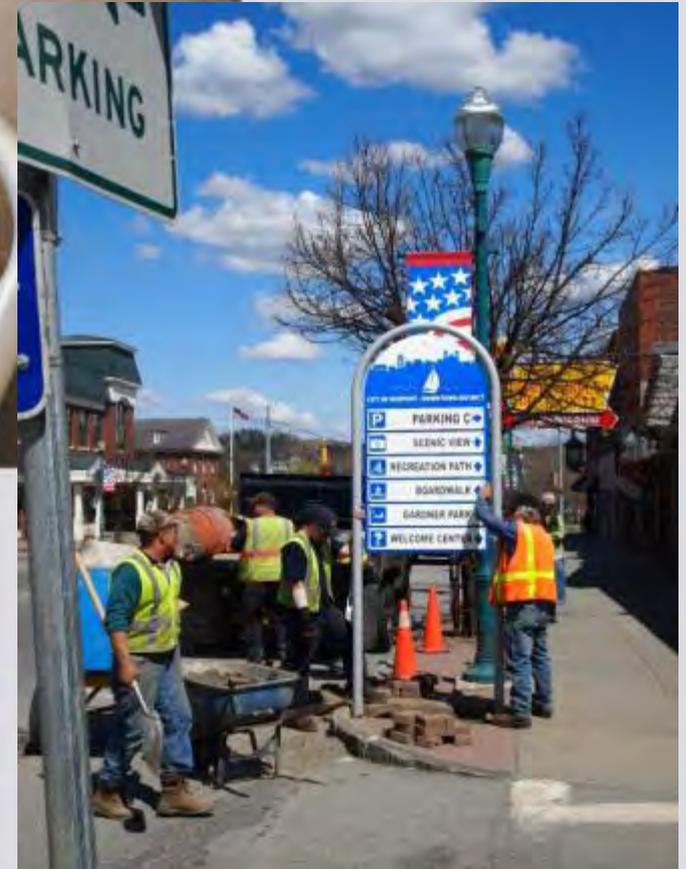


# ACTIVATING THE PLACE

## COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP



# COMMUNITY BY DESIGN



# COMMUNITY DRIVEN ACTION INITIATIVES

- GREEN STREETS (STORM WATER AS AMMENITY)
- LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS
- LAND VALUE TAXATION (LOCAL & STATE POLICY)
- CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATUS
- COMMUNITY BUILT DISTRICT HEAT FACILITY (LOCAL BIOMASS)
- COMPREHENSIVE (ILLUSTRATIVE) MASTER PLAN DOCUMENTATION



# GROWING COMMUNITY

## Placemaking/Economic Outcomes

- New Businesses (direct indirect jobs)
- New restaurants
- Front Porch Revolution.
- Green Streets!



- City/Community Farms (urban farming.)
- Growth friendly Codes
- Sustainable water, waste water and storm water systems.

# LESSONS LEARNED

- No heroic leaders...instead community ownership and shared leadership
- Workshops-findcommunity leaders and meet often.
- Build/Grow unlikely partnerships
- Keeping diverse people engaged throughout the process
- From vision to policy to community building and place making
- Capacity building - community building and the community as the expert



# FROM “CAN’T HAPPEN HERE” TO “ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE”

